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TRS General Counsel Named to Prestigious Aspen Institute Fellowship

AUSTIN - Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) General Counsel Carolina de Onís has been named to the Aspen Institute's 2019 Class of its Finance Leaders Fellowship — joining 22 senior leaders around the globe who will participate in a two-year Fellowship and take action towards increasing trust in the global finance industry.

Fellows represent various sectors within the industry including FinTech, banking, asset management, debt and equity investing, credit cards, commercial real estate, operational finance, pensions, endowments, and regulation, among others.

"We are delighted and proud to support Carolina as she and other members of the Fellowship look to create positive, lasting impacts in the financial industry," says Brian Guthrie, TRS Executive Director.

Launching its inaugural class in 2016, the Fellowship was co-founded by Henry Crown Fellow Ranji Nagaswami, CEO of Hirtle Callaghan, and Christopher Varelas, Founding Partner of Riverwood Capital, with founding sponsorship from the CFA Institute and other generous individual donors.

"I am truly honored to be chosen among such an impressive group," says de Onís, "I am looking forward to learning from and collaborating with my Fellows to leave a unique and lasting legacy on our world."

The Finance Leaders Fellows will gather at four seminars over the course of two years to explore their own leadership, core values, desired legacies, and vision for the global finance industry. Each Fellow commits to taking action by launching a leadership venture that will have a positive impact on the finance sector and society. The Finance Leaders Fellows join more than 3,000 other entrepreneurial leaders from over 50 countries to become members of the Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN).

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas is the largest public retirement system in Texas, serving over 1.6 million people. TRS improves the retirement security of Texas public education employees through our "best in class" investment management that oversees an approximately \$150 billion trust and delivers pension and health care benefits that make a positive difference in members' lives.

The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies organization based in Washington, DC. Its mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and to provide a nonpartisan venue for dealing with critical issues. The Institute is based in Washington, DC; Aspen, Colorado; and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It also has offices in New York City and an international network of partners. For more information, visit www.aspeninstitute.org.

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