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A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Associate Dean Barksdale received his Bachelors' degree in Business Administration, Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia in May of 1989. He received his Ph.D. in Business Administration from Georgia State University in August of 1994 with a concentration in personnel and employment relations. Upon completion of his doctorate, he accepted a position at The University of Memphis as an Assistant Professor of Management where he served as advisor to student groups and was active on several doctoral dissertation committees. In 1998, he accepted a position with a locally-owned automobile group as Vice President and Director of Human Resources, later serving as the director of operations, marketing, and acquisitions. He also served as Associate Professor of Management at Union University in Jackson, TN as well as Visiting Professor of Management at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN. More recently he served as Dean of the Ken Blanchard College of Business at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix from 2010 through 2012.

Dr. Barksdale has written and published articles on various topics of business management including leadership, organizational performance, compensation, employee commitment, management education, and research methods. His most recent research interest has been on leadership and business strategy. He has taught courses in research methods, computer programming, human resource management, employee relations, employment law, general management, organizational theory and learning, and leadership.

He has consulted with a wide variety of retail and wholesale organizations including Make-A-Wish, American Express, AutoZone, Delta Airlines, Ciba-Vision, and Promus Hotels. Consulting topics include leadership development, EEOC investigation, and compensation programs. Dr. Barksdale has given addresses to many large groups and organizations including local Phoenix organizations Make-A-Wish and Phoenix College. He has served on the board of several non-profit institutions including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also served the academic and athletic programs of Hillcrest High School in Memphis, TN. At Hillcrest, he served as an advisor to the athletic programs, technology programs and on the site review committee for High Schools that Work reform programs.

As Associate Dean of Graduate studies at the UHD College of Business, Dr. Barksdale is responsible for leading MBA recruitment and advising a team composed of seven primarily internal-focused associates and five primarily external-focused associates. He works with department chairs to schedule graduate courses and with the Dean to develop strategic direction for graduate programs. Dr. Barksdale engages with the Houston business community to build relationships to UHD and the College of Business. He interviews applicants for admission to graduate programs and resolves student problems and appeals. He also participates in recruiting and community events as well as assists the College Dean with budgeting and general college relations.

Dr. Barksdale resides in Houston with his wife Lisa. They have a daughter enrolled in the University of Alabama. His students and team members generally refer to him as Dr. B.