

Laurie Smith Bio

Laurie Smith is a Managing Principal of Blue Vista, and the CIO & Portfolio Manager for the firm's Middle Market equity funds, where she brings over 30 years of commercial industry experience. Laurie also sits on Blue Vista's Management, Middle Market Equity and Debt Investment Committees.

Prior to Blue Vista, Laurie was Senior Vice President of Acquisitions at Strategic Capital Partners, the managing member of a discretionary fund with approximately \$750 million in assets. Prior to that, Laurie spent eight years at GE Commercial Finance Real Estate in Chicago, where she held several positions including Region Manager and Senior Relationship Manager in the North American Equity Holdings group and was responsible for sourcing over \$1 billion in Middle Market equity deals from joint venture relationships. Prior to GE, Laurie held senior positions at Julian Toft & Downey and was the Branch Manager for the Chicago office of General American Life Insurance (now part of MetLife).

Laurie earned an MCP in City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a BA in Political Science from Goucher College.