

ELIZABETH B. STRICKLER

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Lise Strickler is Co-Founder of Three Cairns Group, a mission-driven investment and philanthropic firm focused on climate. She has extensive experience in the climate advocacy sector and has spent the last 20 years working with local, state, and national organizations to advance public policy and build momentum for scalable solutions to the world's climate crisis.

Lise's commitment to environmental action has driven her work with a range of nonprofit and advocacy organizations, especially as a board member of the Environmental Defense Fund and co-chair of their 501(c) 4 political advocacy partner, EDF Action. Under her leadership EDF Action's reach and influence have expanded significantly while its budget has tripled in size. In addition to her work with EDF, she serves on the leadership council of the Yale School of the Environment and on the advisory boards of Environmental Advocates NY, the Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy, Columbia University's Climate School, the Tamer Center for Social Enterprise at Columbia Business School, and the Adirondack Trail Improvement Society.

Before devoting herself fully to the climate crisis, Lise worked in the movie industry's financial sector – as an investor relations expert at Columbia Pictures, as a financial analyst at Tri-Star Pictures Inc., and as an executive consultant for new technologies for Sony Pictures. She received her undergraduate degree from Yale College and earned her Master of Business Administration from Columbia University Business School.