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Suzanne S. Friday joined the Council on Foundations in 2013 and serves as Senior Legal Counsel and Vice President of Legal Affairs. Previously, Suzanne was a partner with the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania firm, Nauman Smith Shissler & Hall, LLP where she chaired the firm's Tax, Trusts and Estates practice group. Suzanne has extensive experience representing nonprofit organizations including community foundations, charitable trusts, private foundations and corporate foundations. She also served as in-house counsel for The Nature Conservancy from 2000-2005. In May of 2015, the American Bar Association (ABA) selected Suzanne Friday for its prestigious "Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer Award" in recognition of "distinguished service by a nonprofit – in-house counsel."

Originally from San Antonio, Texas, Suzanne earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and has a J.D. from Widener University Delaware Law School, and an L.L.M. in taxation from Georgetown Law Center. She taught Charitable Organizations as an adjunct professor at the Widener University Commonwealth Law School from 2011-2013. Suzanne is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and the Virginia Bar as limited corporate counsel. She lives in beautiful Calvert County Maryland with her husband Jerry and two rescue dogs. Her daughter, Michelle, is a nurse in DC. A big sports fan, Suzanne loves the Pittsburgh Steelers and the San Antonio Spurs.