

James H. Edmondson

James H. Edmondson, Principal of E&G Group, has over thirty-eight years experience in real estate development and finance, much of it related to affordable housing.

Mr. Edmondson started his business career in 1972 in Washington, D.C. as a consultant at Touche Ross & Co.,(now Deloitte) after serving as an officer in the U.S. Army. In 1975, Edmondson left Touche Ross to join a Columbus, Ohio-based firm, Realcon III. He and his partners developed condominiums, managed real estate, and worked out loans for banks. During this time, Edmondson served as a consultant on a number of long-term development projects, several funded by The Ford Foundation.

In 1981 Edmondson persuaded a former colleague and then Touche Ross principal, Tom Gallagher, to join him in forming Edmondson & Gallagher with the purpose of acquiring and redeveloping post-war apartments in the D. C. area using the new financing tools and tax laws. The firm grew a portfolio of approximately 3,000 deed-restricted units and created a property management company that continues. E&G became expert in compliance issues and the rehabilitation of apartment buildings using all the affordable housing tools. The firm and its principals continue to develop, own and manage affordable apartments, much of it in Washington, where the firm is recognized as one of the pre-eminent affordable housing providers. Its companies are E&G Property Services, LLC and E&G Group II, LLC. In the 1990s Edmondson launched and ran the nonprofit Cornerstone Housing Corporation for the Enterprise Foundation, which profitably accumulated and has preserved a portfolio of over 5000 affordable apartments in markets around the country.

Edmondson is active in local affairs in Northern Virginia. He was a founding member of AHOME, an affordable housing advocacy group, now merged with NVAHA; he was vice chair of the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia for many years; he has served as an elder of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and serves on the Presbytery's real estate committee; and he has held other positions of responsibility in community organizations. In 2009 Governor Kaine re-appointed him as a consumer representative to the Virginia Board of Health, and he finished a second 4-year term in 2013. Governors McAuliffe and Northam have since re-appointed him through 2022. One of his proudest achievements is serving as pro bono developer of Chesterbrook Residences, an affordable assisted living facility in McLean with great support from Fairfax County.

He has been directly involved in planning and affordable housing in Fairfax since 2003, having served on the ADU High Rise Committee, on the affordable housing committee of the Tysons Task Force, on the Seven Corners Task Force, and on the BOS' Affordable Housing Resources Panel. He is now developing an affordable seniors project in Loudoun County.

Edmondson has an A.B. in Economics from Princeton, where he is active in alumni affairs, and an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia's Darden School. His wife is Jane Edmondson, and he is the proud father of four and even prouder grandfather of ten.

Sarah Scott

Sarah Scott serves as a Development Project Manager at the Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority (ARHA), overseeing the development of a 52 unit multi-family apartment building, Ramsey Homes, and assisting in the repositioning of ARHA's portfolio. Prior to joining ARHA in 2018, Sarah worked as a Development Manager at Somerset Development Company, providing support with development projects, asset management, and resident services programs in Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD. Prior to Somerset, she worked as a research assistant for the Virginia Center for Housing Research and served as an AmeriCorps VISTA with Community Housing Partners' architecture design studio in Christiansburg, VA. Ms. Scott has experience in the design, implementation, and analysis of affordable housing. Ms. Scott has a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Virginia and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech.

James Simmons III

James Simmons III is a Managing Partner and CEO at Asland Capital Partners where he serves as the head of the investment committee. James has over two decades of experience in real estate investment throughout the United States as well as New York City including specifically in Upper Manhattan where he is both a resident and pillar of the community. At Asland, he runs the day to day operations where he focuses on sourcing and structuring transactions through his deep relationships across the public and private sectors. Prior to joining Ares in 2013, Mr. Simmons was a Partner at AREA Property Partners and Apollo Real Estate Advisors. Prior to joining Apollo, he led the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone as CEO.

Mr. Simmons holds a B.S. from Princeton University in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, an M.S. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Systems Engineering, and an M.M. from the Northwestern University J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management in Finance and Marketing.

Jonathan Frederick, President and CEO

Jon has over ten years of experience in the affordable housing and urban planning fields. Prior to joining AHDC, Jon worked as the director of development for Volunteers of America where he oversaw all real estate development activities for the organization in the mid-Atlantic region. Jon has extensive experience in both the development entitlement process and affordable housing finance. Jon sits on the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee, the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance Advisory Committee, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.