

CHARLES M. COLLINS

Administrative Experience

- Charles M. Collins is Chairman and President of WDG Ventures, Inc. and Managing General Partner of WDG Ventures, Ltd. Together these organizations comprise the WDG family of companies, all of which are engaged in the investment and development of commercial and residential real estate. Mr. Collins directs business development, corporate and equity finance and access to capital markets for the companies and affiliated partnerships.
- A member of the State Bar of California, Mr. Collins has practiced law with the firms of Steinhart & Falconer and Berkeley & Rhodes.
- A former Deputy Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for the State of California, Mr. Collins coordinated the management and policy direction of the Department of Housing Community Development and the Department of Real Estate.
- He served on the Board of the California Housing Finance Agency.
- Mr. Collins also has an extensive city planning background, having worked with Sedway/Cooke and Associates. Among his major responsibilities was directing a comprehensive study for the City and County of San Francisco incorporating economic and fiscal considerations, land-using planning, transportation systems, and housing requirements for downtown San Francisco.

Selected Activities

- Senior Vice Chairman of the National Urban League.
- Trustee of the Clark Art Institute, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the San Francisco Art Institute.
- Director of the SF JAZZ Organization.
- Member of Lambda Alpha, an honorary international land economics society.
- Served as Chairman of the Community Service Awards Committee of the San Francisco Foundation and is a member of the San Francisco State University Foundation.
- He was a member of the Social Policy Advisory Committee of the Bank of America and former trustee of Williams College.

Mr. Collins is the author of The African Americans, Viking-Studio Books 1993 (paper 1995).

Education

- Bachelor of Arts with honors from Williams College (1969).
- Master of City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1973).
- Juris Doctor from the Harvard Law School (1976).
- Under a fellowship from the Thomas J. Watson Foundation, he was awarded a Diploma from the Athens Center of Ekistics in Athens, Greece where he engaged in a variety of international real estate, national and regional research and development projects.