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For over a decade, Lisa Gustavson has served as the Chief of Staff to the Executive Committee that supervises the D. E. Shaw group’s worldwide asset management businesses, which manage over $50bn in investment and committed capital. Working closely with the firm’s leaders, Gustavson drives operations and processes that support the firm’s strategic goals. She co-founded the firm’s affinity group for women and is involved in the firm’s ongoing diversity efforts. Fostering an inclusive work environment is an essential component of the firm’s efforts and the employee-organized affinity groups serve as a source of community and encourage relationship-building. Prior to her current role, Gustavson was a senior member of the D. E. Shaw group’s investor relations department, where she focused on product development, structuring, and operations for the firm’s alternative investment platform and institutional asset management business. She joined the firm in 1995 and initially worked on a variety of asset management, information technology and strategic planning initiatives. Gustavson has an AB in mathematics from Vassar College and an MS in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.