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Idalene (Idie) Kesner is the Dean and the Frank P. Popoff Chair of Strategic Management at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. From 2009-2012, she served as the Associate Dean of Faculty and Research. Prior to this, from 2003-2009 she served as the Chairperson for the Department of Management & Entrepreneurship, from 2003-2006 she served as the Chairperson of the MBA Program, and from 1996-2003 she was co-director of the school's Consulting Academy. Prior to joining IU, she was a professor at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business of the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill.

Idie received her MBA and Ph.D. from Indiana University (IU), whereas an associate instructor she won an undergraduate teaching award. From 1983-1995, she taught extensively in UNC's undergraduate, MBA, and Ph.D. programs. In 1989 she won the school's MBA teaching award, and in 1990 and 1993 she won Executive Education teaching awards from UNC. Since joining IU, Idie won a teaching award in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 for her work in the school's MBA program. She also won Teaching Excellence Recognition Awards (TERAs) in 1997, 1998, and 1999, and she won Trustee Teaching Awards in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2008. While at UNC and IU, Idie has been consistently selected by Business Week as a top MBA instructor. In 1997 she won the Max Barney Teaching Award for her work in executive education. She teaches a variety of management and strategy courses across a number of areas including strategic management, crisis management, change management and management consulting.

Idie conducts research in the areas of corporate board of directors, chief executive succession, corporate governance, and mergers and acquisitions. She has published articles in numerous journals including Academy of Management, Strategic Management Journal, Journal of Management, Organization Science, and Harvard Business Review.

She has taught in more than 100 executive programs and served as a consultant for many different national and international firms working on strategic and board related issues. Currently, she is on the board of Sun Life Financial, a financial services company headquartered in Canada. She serves on the Risk Review and Governance and Conduct Review Committees. Sun Life Financial is one of the largest financial services companies in North America. The company also has operations in the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, and China.

Idie is the recipient of numerous service awards including one from the governor of North Carolina for the establishment of a program for high school students interested in studying business. In 1990 she also received the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise Faculty Award and in 1991 she received the Hugh McColl Faculty Development Award. Idie has served in numerous service roles for the Business Policy & Strategy Division of the Academy of Management and the Strategic Management Society.