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Caroline Kovac joined Burrill & Company 2006 after retiring from IBM, where she was responsible for the strategic direction of IBM's global healthcare and life sciences business. She led a team in developing the latest information technology solutions and services, establishing partnerships and overseeing IBM investment within the healthcare, pharmaceutical, and life sciences markets. In more than 20 years at IBM, Dr. Kovac held a number of executive management positions, including vice president at IBM Research, where she was instrumental in launching the Computational Biology Center and the massive Blue Gene supercomputer project. Starting with only two employees as an emerging business unit in the year 2000, Dr. Kovac successfully grew IBM's life sciences business unit into a multi-billion dollar business, and one of IBM's most successful ventures to date with more than 1500 employees worldwide.

She is currently on the boards of three private companies: Chromatin, eMarkets, and Sciona; three non-profit boards: the Foundation for the NIH, Africa Harvest, and emeritus board member of Research!America; and she is a member of the Board of Trustees of Case Western Reserve University.