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Before joining GM, Elaine was a Principal at The Brattle Group, a global economic consultancy, where she conducted research on infrastructure financing and provided expert testimony in high profile financial litigation matters. She also headed Brattle's Washington, D.C. office.

From 2013-16, Elaine served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination in the Office of Economic Policy at the U.S. Treasury Department. In that role, she advised the Treasury Secretary and other top officials on a wide range of domestic policy issues including infrastructure, housing and housing finance reform, financial regulatory reform, virtual currency, and retirement security. While at Treasury, Elaine played a leading role in initiating and executing President Obama's Build America Investment Initiative on infrastructure, including authoring two white papers on public-private partnerships and innovative infrastructure financing.

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