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Ditkoff joined Bridgespan in 2001, serving most recently as a partner and co-head of the firm's global philanthropy practice for six years. She specializes in advising families and foundations who seek to support marginalized communities with passion and humility. She has also led design teams with [philanthropic collaborations](#) and community leaders on [advocacy](#) and systems change initiatives. She has published extensively in the [Harvard Business Review](#), the [Stanford Social Innovation Review](#), the [Chronicle of Philanthropy](#), and numerous publications in the US, India, China, Israel, and the UK. Her research has been included in more than a dozen graduate school syllabi globally—including in [HBR's 10 Must Reads on Nonprofits and the Social Sector](#)—and her interviews have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Fast Company*, Yahoo Finance Live, Bloomberg Radio, CNBC, and WNYC among other venues. She also led the original research that led to the [founding of Leading Edge](#) and its early work on CEO Onboarding and [Governance](#) topics.

Ditkoff graduated from the Harvard Divinity School, where she researched Religion, Ethics, and Politics and won the school's Krister Stendahl prize for outstanding research, and from the Harvard Business School, where she co-founded the Social Enterprise New Venture Competition, served as an elected member of the School's ethics panel, and was later appointed Vice President of the global HBS Alumni Board of Directors. She was also a Visiting Lab Fellow at the Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard and a Leadership Coach in the HBS Executive Education program. Previously, Ditkoff was a financial analyst and

behavioral health analyst in the private sector. She was trained in ethnography and anthropological linguistics at Yale College, where she researched the public education of Spanish-speaking students in the United States and served a practicum as a bilingual classroom aide in a local public school. She was a publicly elected school board official for more than 14 years, where she co-chaired two public school building projects (\$350 million) and the District's COVID-19 Task Force on Remote Learning and School Reopening. She and her family live in the Boston area.