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Attorney Mercedes McFarland Jackson Elected Chair of EMERGE Board of Directors

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EMERGE Community Development elected Fredrikson attorney Mercedes McFarland Jackson to serve a two-year term as the chair of its board of directors. Jackson was elected during the June 24, 2020, board meeting.

Founded in 2007, EMERGE is a workforce development agency with service centers in North Minneapolis and Cedar-Riverside and Social Enterprise businesses in Minneapolis and the northern suburbs. Every year EMERGE helps thousands of people access jobs, financial coaching and career training along pathways to brighter futures. EMERGE facilitates life change in neighborhoods where jobs are scarce, poverty levels are high and racial/economic disparities prevail.

Jackson is an officer in Fredrikson's Private Equity and Bank & Finance Groups, where she specializes in debt finance transactions and advises clients on compliance matters under financing and corporate governance documents. Jackson has represented corporate borrowers, private equity groups and financial institutions in connection with secured and unsecured commercial lending transactions, including acquisition financings, senior, second-lien and mezzanine financings, secured bond offerings, debt restructurings and debtor-in-possession financings.

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