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Patricia F. Appelhans JD is the CEO of the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). Pat has been with APC since 2009. As CEO, Pat works closely with APC leadership teams, its pastoral cognate groups, as well as organizational leaders in allied health and human services organizations. Prior to serving as CEO of APC, Pat was director at SmithBucklin Corporation, an association management company serving as executive director to several non-profits. Pat has many years experience as a non-profit professional serving in trade, professional and service organizations. Pat is also a licensed attorney and served as counsel for several non-profits. Pat has been an active volunteer in other non-profits such as Association Forum and served as their Chairman of the Board. Pat was the recipient of the John C. Thiel Distinguished Service Award from Association Forum. She was also Chairman of the Greater Chicago Girl Scout Alliance, Secretary of COMISS Network and Rotarian of the Year at the Elgin Rotary International Club. Pat currently serves on the National Advisory Board of CSU Institute for Palliative Care. Pat earned her B.A. from University of Illinois Chicago and her J.D. from Northern Illinois University. She is admitted to practice in the state of Illinois.