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Mr. Deriso is the Chairman of Atlantic Capital Bank and Atlantic Capital Bancshares, Inc. He is a retired Vice Chairman of Synovus Financial Corporation in Columbus, Georgia. Mr. Deriso began his business career as a practicing attorney in Albany, Georgia in 1972, and was a partner in the law firm of Divine, Wilkin, Deriso, Raulerson & Fields until 1991, when he became President of Security Bank and Trust Company of Albany, a Synovus bank. In 1997, he was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Synovus, a position that he held until his retirement on February 1, 2005.

Mr. Deriso has served on the boards of numerous organizations including Chairman of the Georgia Bankers Association, Chairman of the Program Management Team of the Georgia Rail Passenger Program, and the Board of Visitors of Emory University. He has served as a Trustee of Andrew College, a Trustee of Albany State College Foundation and of Darton College Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Deerfield-Windsor School, and President of the Dougherty Rotary Club. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of Emory University, a member of the Board of Directors of Post Properties, Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (“GRTA”), Chairman of The Foundation of the Methodist Children’s Home of the South Georgia Conference, a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta.

Mr. Deriso graduated from Emory University College where he received the Marion Luther Brittain Award. He received his J.D. with Distinction from Emory University School of Law where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Public Law (now the Emory Law Journal). He also completed the Duke Advanced Management Program of the Fuqua School of Business.



BIO

Eugene James is the director of the Atlanta region for Metrostudy, a national market intelligence company that specializes in monitoring the residential new construction industry. He has 25 years of real estate experience including conducting feasibility and highest and best use studies for builders and developers as well as advising state and local governments on housing related issues. He has served in various analytical and managerial capacities in the property tax appraisal industry including as past chief appraiser for DeKalb and Fulton counties. Eugene has been called one of the most influential people in residential real estate by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution for several years. He currently serves as an executive board member for the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, and for HomeAid Atlanta, a non-profit providing housing for homeless women and children. He received a B.S. degree in Business Management from the University of the District of Columbia, is a licensed real estate broker, is affiliated with numerous professional real estate organizations and volunteers with the Boy Scouts and as a basketball coach. Eugene is married and has two school-aged children.