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Marachel retired as Senior Vice President of Strategic Program Realization at AT&T, a leading provider of telecommunications and technology services, where she was responsible for managing prioritization of multi-billion dollar capital portfolio and delivering strategic initiatives, products and services that span across the enterprise.

Marachel served in a variety of technology leadership positions at AT&T. Her areas of expertise include technology architecture and development, technology engineering, network construction, technology operations, service realization and program management, P&L, business operations, capital and expense budget management, and project management. Marachel led the architecting, development and building of the first U.S. standards-based 5G wireless network, launched AirGig technology trials, advanced the transformative software-defined networking initiative, and led business development and project management for AT&T's customized venue antenna solutions. Marachel has two patented inventions: Systems for Use with Multi-Number Cellular Devices and Messaging Forwarding System.

Marachel serves on the board of directors for Marvell Technology, Inc., a publicly traded leader in data infrastructure semiconductor technology. She is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Business and Community Advisory Council and the United States Defense Business Board. Marachel co-established and is a former national advisor for Advocates for Women in Technology, an AT&T employee resource network. She formerly served on the board of directors for the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering and the advisory board of After School Matters. Marachel is a former chair of Carnegie Mellon University's Information Networking Institute Alumni Leadership Council.

Marachel earned a master's degree in information networking from Carnegie Mellon University and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Florida State University.

