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Mr. Golden is the company's Executive Vice President and serves as the firm's General Counsel. Mr. Golden is also a founding Board Member of Em Johnson Interest, Inc.. Mr. Golden has practiced in the areas of municipal finance, real estate finance and economic development over the last 25 years. In this capacity at Em Johnson Interest, and for other developers and lenders, he has served as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, and borrower's counsel on a variety of both general obligation, revenue and lease transactions. Over this period, Mr. Golden has developed a concentration of expertise in the areas of housing finance and creating public/private partnerships for the financing and development of infrastructure. In his role at Em Johnson Interest, Mr. Golden has also focused on attracting public subsidies to the firm's projects including, grants for eligible project costs, direct loans or loan guarantees. In the economic development field, Mr. Golden identifies and structures the financing of specific economic development projects, with an emphasis on public/private partnerships for urban redevelopment. Mr. Golden has also worked on behalf of the company in consulting with local governments on the development of economic development strategies, particularly in the area of incentive packages and financing for minority and female business enterprises.

Prior to joining Em Johnson Interest, Mr. Golden practiced law as a partner with the firm Sales, Goodloe & Golden, and was the Assistant Director of Financial and Business Services for the Fulton County Department of Planning and Economic Development. He has also practiced law with the Atlanta based firm of Hurt, Richardson, Garner, Todd & Cadenhead.

Mr. Golden splits his time between the San Francisco and Atlanta offices of Em Johnson Interest. Mr. Golden also completed the packaging of the Big Bethel Senior Housing Project, including the financing with Sun Trust Bank. The project is complete and fully occupied.

The firm is involved under Mr. Golden's leadership in pursuing several new urban housing projects in the Southeast, both affordable and mixed income. Mr. Golden has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and a Law Degree from Georgetown University.

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