

Cathleen Southwick

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Cathleen “Cathy” Southwick is the Chief Information Officer of Pure Storage. In this role, Southwick leads Pure’s global IT strategy and advances the company’s operations through the delivery of next-generation technology capabilities and systems.

Southwick is an accomplished leader with over 20 years of experience defining and executing forward-looking IT strategies, most recently at AT&T. During her tenure at AT&T, which began in 1996, she served in various IT roles where she was a core member leading cloud planning and execution of AT&T’s D2 transformation journey. Most recently, Southwick served as Vice President of Technology Engineering and led a team responsible for the planning, design, engineering, capacity management, and asset management functions of IT Cloud and Core Network.

Before joining AT&T, Southwick spent 11 years working in the transportation industry for a Fortune 100 company where she held a variety of positions responsible for IT architecture and planning, merger integration, strategic planning, human resources management, procurement, project/portfolio management, and process re-engineering.

Southwick resides in the Bay Area with her husband and has two daughters in college. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from St. Mary’s and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Southwick is also a SIM/RLF graduate.