



## **V.M. WHEELER III**

V.M. Wheeler graduated with honors (Magna Cum Laude) from Loyola University New Orleans in 1978 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and an emphasis in Finance. During his tenure at Loyola, he was a member of the Admissions Review Committee, the Business Administration Curriculum Committee and the City College Dean's Search Committee. V.M. was an elected Representative on the Student Government Association and the President of the Administrative Management Society. He was a member of the Beta Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma academic fraternities and a member of the Alpha Delta Gamma social fraternity.

After graduating from Loyola, V.M. earned his Master of Business Administration degree from Southern Methodist University and his Juris Doctor degree from Tulane University. He was a member of the Loyola University New Orleans President's Council from 1989 until it was disbanded in 1999 and served on the Loyola University New Orleans Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1984 to 1990. V.M. is Fellow in the Loyola Institute of Politics and an adjunct faculty member of the Joseph A. Butt College of Business Administration. He was honored in 2007 as the Loyola University New Orleans College of Business Administration Alumnus of the Year and currently is a member of the College of Business Administration Visiting Committee.

V.M.'s professional career spans over 20 years in investment banking and law, working in New Orleans, New York, Dallas and Houston. His investment banking experience includes working for Lehman Brothers, Kidder Peabody and Bank of America. V.M. is a partner in the law firm of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, where he represents a variety of corporate clients and financial institutions primarily in commercial transactions.

V.M. is active in numerous professional and civic endeavors. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association and the New Orleans Bar Association. V.M. currently is a member of the Boards of Directors of Christopher Homes, Inc. and Friends of St. Alphonsus, and previously served on the Board of Directors of a local publicly-traded company. He has been the Vice Chairman of the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority and a member of the Governor's Economic Development Commission.