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MR. WILLIE A. DEESE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, 1977

Mr. Willie A. Deese has been an Executive Vice President of Merck & Co. Inc. since January 2008. Mr. Deese has been President of Merck Manufacturing Division at Merck & Co. Inc. since May 2005. Mr. Deese oversees 92 manufacturing sites spanning 30 countries, has led manufacturing for the introduction of multiple new medicines and vaccines, and implemented lean manufacturing across manufacturing network. He joined Merck in January 2004 as Senior Vice President of Global Procurement.



MS. PATRICIA MILLER ZOLLAR
ACCOUNTING, 1984

Ms. Patricia Miller Zollar is a Managing Director of Neuberger Berman and Head of the NorthBound Emerging Managers Private Equity Fund. Before that she co-headed and co-founded the Lehman Brothers Partnership Solutions Group ("PSG"), a Wall Street business focused on developing strategic opportunities with women- and minority-owned financial services firms. Ms. Zollar has also served as a vice president in the Asset Management Division of Goldman Sachs, and as a Certified Public Accountant in the Audit Division of Deloitte & Touche. She received her MBA from Harvard Business School and her B.S., with highest distinction, from North Carolina A&T State University.



MR. DMIYRI STOCKTON
ACCOUNTING, 1986

Dmitri Stockton is President and CEO of GE Asset Management, a leading global investment firm. In this role, he oversees \$116 billion in assets under management for GE's U.S. employee pension and benefits plans and a wide range of other institutional investors, including plan sponsors, sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies, and endowments. A 27-year GE veteran, Mr. Stockton previously served as President and CEO of GE Capital's Global Banking unit. Earlier in his GE career, he held positions including: CEO for GE Capital Bank in Switzerland, President and CEO of GE Money's Central and Eastern European Banking Group. Mr. Stockton is a Senior Vice President of GE Company and a member of GE's Corporate Executive Council.



MR. TIMOTHY O. KING
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, 1976

In 2010, Mr. King retired as a Vice President of The Dow Chemical Company after over 34 years of service. During his Dow career, he held a variety of roles including sales, marketing, purchasing and business operations. He led several global businesses and corporate functions.

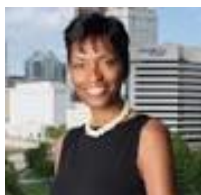


MR. KEN BURTON
ECONOMICS, 1991

Mr. Ken Burton is the Sales Performance and Support Executive for Specialized Industries within Bank of America's Global Commercial Bank. Prior to his current

position, Mr. Burton worked in Corporate Treasury as the Governance and Control Senior Manager. Before that he served as the Senior Manager of Securities Administration for Bank of America Corporation as well as eight years in Bank of America's Global Corporate Investment Bank. Prior to joining Bank of America, he worked at GE Aerospace and Lockheed Martin.

Mr. Burton graduated summa cum laude from North Carolina A&T State University and later earned a master's degree in business administration from Duke University.



MS. DONNA JAMES
ACCOUNTING, 1980

Ms. James is managing director of Lardon & Associates LLC., and serves as a trusted resource and advisor to business leaders on issues related to governance, new business development, strategy, financial and risk management, and leadership development. She previously served as an accounting professional with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

She has also served as President of Nationwide Strategic Investments, a division of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and as the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for Nationwide Mutual and its public company subsidiary, Nationwide Financial.



MS. HILDA PINNIX-RAGLAND
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Ms. Pinnix Ragland is Vice President—Corporate Public Affairs at Duke Energy, where she works with officials at the federal, state and local levels to develop responsible public policy that protects consumers and businesses.

Since 1998 she has served in leadership positions for treasury and auditing, operations-construction,

maintenance and restoration, customer service, communications, economic development, and strategic planning. Prior to that, she was an auditor with Arthur Anderson and an accountant with Colgate-Palmolive, both in New York.

She received a BS in Accounting N.C. A&T State University (magna cum laude), an MBA from Duke University and graduated from Harvard University Kennedy School of Public Policy Executive Leadership Program.



MR. MITCHELL MARTIN
Accounting, 1975

Mr. Mitchell Martin, CPA, MBA, is the Managing Partner of Martin, Harps, Syphoe & Company, Certified Public Accountants (MHS & CO), and founder of Global Concessions Inc. (GCI), both of which are located in Atlanta, Georgia. MHS & CO was established in 1986. GCI is a multi-franchise concept owner/operator that employs in excess of 650 people, with revenues in excess of \$30 million annually.



MR. KEVIN GRAY
FINANCE, 1993

Mr. Kevin Gray is Managing Partner of GFS Acquisition Partners GP, LLC, as well as President and founder of GFS Investments, Inc. GFS Investments, Inc. is a Financial Services holding corporation specializing in acquiring and managing privately held companies that provide financial services. Mr. Gray is instrumental in creating entities and managing workforce. He has also served as Managing Principal of the offices of Barron Chase Securities and RJ Steichen franchises.

As consultant to private and public companies, he is engaged in business development, structuring of mergers, PIPE funding, Cost Reduction, and Strategy

Development. For the past four years Mr. Gray has been an active private investor in emerging companies in the United States and Europe.



MS. TIFFANY EUBANKS-SAUNDERS
ECONOMICS, 1993

Ms. Tiffany Eubanks-Saunders is a Senior Vice President and Enterprise Services Executive at Bank of America. In this role, Ms. Eubanks-Saunders leads a team that drives global commodity purchasing, operations and vendor management strategies for portfolio in excess of \$10 Billion. She also serves as Bank of America's Supplier Diversity and Development Executive. In this role, she leads team responsible for achieving Bank of America's corporate commitment to spending \$10 Billion over five years with small, medium, and diverse suppliers.



MR. JAMES CLAUSELL
ACCOUNTING, 1979

Mr. James Clausell is the managing principal of Clausell & Associates, CPA's, P.C., with its main office located in Atlanta, Georgia. The firm specializes in auditing, forensic services, accounting, tax advisory, management consulting and financial services in the Southeast and Midwest USA. He also serves as a business advisor to many clients such as colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, employee benefit plans and tax planning for professionals.

Mr. Clausell is also a peer reviewer of other certified public accounting firms and is currently serving on the AICPA Executive Peer Review Committee in the State of Georgia. He is one of few Certified Forensic Accountants in the USA. He is a Diplomat and "Fellow Member" of the American College of Forensic Examiners, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Georgia and Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants.

He has a Master of Business Administration (emphasis in Finance, Forensic Accounting and Strategic Planning) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting (summa cum laude). He is a practicing CPA in the Southeast and Midwest.



MR. GARY KERSEY
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Gary Kersey is a Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer for the Retirement line of business within Wealth, Brokerage & Retirement (WBR) for Wells Fargo Bank. Based in Charlotte, N.C., he oversees Risk Management activities across the four primary lines of business: Institutional Retirement Trust, Trust Operations, Retail Retirement, and Reinsurance. He is an executive with over 35 years of broad financial services business and risk management experience.

Mr. Kersey has expertise and significant achievements in enterprise-operational risk management, fiduciary services and product management, strategic business transformation, business process improvement and change management.

Mr. Kersey has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration (Management) from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. He also graduated from the University of NC at Chapel Hill in the School of Banking Program and the Young Executive Program and the Duke University Leadership Program. He has earned the designation of Accredited Investment Fiduciary, AIF® from the University of Pittsburgh, Center for Executive Education, Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business.

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