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Elaine Howard is Vice President of Conferences and Meetings at the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), responsible for the development and execution of MBA's five large signature conferences and 40 smaller meetings, as well as other special events. She began at MBA as senior director of meetings and conferences in January 2001.

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