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Anthony Welters, JD, is executive vice president of UnitedHealth Group and is responsible for External Affairs and leading the company’s presence in Washington, D.C. In September 2007, Mr. Welters was also named president of UHG’s Public and Senior Markets Group, including the Ovations and AmeriChoice business units.

Prior to joining UnitedHealth Group, Mr. Welters held various leadership positions in both the private and public sectors, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, Amtrak, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. In 1989, Mr. Welters founded AmeriChoice, one of the country’s leading providers of services to more than two million beneficiaries of government health care programs in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Welters earned a bachelor’s degree from Manhattanville College and a juris doctorate from New York University School of Law. Mr. Welters is a member of the Bars of New York and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Welters serves on the board of directors for Qwest Communications International, Inc., West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., C.R. Bard, Inc., Revolution Healthcare, New York University, New York University Law School, and the Council of the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Mr. Welters also sits on the board of Horatio Alger and is a recipient of its Horatio Alger Award. Mr. Welters and his wife also formed the An-Bryce Foundation to enhance the social and educational development of disadvantaged children and students in Washington, D.C. and New York.

JOHN E. MAUPIN, JR., DDS, MBA [President]
Morehouse School of Medicine

John E. Maupin Jr., DDS, MBA, is the fifth president of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) who has more than 30 years of experience in health-care administration, public health, and academic medicine. As a health professions leader, dental practitioner, and public policy expert, he has created a legacy for improving the health and well-being of underserved individuals and communities.

Previously he served as president and chief executive officer of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, for 12 years. His other senior administrative positions have included serving as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Morehouse School of Medicine; chief executive officer of Southside Healthcare, Inc. in Atlanta GA; and deputy commissioner for medical services, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Maupin received his undergraduate training at San Jose State College and earned a D.D.S. degree in 1972 from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. The following year he completed a general dentistry residency at Provident Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland and subsequently received an M.B.A. degree in 1979 from Loyola College in Baltimore.
HAROLD W. JORDAN, II, JD [Secretary]
General Counsel
Morehouse School of Medicine

Harold W. Jordan, II, JD, is general counsel of Morehouse School of Medicine, where he oversees all legal services of the institution and works closely with the President, Board of Trustees and other senior level managers to provide advice and legal assistance.

Prior to joining MSM, Jordan provided general corporate and regulatory counsel and managed litigation for INVESCO, an international institutional money manager based in Atlanta. Before working for INVESCO, he was a litigation associate in the Washington D.C. law firm of Hogan & Hartson and practiced medical malpractice defense law as an associate in the Atlanta office of Alston & Bird. In addition, he served as in-house legal counsel for Grady Health System, Saint Joseph's Health System, and Charter Behavioral Health Systems.

Jordan earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a juris doctorate from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

Jordan has served in numerous leadership capacities for various church and civic organizations. He is president of the Brown University Club of Georgia and has served on the board of governors of Brown's Alumni Association. In addition, he has also served on the regional committee of Brown's annual fund.

JOHN BLUFORD, III, MBA, CHE
President and Chief Executive Officer
Truman Medical Centers

John Bluford is president and chief executive officer of Truman Medical Centers (TMC) and is responsible for providing leadership in changing the institutional culture of TMC to ensure positive clinical outcomes and excellent customer service while creating a diversified payor portfolio.

Prior to joining TMC, Bluford was CEO of Hennepin County Medical Center, a comprehensive academic medical center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He started his career in Hospital Administration at Cook County Hospital - Chicago as the Evening and Night Administrator.

Bluford earned a bachelor’s degree from Fisk University, a master's in business administration from Northwestern University, and studied at Harvard University's Executive Program in Health Policy.

Bluford is the current Chair of the Board for the National Association of Public Hospitals. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees and the McKesson Quest for Quality Award Committee. He has previously served as Chair of the Missouri Hospital Association and Chairman of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. He is also presently an active member on the Boards of DeCare International and H&R Block Bank.

He is a frequent presenter on the subjects of Public/Safety Net Hospitals, Managed Care, and Organizational Behavior and Leadership, including international presentations in St. Petersburg, Russia; Jerusalem, Israel; and Erlangen, Germany.
WILLIAM H. CLEVELAND, MD [Chair, Health Services Committee]  
Private Practice Physician - Nephrology

William H. Cleveland, MD, is a Nephrologist that currently serves on the medical staff of five Atlanta hospitals and is the medical director for four Atlanta-area dialysis centers. In addition, Dr. Cleveland is also the president of Southwest Atlanta Nephrology and Nephronet, LLC.

Prior to his current positions, Dr. Cleveland was the president of the Crawford Long Hospital Medical Staff. From 1991 to 1996, he served as co-medical director for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and was a member of the International Olympic Commission. The commission honored him with a Distinguished Service Award in 1999.

Dr. Cleveland earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and a doctor of medicine from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He completed his residency and fellowship at Emory University Affiliated Hospital.

Dr. Cleveland was appointed to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in 2001 by Governor Roy Barnes. He was elected to serve a one-year term as the board’s vice chair in 2006. During his tenure, Dr. Cleveland also served as chair of the Board of Regents' Committee on Academic Affairs. In addition, he is a member of the board of directors of MCG Health, Inc., the private corporation that runs the Medical College of Georgia Hospital.

JORDAN J. COHEN, MD
Professor, Medicine and Public Health, George Washington University  
President Emeritus, American Association of Medical Colleges

Jordan J. Cohen, MD, is professor of Medicine and Public Health at George Washington University and president emeritus of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). During his presidency of the AAMC, Dr. Cohen led the Association’s support and service to the nation’s medical schools and teaching hospitals and served as the nation’s leading spokesperson for academic medicine.

Prior to his leadership of the AAMC and joining George Washington University, Dr. Cohen served as dean of the medical school and professor of medicine at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and president of the medical staff at University Hospital. Prior to that, Dr. Cohen was professor and associate chairman of Medicine at the University of Chicago-Pritzker School of Medicine and physician-in-chief and chairman of the Department of Medicine at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center. He has also held medical faculty positions at Harvard, Brown, and Tufts Universities.

Dr. Cohen earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a doctor of medicine from Harvard Medical School. He completed his residency in internal medicine on the Harvard Service at Boston City Hospital. Dr. Cohen completed a fellowship in nephrology at the Tufts-New England Medical Center. He has authored more than 100 publications and is a former editor of the Kidney International Nephrology Forum.

Dr. Cohen serves on the board of directors for the Washington Advisory Group and is chairman of the board of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine.
ART COLLINS
Founder, President and CEO
Public Private Partnership, Inc.

Art Collins is Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Public Private Partnership Inc., an independent strategic planning and political consulting firm.

Mr. Collins served as a Public Liaison within the Obama-Biden Transition Project following the 2008 United States presidential election. During the 2008 presidential primary and general election campaign, he served as Senior Political Strategist for the current United States President Barack Obama.

Mr. Collins also serves as a member of the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Political Education & Leadership Institute and is Chairman of its think tank, the 21st Century Council. He served as a board member and the Treasurer for both the CBC Political Action Committee and the CBC Foundation. Florida Governor Jeb Bush appointed him to the Board of Trustees of Florida A&M University in 2001, where he was elected its first Chairman.

Prior to starting Public Private Partnership and serving in key Governor-appointed roles throughout Florida, Collins started his professional career as a systems engineer and account marketing representative with the IBM Corporation. He has served as a Deputy Receiver and the Legislative Affairs Director with the Florida Department of Insurance, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and Staff Director for the Office of Black Affairs, providing technical and political support to Africa-American legislators.

Collins received his B.S. degree in Accounting from the School of Business and Industry at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. He has studied law at the University of Miami School of Law in Miami, Florida and abroad at the University of Montpellier in Montpellier, France.

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JACKIE COLLINS, CPA
Vice President and Director, Internal Auditing (Retired)
Southern Company

Jackie Collins, CPA, is a former vice president and director of Internal Auditing for the Southern Company. During his 27 year tenure, Mr. Collins assumed a number of progressively responsible positions, including chief audit executive, assistant comptroller, and accounting research manager.

Prior to joining the Southern Company, Mr. Collins served as director of Technical Services at Associated Regional Accounting Firms and was an audit manager at Arthur Young & Company (now Ernst & Young).

Mr. Collins earned a bachelor’s degree from Morehouse College, a master’s in business administration from Carnegie-Mellon University, and a professional accounting certificate from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Business.
Aaron D. Dent  
Vice President, Indirect Procurement  
Merck & Co., Inc.

Aaron D. Dent is Vice-President of Indirect Procurement for Merck & Co., Inc.  

Prior to joining Merck in 2009, he was Managing Partner of Insight-DRB, LLC, a strategy, operations and supply management consultancy to private equity and other firms. He formerly served as Vice President of Supply Chain Management for Delta Air Lines, where he spearheaded their first comprehensive strategic sourcing initiative that resulted in more than $500 million in cost savings over a three-year period.

With more than 20 years experience in supply management, Dent has held a variety of leadership positions with Honda, BMW, and Deere & Company, based both domestically and abroad.

Dent currently serves on the board of directors of the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), the board of trustees of the Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), and has previously served on the board of directors of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). He holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Michigan State University and an MBA from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University.

CHRISTOPHER R. EDWARDS, M.D.
Orthopaedic Surgeon
Resurgeons Orthopaedic Group

Dr. Christopher R. Edwards is an orthopaedic surgeon with Resurgeons Orthopaedic Group. Dr. Edwards is widely respected as one of the foremost experts in the non-operative treatment of back and neck pain, using newer techniques that were designed initially to treat high performance athletes. He is considered a leader in the field of minimally invasive spine surgical techniques and has been asked on numerous occasions to lecture, teach and demonstrate these new procedures to many of his colleagues, both here in the United States, as well as in Europe and South Africa.

Dr. Edwards is a second generation Morehouse man, having graduated from Morehouse College and the Morehouse School of Medicine. He completed his surgical internship and orthopaedic residency at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He credits his expertise in spine training to the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic/USC in Los Angeles, where he completed his spine fellowship under the world renowned spine specialist, Dr. Robert G. Watkins.

Dr. Edwards has served as assistant clinical professor of surgery at the Morehouse School of Medicine, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Morehouse School of Medicine and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for Grady Memorial Hospital. Dr. Edwards is also a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the National Medical Association, the Georgia State Medical Association and the Atlanta Medical Association.
NERIMIAH L. EMMETT, PhD [Faculty Trustee]
Research Assistant Professor
Morehouse School of Medicine

Nerimiah L. Emmett, PhD, is a research assistant professor in the Department of Physiology at Morehouse School of Medicine. For more than 27 years, he has assumed various leadership roles, including associate director of the NASA Space Medicine and Life Sciences Research Center and director of the Functional Genomic Core Lab and Bioinformatics facility. Dr. Emmett’s major research interests include cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and blood vessel biology.

Prior to joining Morehouse School of Medicine, Dr. Emmett served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps and worked in the Department of Physiology at Harvard Medical School. He has also taught molecular genetics at Morehouse College. In addition, Dr. Emmett leads a junior investigator lab called the “Gene Ranch” at MSM, where students from the Atlanta University Center undergraduate schools participate in genetic lab experiments.

Dr. Emmett earned a bachelor’s degree from Alabama A&M University and a master’s in molecular biology and a doctorate in physiology from Atlanta University. He also had an in-service fellowship in health policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and completed a fellowship in medical physiology at Harvard Medical School.

JOY FITZGERALD, JD [Chair, Administration & Facilities Management]
Chief Operating Officer, Real Estate Development and Acquisitions
Atlanta Housing Authority

Joy Fitzgerald, JD, is chief operating officer of real estate development and acquisitions for the Atlanta Housing Authority (AHA). She is responsible for the revitalization and development that reposition public housing communities into healthy mixed-finance, mixed-income and mixed-use communities by leveraging the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s development funds, operating subsidies and AHA land, engagement with private sector developers and private investors, and use of market principles to create market rate communities with a seamless affordable component.

Prior to joining the Atlanta Housing Authority, Mrs. Fitzgerald built a 20 year career at the Houston Housing Authority and served in various leadership capacities, including general counsel and president and chief executive officer. After relocating to Atlanta, she assumed the position of director of the Office of Affordable Housing for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. In this capacity, she administered the state and federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and the HOME multifamily construction and permanent loan program for the State of Georgia.

Mrs. Fitzgerald earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a juris doctorate from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University.
The Reverend Robert M. Franklin, Jr., PhD, is the 10th president of Morehouse College, the nation’s only comprehensive, private liberal arts college for men located in Atlanta, Georgia.

Prior to joining Morehouse College, Dr. Franklin served as the presidential distinguished professor of social ethics at Candler School of Theology at Emory University and president of the Interdenominational Theological Center. He also served as program officer in the Human Rights and Social Justice Program at the Ford Foundation. In 1997, Franklin assumed the presidency of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), the graduate theological seminary of the Atlanta University Center consortium. He served as the Chautauqua Institution's Theologian in Residence for the 2005 season.

Dr. Franklin earned a bachelor’s degree from Morehouse College, a master's in divinity from Harvard Divinity School, and a doctorate in divinity from the University of Chicago Divinity School. In 1973, Dr. Franklin received an English Speaking Union scholarship to attend the University of Durham England. Dr. Franklin is the author of three books and is currently co-editing a book about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Franklin serves on the board of directors for the Atlanta Educational Telecommunication Collaborative, Inc. (Public Broadcasting of Atlanta – WABE) and is a past member of the Character Education Partnership. He has provided commentaries for National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered” and Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting, Inc.

Susan Grant is executive vice president of CNN News Services, a division of CNN Worldwide, which encompasses the company's digital and affiliate businesses. She also oversees CNN ImageSource and CNN Student News. Throughout her tenure at CNN, she’s held numerous leadership positions in public relations and sales and marketing. Under Grant's stewardship, CNN.com has emerged as the No. 1 news and information site, according to Nielsen Online.

Prior to joining CNN, Grant served in numerous leadership positions in sales and marketing within the television and cable industry, including president of Turner Program Services, vice president of Columbia TriStar Television Distribution, and director of regional sales of Turner Cable Network Sales. Grant earned her bachelor’s degree from Vassar College.

Grant currently serves on the board of directors for Internet Broadcasting. She previously served as chairman for Zoo Atlanta as well as the National Association of Television Program Executives. Grant is a member of the Atlanta chapter of the International Women's Forum and a graduate of Leadership Atlanta. Women in Technology, the leading association committed to the development of Georgia’s businesswomen in the technology industry, named her one of its Women of the Year in Technology for 2006.
Dr. Zach W. Hall, PhD, a neurobiologist now retired, served as the first President of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) from 2005-2007, the state agency set up under Proposition 71 for funding stem cell research in California.

Prior to holding that position, he served as Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). After leaving NIH, he was Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where his major responsibility was the development of the new 43 acre campus at Mission Bay. He was President and CEO of EnVivo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a start-up biotechnology company for the discovery and development of pharmaceuticals for neurodegenerative disease. As well as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Development and also Director of the Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California.

Dr. Hall received his undergraduate degree in English from Yale University in 1958 and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry (Medical Sciences) from Harvard University in 1966. From 1966 until 1968, he was a fellow in biochemistry at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Dr. Hall has served on advisory boards for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Max-Planck Institutes in Germany, and the RIKEN Institute in Japan. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Neurological Association, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 2003 he received the Purkynje Medal for Scientific Achievement from the Czech Academy of Science.

Sarah “Sally” Hambrecht is manager of the Sarah and William Hambrecht Foundation and a philanthropist who has a long history of volunteer community service, with an emphasis on education.

Mrs. Hambrecht earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida and has served on the boards of directors and committees of numerous schools and universities, including Bard College, Clarke School for the Deaf, the Urban School, and University High School in San Francisco. Mrs. Hambrecht is also active in many San Francisco arts organizations, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Summer Search Foundation.
BRIAN O. JORDAN  
President and CEO  
BOJ, LLC

Brian O. Jordan is an Emmy award-winning sports analyst for FOX Sports South and a recurring broadcast personality for Comcast Sports South and ESPN. He is also the principal of the newly developed real estate venture, Le Jardin. In addition, Mr. Jordan created Century Lofts, one of the first luxury loft communities in Southwest Atlanta.

Prior to his current career, Mr. Jordan helped make sports history as a leader on both the baseball and football fields. His legacy as a two-sport professional athlete spanned almost 20 years as an All-Star player with the Atlanta Braves and an All-Pro selection with the Atlanta Falcons. He also played baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals, Los Angeles Dodgers and Texas Rangers.

Mr. Jordan earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Richmond. He is a highly-sought after speaker, analyst, and author. He has also published a children’s book entitled, *I Told You I Can Play*.

Mr. Jordan is the founder of the Brian Jordan Foundation, which provides educational resources and awards full college scholarships to underprivileged, yet deserving young adults. In addition, Mr. Jordan serves on the Henry W. Grady Foundation board, is an ambassador and public advocate for the American Diabetes Association, and is a member of 100 Black Men of Atlanta.

KEVIN E. LOFTON, FACHE  
President and CEO  
Catholic Health Initiatives

Kevin E. Lofton, FACHE, is president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities Initiatives in Denver, Colorado. Throughout his 10-year tenure at Catholic Health Initiatives, Mr. Lofton assumed progressively responsible leadership roles within the organization, including executive vice president and chief operating officer, group president, and regional president.

Prior to joining Catholic Health Initiatives, he served as chief executive officer at both the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham and Howard University Hospital. Mr. Lofton also served as chief operating officer at University Medical Center in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Lofton earned a bachelor’s degree from Boston University and a master’s in health administration from Georgia State University.

Mr. Lofton has served on the boards of directors and in many leadership capacities for numerous organizations, including the American Hospital Association, Catholic Health Association, Institute for Diversity in Healthcare Management, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and the National Association of Health Services Executives. Mr. Lofton has recently been ranked as one of the most influential and powerful healthcare executives in *Modern Healthcare* and *Ebony* magazines. In addition, he’s received numerous awards from the American College of Healthcare Executives, the National Association of Health Services Executives, the National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the American Society of Health System Pharmacists.
W. THOMAS LOMAX [Chair, Audit & Compliance; Vice Chair, Finance & Investments]  
CEO  
The Lomax Companies

W. Thomas Lomax is chief executive officer of the Lomax Companies, a private equity and investment company. Mr. Lomax is responsible for the day-to-day financial monitoring of all investments.

Prior to joining the Lomax Companies, Mr. Lomax was the president and chief executive officer of Delmarva Premium Seafood Company. He took the company from a start-up to a partial exit in 2007.

Mr. Lomax earned a bachelor’s degree from Delaware Valley College and a master’s in business administration from LaSalle University.

Mr. Lomax served as treasurer of the Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis and Education Center and is a lifetime member of the National Black MBA Association. He is also a member of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity and former member of the Governor’s Advisory Commission for African American Affairs in Pennsylvania.

RUTH B. LOVE, PhD [Vice Chair, Academic Policy, Faculty & Student Affairs]  
CEO  
RBL Enterprises, Ltd.

Ruth B. Love, PhD, is professor of Educational Administration at San Francisco State University and founder and president of RBL Enterprises, Ltd., a consulting firm specializing in urban public education systems. She is a sought after speaker at national and international conferences and advises Ministers of Education throughout Africa.

Prior to founding RBL Enterprises, Dr. Love served at all levels of education within local school districts and state and federal government agencies. She started her career as a teacher and went on to become the youngest person to be appointed as bureau chief of the California State Department of Education. She later served as superintendent of two large school districts in Oakland, California and Chicago, Illinois and led the federally funded National Right to Read program.

Dr. Love earned a bachelor’s degree from San Jose State University, a master’s degree from San Francisco State University, and a doctorate in philosophy from the United States International University. She has received numerous honorary degrees, written several articles and books, and is currently writing a book on what works in urban schools.

Dr. Love serves on the board of directors of the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology and Downs Community Development Corporation. She previously served as a member of the National Urban League, the American Association of School Administrators, the Council of Great City schools, and Women Administrators, Inc. Dr. Love has been involved in various commissions for five U.S. presidents and was recently appointed as a representative of the Diaspora African Union. Dr. Love is an active philanthropist and recently raised $5,000 toward scholarships to low-income high school seniors.
THOMAS N. MALONE, MD  
Private Practice Physician – OB/GYN  

Thomas N. Malone, MD, is an Obstetrician and Gynecologist in Phenix City, Alabama with a distinguished career spanning more than 30 years. Dr. Malone began his career as a staff obstetrician at the 5th General Hospital in Stuttgart, West Germany and the Martin Army Hospital in Fort Benning, Georgia. After serving in this role for four years, Dr. Malone entered into private practice.

Dr. Malone earned a bachelor’s degree from Howard University and a doctor of medicine from Meharry Medical College. He performed his internship in OB/GYN and completed his residency in OB/GYN at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Dr. Malone is a member of the Citizen Trust Bank advisory board, Mother Mary Catholic School, and the A.J. McClung YMCA. He is also a lifetime member of the NAACP and a retired U.S. Army Reserve Colonel.

THE HONORABLE GREG MATHIS  
Host  
Judge Mathis (syndicated TV show)  

The Honorable Greg Mathis is the star of the nationally syndicated, award-winning television show, “Judge Mathis,” and a national figure known for being a staunch advocate for equal justice. He also publishes a weekly newspaper column that brings social and political insights to readers nationwide.

Prior to the “Judge Mathis” show, Judge Mathis built a long-standing career in public service and civil rights activism, leading groups like Free South Africa, organizing more than a dozen political campaigns, joining the staff of a Detroit city council member, and advocating for equal justice with the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. Subsequent to Judge Mathis becoming an attorney, he eventually was elected as the youngest superior court judge for Michigan’s 36th District Court in Detroit.

Judge Mathis earned a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Michigan University and a juris doctorate from the University of Detroit School of Law. His inspirational life story of a delinquent youth who rose to become a respected judge is chronicled in his autobiography, Inner City Miracle.

Judge Mathis serves on the boards of directors for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He and his wife have opened non-profit pre-schools throughout Detroit’s inner city, founded the Young Adults Asserting Themselves agency, and raised more than $5 million for equal justice, political, and youth causes. He has received numerous awards and accolades and received an honorary doctorate of law from Florida A&M University. Judge Mathis is frequently called upon as a contributor to national media outlets, including “Larry King Live,” “The Today Show,” and “The Tonight Show.”
PHILLIP H. MCCALL, JR., JD [Vice Chair, Administration & Facilities Management]  
Principal  
Servant Leadership, LLC

Phillip H. McCall, Jr. is principal of Servant Leadership, LLC, a human capital planning and management company based in Philadelphia. He brings more than 26 years of executive experience in organizational management, marketing and sales development. Mr. McCall's business focus included strategic planning, total quality management, customer research, and new product design and implementation.

Prior to joining Servant Leadership, Mr. McCall's management experience includes leading a $720 million multi-functional organization for CIGNA and providing expert sales and marketing consulting and operational management to Waste Management, Inc. He has provided expertise to a diverse client base, including AARP, MBNA, Transitional Work Corporation, Commonwealth Pennsylvania, the U.S. Department of Defense Logistics Agency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Fulton County (GA) Board of Education.

Mr. McCall earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and a juris doctorate from the Atlanta Law School. He has continued post-graduate studies in the Executive Development Program at Kellogg Graduate School of Business at Northwestern University.

RICHARD MCCORMICK [Student Trustee]  
Fourth-Year MD Student  
Class of 2010 MD  
President, Student Government Association

Richard McCormick is a fourth-year, medical student and president of the Student Government Association. Mr. McCormick attended Oregon State University where he was also a member of the Navy ROTC program. He also received his M.B.A. from National University in California.

Mr. McCormick, a youth minister, also is married with three sons. He is the first in his family to serve in the Marine Corp and to become a doctor.
SYLVESTER MCRAE, MD  
Private Practice Physician – OB/GYN

Sylvester McRae, MD, is an Obstetrician and Gynecologist in Columbus, Georgia with a distinguished career spanning almost 30 years. Dr. McRae earned a bachelor’s degree from Fort Valley State University and a doctor of medicine from the Medical College of Georgia. He completed his residency in OB/GYN from the Medical College of Georgia Hospitals.

Dr. McRae is an active member of numerous civic organizations and serves on the board of directors of the Fort Valley State University Foundation and the Medical College of Georgia Foundation. He is the past chairman and president of the Georgia State Medical Association and served as past president for the Georgia Physician Association.

JOHN W. ROWE, MD [Vice Chair, Health Services]  
Professor  
Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health

John W. Rowe, MD, is a professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health. Prior to joining Columbia, Dr. Rowe served as chairman and chief executive officer of Aetna, Inc., one of the nation’s leading health care and related benefits company.

Before his tenure at Aetna, Inc., Dr. Rowe served as president and chief executive officer of Mount Sinai NYU Health, one of the nation’s largest academic health-care organizations. Prior to the Mount Sinai-NYU Health merger, he was president of Mount Sinai Hospital and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. Dr. Rowe preceded his tenure with Mount Sinai as a professor of medicine and the founding director of the Division on Aging at Harvard Medical School, as well as the chief of gerontology at Boston’s Beth Israel Hospital.

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THE HONORABLE CALVIN SMYRE
Georgia State Representative
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The Honorable Calvin Smyre is executive vice president of Corporate Affairs for Synovus and chairman and chief executive officer of the Synovus Foundation. In his capacity as executive vice president of Corporate Affairs, he directs the vision and involvement of Synovus in community, philanthropic, and civic affairs. As chair of the Synovus Foundation, Rep. Smyre leads the company’s philanthropic commitment to education, including scholarships and programs for students in higher education and initiatives to increase the academic achievements of students in public and secondary schools.

Prior to Rep. Smyre joining Synovus, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1975 as its youngest member at age 26. He currently serves the 132nd House District in Columbus and sits on the most important panels of the House: Appropriations, Higher Education, and Rules committees. Rep. Smyre is one of Georgia’s most notable members of the Democratic Party, having been the first African-American in the state to be appointed Administration Floor Leader and to the Democratic National Committee.

Rep. Smyre earned a bachelor’s degree from Fort Valley State College, where he is a past president of its National Alumni Association. He has also lectured at a number of colleges and universities.

Rep. Smyre is currently the chairman of the Fort Valley State College Foundation. He also serves as a board member of the Medical College of Georgia Foundation, the Jack D. Hughston Sports Medicine Hospital Foundation, Liberty Theater Cultural Center, Inc., Columbus State University, and the Columbus Museum.

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Dr. Staples-Horne earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in biology from Clark Atlanta University, a master’s in public health in health policy and management and a doctor of medicine from Morehouse School of Medicine. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Columbia University’s Babies Hospital and preventive medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Staples-Horne is also the author of several articles and book chapters relating to correctional health care.

Dr. Staples-Horne is president of the Society of Correctional Physicians and a member of the Health Care Committee of the American Correctional Association and the Juvenile Health Committee of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. She has provided correctional health care consultation and training in several states as well as for the National Institute of Corrections and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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Mr. Thomas has served on the boards of the APEX Museum, the Butler Street YMCA (a local chapter of the Boys and Girls Club), the 100 Black Men of DeKalb, and other civic and service organizations in the Atlanta area since 1968. He is a Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Piney Woods School (an African American boarding school) in Jackson, MS. Mr. Thomas is a life member of the NAACP and an active fundraiser for the UNCF.

Mr. Thomas is married to Yvonne who serves as Secretary of Victoria Hospitality Properties and Secretary and CFO of Hayon Group, Inc.

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Dr. Wright actively engages in civic activities and participates in several leadership capacities for numerous organizations. Currently, he serves on the boards of directors for Aflac, Inc., Columbus State University, INOVA Health Services, and Business Industry Political Action Committee. He recently led a presidential commission to secure funding for the American Museum of African American History, which will operate within the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Dr. Wright has also received numerous awards and accolades for his commitment to community service and business acumen from the public and private sectors.
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