

Monique Claiborne is an accomplished economic development executive with 20 years of experience leading public-private partnerships, driving business investment and advancing regional competitiveness. She has built a career at the intersection of economic development, finance, government and global business, leading complex initiatives that create jobs, attract capital investment and strengthen regional economies.

Monique comes to Delaware after most recently serving as President & CEO of Greater Portland Inc., where she led the organization's transformation into a high-performing regional economic development partnership. During her tenure, she strengthened relationships with business and government leaders, secured record public funding, expanded international partnerships and helped position the Portland region for long-term economic growth.

Prior to Greater Portland Inc., Monique advised companies on business incentives and location strategy, led post-bankruptcy financial recovery efforts for the City of Detroit, worked on global sustainability initiatives and had begun her career in investment banking. Her diverse background has equipped her to navigate complex public policy environments while building coalitions that deliver measurable economic results. Her work has been recognized with selection for the 2022 Portland Business Journal 40 Under 40 and the 2023 Development Counsellors International 40 Under 40 Economic Development Awards.

Monique holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and a Master of Science degree from University College London. She has traveled to more than 50 countries and is passionate about building competitive, inclusive economies that create opportunities for businesses and residents alike.