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Kathleen Hoye is an Executive in Residence at the University of Louisville's College of Business and the Director of the Family Business Center. She holds an International Certificate in Family Business Advising from the Family Firm Institute and is a Certified Exit Planner.

Kathleen has more than 20 years of experience providing technical assistance to businesses of all sizes and industry sectors as an economic development professional and practitioner. She holds a Master's Degree in Urban Economic Development from the University of Illinois-Chicago, where she spent eight years in Chicago working first with manufacturers and then with retailers and small businesses.

Kathleen received an Atlantic Fellowship in Public Policy in 1996 and spent a year in Belfast, Northern Ireland conducting economic policy research on strategies and programs designed to provide assistance to small businesses. Upon returning to her native Louisville, she managed six industry networks for Greater Louisville Inc. and designed and launched the Vogt Invention and Innovation Fund (now the Vogt Award) to help inventors commercialize their products.

Prior to her work with family businesses, Kathleen directed the Small Business Development Center for the nine-county Greater Louisville Region. She has committed her entire career to supporting privately held and family owned businesses as a means of strengthening our regional economy. Kathleen's family business history dates back to her grandparents, who owned and operated "Hoye's Market," an urban grocery store in Providence, Rhode Island. The store opened in 1930 at the height of the Great Depression and closed its doors in 1952.

Kathleen has been quoted in Entrepreneur Magazine, Crain's Chicago Business First, Business First of Louisville, and was named 20 People to Know: Economic Development by Business First in 2015.