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Gina Merritt-Epps, Esq.

As senior vice president, chief governance officer and corporate secretary for South Jersey Industries, Gina Merritt-Epps is charged with directing the people, business processes, and systems needed to ensure best governance practices and compliance, including support for the Board and its committees. Her duties include managing privacy risk, and ensuring compliance with core regulations, including SEC regulations. In 2017, she accepted the role as the company's first chief governance officer after serving as the company's general counsel for eight years.

An alumna of Pennsylvania State University, Ms. Merritt-Epps earned her undergraduate degree in political science and also holds a Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Merritt-Epps is a member of the Society for Corporate Compliance and Ethics, National Association of Corporate Directors, Association of Corporate Counsel, Corporate Counsel Women of Color, Executive Women of NJ, and the American Association of Blacks in Energy. She also serves on the Boards of the Society for Corporate Governance and the Greater Atlantic Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Merritt-Epps' passion for giving back to the community is reflected in her service to a number of civic and community organizations. She is a charter member of the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey's Women's Leadership Initiative, is a board member of the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality, and a member of the AtlantiCare Regional Health Services board of trustees. Additionally, Ms. Merritt-Epps is the National Director of Risk Management for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

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