Stephanie A. Lyons
Vice President, Enterprise Risk Assurance

Stephanie Lyons is the vice president of Enterprise Risk Assurance as of April 1, 2015. In this position she is responsible for Northwestern Mutual’s internal audit function which provides internal audit assurance and consulting services to Northwestern Mutual and its subsidiaries.

Previously, Lyons was the director of strategic planning and consulting in the Corporate Strategy Department, where she co-led the strategic planning process to develop long-term enterprise strategy and supported the Policyowners’ Examining Committee in its review of our business model and strategy. She also served as secretary to the Executive Leadership Team and led a team that facilitates company-wide planning and performs strategic reporting and projects.

Lyons joined Northwestern Mutual in 2008 as assistant general counsel where she was a member of both the real estate and securities teams of the Law Department. Her responsibilities involved providing legal advice on private placement transactions, public securities trading, and real estate developments and mortgage loans. She was also responsible for advising on bankruptcies and work-outs, and on various regulatory matters.

Prior to joining Northwestern Mutual, Lyons was a shareholder with the Milwaukee law firm of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

Lyons earned her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she served as an articles editor on the Wisconsin Law Review. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in Political Science, International Relations and French, from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Lyons also studied political science and international relations for one year at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Lyons is married to Jack Haensel and they have three children.