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Leslie Touma is the Executive Director of the American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL). Headquartered in Washington D.C., the non-profit is comprised of prominent Americans of Lebanese heritage whose mission is to educate the U.S. government and Congress on the ways in which a strong, independent and prosperous Lebanon is in the best interests of the United States.

Touma's career spans the international security and business sectors. Prior to ATFL, Touma founded the MiSN consulting firm which specialized in the global automotive industry, national security and defense.

Touma served as Vice President of Corporate Relations at Lear Corporation, a Fortune 150 company and one of the world's largest automotive suppliers. She was the company's first female corporate officer, and managed investor and government relations, global marketing, media and philanthropy. She was named one of 100 Leading Women in the North American automotive industry by Automotive News.

Prior to Lear, Touma was a policy advisor on international trade to Michigan Governor John Engler. She worked with the Governor's Export Development Board to expand global trade opportunities for Michigan's business community. She was selected as a Michigan Top Leader and Innovator in 2011.

Her background includes a bid as the Republican challenger in a nationally targeted race for the U.S. Congress from Michigan's 12th Congressional District.

Her early career included serving as a policy analyst for strategic and nuclear defense issues at the U.S. Department of Defense, as a member of the U.S. Strategic Arms Control Delegation in Geneva, and at the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels.

Following her graduate degree, Touma was selected as a Presidential Management Intern in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

She holds a B.A. in history and political science from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.