

Deneen DeFiore

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Deneen is an accomplished technology and risk management executive with experience across multiple critical infrastructure sectors. She has expertise in advising global companies and their most senior executives on technology, cybersecurity, compliance, and digital risk decisions related to products, services, and operations.

Deneen currently serves as Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer at United Airlines. She is responsible for leading the cybersecurity and digital risk organization to ensure the company is prepared to prevent, detect, and respond to evolving cyber threats. She leads initiatives on commercial aviation cyber safety risk, improving cyber resilience, and represents United working with international partners to reduce cyber safety risk world-wide across the aviation ecosystem.

Prior to joining United, Deneen held roles of increasing responsibility across multiple General Electric (GE) business units, including Aviation, Corporate, Digital, and Power. Most recently, she held the position of Senior Vice President and Global Chief Information and Product Security Officer at GE Aviation. During her tenure at GE, Deneen managed the digital, cybersecurity and technology aspects of many business mergers, acquisitions, divestures, and restructuring projects. She was a key member of the leadership team to launch GE Digital as a standalone business. She also led the company's response and mitigation of cybersecurity events. She has proven success in operationalizing cybersecurity regulatory and compliance frameworks into action. Over the course of her career, she has had frequent interactions with regulators from various global government and regulatory agencies, developing trusted and influential relationships.

Deneen is on the board of the Aviation Information Sharing Analysis Center and a member of the Airlines for America (A4A) Cybersecurity Committee. She serves as an independent director on the board of directors at Blackbaud software and is the Chairperson the Risk Committee. In 2022, she was appointed to serve on the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC), advising the White House on how to reduce physical and cyber risks and improve the security and resilience of the nation's critical infrastructure sectors.

She has received numerous industry awards and honors, including being inducted of CSO Hall of Fame for her work advancing the CSO/CISO role, securing businesses, and inspiring others in the industry. She is often featured at events and in media for her expertise and thought leadership in cybersecurity, digital, technology risk and building leading high performing diverse organizations.