



**THE HONORABLE KEITH E. GOTTFRIED  
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The Honorable Keith E. Gottfried was [nominated](#) by President George W. Bush on July 29, 2005, and unanimously [confirmed](#) by the U.S. Senate on October 7, 2005, to serve as General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As General Counsel of HUD, Mr. Gottfried leads a nationwide organization of close to 400 attorneys and 300 non-attorneys with headquarters in Washington, DC, ten regional offices and close to forty field offices around the country. Mr. Gottfried serves as the Chief Legal Officer for HUD and is the senior legal advisor to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary and other agency Principal Staff providing advice on all aspects of Federal laws, regulations and policies applicable to public and Indian housing, community development programs, mortgage insurance programs, complex mixed financing transactions for residential development and health care facilities, fair housing enforcement and urban development programs. Mr. Gottfried also serves as the chief legal officer for the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) and provides advice on the issuance of mortgage-backed securities and various related financial, capital market and securitization transactions.

From 2000 to 2004, Mr. Gottfried served in senior executive positions at Borland Software Corporation, a publicly-held global provider of software development solutions located in Scotts Valley, California. After having represented Borland as its outside counsel, Mr. Gottfried joined the company's executive management team in June 2000 as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary and was responsible for all aspects of the company's worldwide legal function. In his last position at Borland prior to departing the company, Mr. Gottfried served as the Senior Vice President-Corporate Affairs and Special Advisor to the CEO and was responsible for enhancing the company's relationships, domestically and overseas, with industry leaders, potential strategic partners, certain focal sales accounts and domestic and foreign governments. During his tenure at Borland, Mr. Gottfried played a pivotal role in the turnaround of the company and the reinvigoration of the company's global franchise.

Preceding his work at Borland, Mr. Gottfried was a corporate attorney in the New York office of the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP for nearly seven years. While at Skadden Arps, Mr. Gottfried was a member of the firm's mergers & acquisitions group and represented private and publicly held U.S. and non-U.S. clients, in a variety of industries, in negotiated and contested transactions. He also practiced extensively before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and counseled clients with respect to corporate governance issues, securities law compliance, SEC reporting issues and New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq compliance.

Before joining Skadden Arps, Mr. Gottfried was a corporate attorney in the Philadelphia office of the law firm Blank Rome LLP. While at Blank Rome, Mr. Gottfried was a member of the firm's corporate practice group and his practice was concentrated in general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions and securities offerings.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Gottfried, a Certified Public Accountant, practiced public accounting with the Philadelphia office of Arthur Young & Company, a predecessor firm to Ernst & Young LLP.

Mr. Gottfried is admitted to the state bars of California, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts and is admitted to practice before the federal courts located in the Ninth Circuit, the Northern District of California, the Southern District of California, the Eastern District of New York, the Southern District of New York, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey.

Mr. Gottfried holds a law degree, cum laude, from Boston University's School of Law where he was a named an Edward F. Hennessey Distinguished Scholar of Law and a G. Joseph Tauro Scholar of Law. Mr. Gottfried also holds an M.B.A., high honors, from Boston University's Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in Economics, concentrated in accounting, from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

Born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in the neighboring borough of Queens, over the course of his career, Mr. Gottfried has made his home in Manhattan, Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and San Jose. Mr. Gottfried, his wife Cindy and their daughter Sophie currently make their home in Gaithersburg, Maryland.