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Ms. Hudson leads the Angel Capital Association (ACA), the world's leading professional and trade association focused on fueling the success of accredited angel investors and portfolio companies in high-growth, early-stage ventures. ACA provides professional development, public policy advocacy and significant benefits and resources to its membership more than 13,000 individual accredited investors throughout North America. Ms. Hudson led the angel initiative at the Kauffman Foundation and also oversaw many of the Foundation's entrepreneurial education and mentoring programs designed to ensure that more entrepreneurs develop sustainable, innovative businesses. An angel investor herself, Ms. Hudson is a member of the Women's Capital Connection and Mid-America Angels in her home base of Kansas City. Ms. Hudson has worked in the entrepreneurial support field for more than 25 years. She holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the University of Kansas and an M.A. in Public Policy from Rutgers University. More information about ACA is at [www.angelcapitalassociation.org](http://www.angelcapitalassociation.org).