

Corp Fin Gets a New Director: Renee Jones

Yesterday, the SEC [announced](#) that Professor Renee Jones had been hired as the Director for the Division of Corporation Finance (here is [Renee's bio](#) at Boston College Law School). She replaces John Coates who had been hired as "Acting" Director a few months ago. John now moves over to serve as the General Counsel of the SEC. A few notables:

1. Renee becomes the first Director who isn't white - and the third woman to hold the job.
2. I had always thought it was strange that John had "Acting" in front of his title, as that is quite unusual for that role when someone is hired from outside the SEC. Now we know the reason for it.
3. Here is a [list of Corp Fin Directors](#) over the years that I created when I worked at TheCorporateCounsel.net. It actually took a lot of work to sleuth together the time frames - and to ascertain the order in which the Directors have served - as that information wasn't readily available elsewhere. Since I created that list, Keith Higgins, Bill Hinman and John Coates have graced Corp Fin's halls...

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