

## L. Earl Armiger Chairman & CEO Orchard Development Corporation

Since founding Orchard Development Corporation in 1979, L. Earl Armiger has been the managing general partner in the development of more than \$900,000,000 of residential and commercial real estate.

Orchard Development and its affiliate company, Armiger Management Corporation, develop, lease, and manage an award-winning portfolio of multi-family communities throughout the Mid Atlantic region. With 15 communities in three states, Mr. Armiger's companies have focused on mixed income housing, of which more than 1,400 apartments have been financed with Low Income Housing Tax Credits. In recent years his companies have specialized in market rate luxury apartments, adaptive re-use, and mixed-use infill projects.

Mr. Armiger's commitment to housing is exemplified by his national and local recognition and service. In 2000-2001 Mr. Armiger was the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Vice President for the Mid-Atlantic region. Mr. Armiger has served the national builder's association as Chairman of the Seniors Housing Council, Chairman of the Housing Credit Group, and Chair of the Multi-Family Council. Mr. Armiger is a Senior Life Director on the NAHB Board of Directors.

In 1991, Mr. Armiger was awarded the coveted Builder of the Year designation by the Home Builders Association of Maryland.

Mr. Armiger has been Chairman of NAHB's Housing Finance Committee and has been a regular participant in the Mortgage Roundtable, involving meetings with top Federal regulators on the delivery of financing to the home building industry.

In 2007, Mr. Armiger was named Business Person of the year by the Howard County Chamber of Commerce.

In 2007, the National Housing Endowment awarded Mr. Armiger and Orchard Development the **Gold Builder Achievement Award** for **Outstanding Community Service**. Orchard donated the \$10,000 first prize to the Columbia Foundation.

In 2009 Mr. Armiger was given the **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the Home Builders Association of Maryland.

Locally, Mr. Armiger has been President of the Home Builders Association of Maryland, President of the Howard County Chamber of Commerce3, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation of Howard County.

In 1995 he received the "Howie Award" for outstanding business support of the arts by the Howard County Arts Council.

Mr. Armiger has lectured in urban planning, real estate development and entrepreneurship at Morgan State University, McDaniel College and the University of Maryland.

In 2014, Mr. Armiger was given the **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the Maryland Building Industry Association's Land Development Council.

## **Academic Background**

- Bachelor of Arts, McDaniel College
- Masters of Regional Planning, University of North Carolina

Adjunct Faculty Member and Advisory Council Member, University of Maryland Master of Real Estate Development Program.

Taught Courses in Introduction to Real Estate Development, Property Manager for Developers, and the Capstone Program.

Lecture at numerous national conferences on affordable housing, financing, seniors housing, and apartment development.