



# P R O F I L E

## Gina Merritt-Epps, Esq.

As senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for South Jersey Industries, Gina Merritt-Epps provides general legal counsel to SJI and its subsidiaries and is responsible for corporate governance and the overall corporate secretary function. She is also responsible for Environmental Affairs.

Ms. Merritt-Epps first joined SJI in 2006 as director of legal affairs. In 2009 she was appointed corporate counsel and secretary and was subsequently elected to her current positions in 2015. Prior to working at SJI, Ms. Merritt-Epps was employed as Assistant County Counsel for the Atlantic County Department of Law.

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 Governance, the National Association of Corporate Directors, the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce, the Association of Corporate Counsel, Corporate Counsel Women of Color, Executive Women of NJ, and the American Association of Blacks in Energy. She is also a member of the American Gas Association's Legal Committee. Ms. Merritt-Epps is a founding member, and advisor, of SJI's Women's Leadership Initiative. She formerly served on the District I Ethics Committee for the Supreme Court of New Jersey, the Board of Directors for the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, the New Jersey Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointment Committee for Atlantic County, and the Atlantic County Bar Association.

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, and is a board member of the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism and the Forum of Executive Women. Additionally, Ms. Merritt-Epps recently served as the New Jersey state director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and is the current national director of RSL Management.

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