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Paul Compton is a founding partner of Compton Jones Drescher LLP, a commercial real estate and financial services boutique law firm, based in Birmingham, Alabama. He practices primarily in the areas of multifamily affordable housing finance, tax credit transactions and financial institution regulation, representing commercial real estate developers, community banks and family offices.

After confirmation by the United States Senate in December 2017, until July 2020 Paul served as General Counsel of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C., under Secretary Ben Carson. He also concurrently served as Vice Chairman of the Federal Housing Administration Mortgagee Review Board and HUD's Designated Agency Ethics Official. During Paul's tenure, the Department successfully defended the withdrawal of the 2015 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing regulation. He also successfully negotiated, in collaboration with the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, with the Mayor of the City of New York an agreement to address health and safety issues at the New York City Housing Authority, including contribution of more than \$2 billion by City to address issues and installation of an outside monitor. He authorized a charge, recently successfully concluded, under the Fair Housing Act against Facebook, Inc. (now Meta) for disparate treatment against protected classes through its advertising platform. He led a project, pursuant to Executive Orders 13771, 13777 and 13891 which withdrew and removed more than 3,000 items of obsolete sub-regulatory guidance from applicability and HUD websites.

Prior to service at HUD, he was an associate and then partner at the law firm Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP in Birmingham, Alabama for 29 years, where he served on its managing board and as chairman of its finance committee.

Paul is a member of the Alabama and Georgia bars. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, and his undergraduate degree, summa cum laude with a major in Economics, from the University of Alabama, and attended the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is a Harry S. Truman Scholar.

Paul lives in Mountain Brook, Alabama with his wife, Dana. They have three adult children and six grandchildren.