

FRANCES PERKINS CENTER

Maria Z. Mossaides **Frances Perkins Board Member**

Ms. Mossaides is the Director of Child Advocate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, leading an independent state agency since 2015 that provides ombuds services and oversight over statewide children's services. She is also an adjunct professor in the Public Management Program at Suffolk University.

For almost forty years, as attorney and administrator, Ms. Mossaides has held a wide range of positions in both the public and independent sectors, including senior positions in Massachusetts government at the Office for Children, the Department of Social Services, the Office of the State Comptroller, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. She most recently served as the Executive Director of Cambridge Family and Children's Service, now Bridges Homeward.

Ms. Mossaides has also served on the board of a wide range of non-profits. She served as the chair of the Children's League of Massachusetts and the Public Law Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association, President of the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College, the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and as an officer of the International Orthodox Christian Charities. She currently serves on the board of the Possible Project, a program for disadvantaged youth.

To honor her public service, Ms. Mossaides was recognized as a Top Woman in the Law in Massachusetts in 2010, and the *Steadfast Award* from the Frances Perkins Center in 2019. Mount Holyoke College has recognized her with both its Medal of Honor and Loyalty Awards. Ms. Mossaides holds an MPA from Kennedy School at Harvard University, a JD from SUNY at Buffalo, and a BA cum laude from Mount Holyoke College.

Ms. Mossaides is serving on the FPC Program and Development Committees

Thomas P. Dickerson **Frances Perkins Board Member**

Mr. Dickerson has had multiple careers: lawyer, investment banker and venture capitalist. From 1974 – 1977, he was an attorney with Coudert Brothers in New York. Following business school, Mr. Dickerson became an investment banker, for five years at Lehman Brothers where he began to develop an interest in health care, then at E.F. Hutton where he was named co-head of the health care investment banking group. Mr. Dickerson spent the next 25 years as a venture capitalist, first at Tullis-Dickerson & Co., Inc., serving as Chair, and later at Louisiana Funds.

A lifelong supporter of international education, Mr. Dickerson has been associated with the United World College (UWC) movement since 1966. He served on the U.S. National Committee for 39 years and on the Board of UWC – USA for 29 years, six years as Chair. He has been a director of UWC International and since 2015 a director of UWC-Costa Rica, where he is assisting the school in the development of a new campus. For 10 years, Mr. Dickerson was a director and treasurer of the Alliance to Save Energy. He graduated from Harvard College, Law School, and Business School and is an avid skier and triathlete. Mr. Dickerson splits his time between Cambridge, Massachusetts and Chamberlain, Maine.

Mr. Dickerson is serving on the FPC Stewardship and Investment Committees.