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The recipient of numerous awards for excellence in research and teaching, Prof. Wiersema was awarded the 2006 Distinguished PhD Alumni Award from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan and received the 2006 Outstanding Teaching Awards for the Executive M.B.A. Program and Health Care Executive M.B.A. Program at UCI. She is an International Fellow for the Advanced Institute of Management Research in the UK. She has served on the faculty at the Business Schools at the University of Michigan, Rice University, and as a visiting scholar at the London Business School.

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Prof. Wiersema is an elected member of the board of directors of the Strategic Management Society. She was selected as a panel member for the Academy of Management special session on Executive Compensation and Corporate Governance in 2003 and serves as President of the Corporate Strategy and Governance Group of the Strategic Management Society. She serves on the editorial boards of the *Strategic Management Journal*, *Organization Science*, and the *California Management Review*.