

Raymond J. McGuire, AB '79, JD/MBA '84

Raymond J. McGuire is managing director of Morgan Stanley's mergers and acquisitions group. He earned his A.B. at Harvard College in 1979 and his J.D. in 1983 and M.B.A. in 1984 from Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School, respectively. In addition, he attended the University of Nice in France on a Rotary Fellowship.

After completing his JD/MBA, Mr. McGuire spent four years at First Boston Corporation working on mergers and acquisitions. He moved to Wasserstein Perella & Co. in 1988, when that company was formed, and became the first African-American managing director at the firm. He became a partner there in 1991. In 1993, he left Wasserstein Perella for Merrill Lynch.

At Merrill Lynch, McGuire oversees domestic and international mergers tied to the consumer products and paper/forest products industries and advises some of the nation's top chief executives and boards on multibillion-dollar deals. For example, he advised Georgia-Pacific Corp. in its five billion dollar hostile takeover of Great Northern Nekoosa Corp. in 1990—a merger that created the largest paper and forest products company in the world.

Mr. McGuire is first vice chairman and director at the Studio Museum of Harlem, is a member of the board of trustees at the Joseph and Claire Flom Foundation, the Winthrop H. Smith Foundation, and the Enterprise Foundation, and is on the board of directors at both the Wasserstein Perella Foundation and the Arts Connection. Additionally, he is president and a member of the board of trustees of the International Center of Photography, a member of the board of trustees of De La Salle Academy, and treasurer of the Whitney Museum.

At Harvard University, Mr. McGuire joined the Planning Committee on Undergraduate Education of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in 1998. As well, he served on the Visiting Committee to the College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences from 1996 to 1998. At the College, he was 15th Reunion Chair of the Class of '79 and was a member of the Reunion Gift Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Black Alumni Association.

At HLS, McGuire was a member of his 10th Reunion Gift Committee and is currently a member of the HLSA council. Mr. McGuire also spoke at the Traphagen Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series in February 1999.