

The McDermond Center Speaker Series Darnall Alumni Fellow

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Susan Reichert Milanak is a Certified Financial Planner™ Professional and President of GEM Financial Advisors. Ms. Milanak graduated from the Management Fellows Program at DePauw University with a BA in Economics. She also has an MBA in Finance from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Susan has over 25 years of experience in the Finance and Investment field and has owned her own business for the past twelve years. Susan is a multi-year recipient of the Five Star Wealth Manager Award*. Previously, Susan served as

Associate Vice President, Investment Officer at Wachovia Securities. In 2008, Susan won the prestigious Albert Gallatin Award at A.G. Edwards & Sons. Susan spent 10 years with FMC Corporation in a variety of positions including Division Controller, Cash Manager, and Director of Investor Relations.

Susan also serves as the Executive Director of the Reichert Foundation. She has served on the Board of a number of other charitable organizations including the Financial Planning Association of Illinois North Shore Chapter, the Emily Brooks Foundation, the National Advisory Committee for the Arnold Palmer Medical Center Foundation, the DePauw University Board of Visitors, the Friends of Gorton, the Everett School APT and the Cove School Benefit Committee. She is a member of the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, the Harvard Club of Chicago and the Financial Planning Association.

Susan lives in Lake Forest, Illinois with her husband, Dan, and their three children, Jack, Spencer, and Lauren. She is actively involved with their schools and other extra-curricular activities. Susan enjoys golfing, dancing, walking, and reading.