Ann M. Drake
Chief Executive Officer of DSC Logistics.

Since becoming CEO in 1994, Ann has guided DSC through a transformation from an extended family of 22 separate companies to a dynamic network of integrated logistics and supply chain management operations. Inspired by sense-and-respond strategy, she reorganized the company to enable DSC to help customers make the most of rapid and dramatic change in the marketplace. She fostered the creation of a strong Customer Care Organization focused on reducing costs, improving service, transforming processes and facilitating growth and change.

Ann led the effort to actualize DSC’s six strategic strengths of Leadership, Collaboration, Information, Execution, Flexibility and Integrity that continue to be applied in new ways to design, integrate, manage and adapt supply chain solutions for DSC’s customers. Today, DSC continues to transform its business model, working with dynamic companies – Fortune 500, mid-level and small but competitive – to find creative solutions to even the most complex challenges, and developing strong global partnerships to meet customers’ evolving needs.

In her active participation in civic and professional organizations, Ann focuses on three primary areas: the development of women in leadership positions, the efforts to improve the collaboration and infrastructure necessary to enhance the Chicago area as a transportation center, and supply chain education and research. Ann is Vice Chairman of the Business Advisory Council (BAC) for the Northwestern University Transportation Center. She also serves on the Board of Governors and as Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee for the Metropolitan Planning Council, on the Board of Governors for The Committee of 200 and on the Board of the Center for Women’s Business Research. She is currently a member of The Chicago Network, the Commercial Club of Chicago, the Economic Club of Chicago, the Council for Supply Chain Management (CSCMP) and the Warehouse Education Research Council.

Ann is a member of the Board of Directors of A.M. Castle & Co., a global distributor of specialty metal and plastic products, value-added services and supply chain solutions.

Ann received her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa and her Master of Business Administration degree from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University.