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Prior to becoming NBME president, Dr. Katsuftrakis was Senior Vice-President for Assessment Programs of NBME. His responsibilities included oversight of the Medical Education and Health Profession Services programs, International Programs, the Post-Licensure Assessment Service, and the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE)® program.

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