



MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION



Mark Jones

MBA 2022 Vice-Chair

Mark Jones co-founded Amerifirst Home Mortgage with Dave Gahm in 1983, and the company has grown from an individual location in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to over 80 full-service locations and 900 personnel nationwide.

Jones is an advocate for affordable homeownership with a mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Amerifirst is the No. 1 USDA lender and the No. 3 FHA lender in Michigan, and the No. 13 FHA lender in Florida. Amerifirst is a Ginnie Mae issuer and manages a \$6B servicing portfolio. In August 2020, Amerifirst established a new bilingual mortgage services division to meet the growing homeownership needs of the Hispanic community.

Jones' leadership has helped Amerifirst earn recognition as one of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies in America" by Inc. 5000 for six consecutive years. Committed to operating by a strong set of core values, it has ranked as a Best & Brightest Company to Work for in the Nation for the past five years (2016-2020) and was named one of the top 50 Best Mortgage Companies to Work For in 2021.

In 2016 Jones received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for Michigan and Northwest Ohio. Mark has served on the Board of Directors of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) and currently serves as chair of MBA's Audit and Finance Committee. He previously served as co-chair of MBA's Independent Mortgage Bankers Executive Council.

Jones also serves on the board as Public Policy Committee Chair at Southwest Michigan First and serves as Chair of Southwest Michigan First PAC. Mark holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management from Virginia Commonwealth University, where he competed on the Varsity Swimming & Diving team. In 1979, Jones won the 1979 Virginia Intercollegiate State Championship in 1 meter springboard diving and was a two-time NCAA Regional Qualifier.

Jones lives in greater Kalamazoo with his wife, close to three adult children and one grandchild.

The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) is the national association representing the real estate finance industry, an industry that employs more than 390,000 people in virtually every community in the country. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the association works to ensure the continued strength of the nation's residential and commercial real estate markets, to expand homeownership, and to extend access to affordable housing to all Americans. MBA promotes fair and ethical lending practices and fosters professional excellence among real estate finance employees through a wide range of educational programs and a variety of publications. Its membership of more than 2,000 companies includes all elements of real estate finance: independent mortgage banks, mortgage brokers, commercial banks, thrifts, REITs, Wall Street conduits, life insurance companies, credit unions, and others in the mortgage lending field. For additional information, visit MBA's website: www.mba.org.