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Cristin Bracken is the Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Senior Vice President at Gates Industrial Corporation plc, the world's premier manufacturer of power transmission belts and fluid power products. At Gates, Cristin oversees a global legal team of 21 lawyers and legal professionals and is responsible for all legal functions for Gates, including securities and corporate governance, M&A, litigation, regulatory, compliance, patents and trademarks, real estate, employment and labor, and environmental matters. Cristin began her legal career at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP in its Dallas office, and then gained significant trial experience at the Harris County (Houston, Texas) District Attorney's office. After leaving the DA's office, she joined Littler Mendelson and practiced employment and labor law. She went inhouse as Dynegy Inc.'s first employment lawyer in 1999, but was quickly promoted to Group General Counsel—Litigation, and handled all of Dynegy's complex commercial, securities and energy-related litigations and investigations. Cristin moved to Denver in 2005 to join Forest Oil Corporation's inhouse group, and then became SM Energy Company's Associate General Counsel in September 2012. Cristin graduated from The University of Texas School of Law and also has a Bachelor of Liberal Arts (English Literature) degree from the University of California at Los Angeles. Cristin has been named a Top Woman in Energy and a litigation "Super Lawyer," as well as being nominated "Best Corporate Counsel."