Janet Heins

Award Winning Information Security Expert, Global Information Technology Leader and Advisor, Advocate For Women In Technology

Janet Heins is a highly regarded Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) known for her expertise in deploying state-of-the-art technology solutions to protect systems and educating employees so they are equipped to protect companies from security risks.

A self-described builder, Janet is passionate about building teams that are made up of people with diverse backgrounds and experiences. Her reward is seeing how that combined diversity of thought and experience contributes to making companies more secure.

Her expertise has extended across diverse industries, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, manufacturing, travel, and media and entertainment, as evidenced by her contributions to companies such as Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., W.L. Gore & Associates, and Biogen. These experiences as a CISO have afforded her extensive exposure and in-depth knowledge of the inner workings of various business sectors.

After earning degrees in Data Processing and Organizational Management early in her career while working full-time, Janet pioneered roles where she built brand new capabilities in companies. She developed an eLearning function before online learning was mainstream. She also led a large team dedicated to eDiscovery, collecting, preserving, and producing information relevant to legal matters, just as the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure were changing to address electronic discovery.

Through her vast experience as a CISO, Janet has developed a proven approach to building and maturing Information Security. One of her goals is to have a broader influence on technology and information security by contributing her expertise as a member of a board of directors.