



City Forest Credits Board of Directors

Name: Mark McPherson, President

Qualifications: Mark is a lawyer and businessperson in Seattle who has been active in urban forestry for many years. He drafted the first conservation easement for the City of Seattle Heritage Tree Program over 25 years ago. He was given a Founder's Award by PlantAmnesty in Seattle for his legal work in many cases involving urban trees. Prior to founding City Forest Credits in 2015, Mark managed a business and started a content web site that received over 200,000 visitors a month. Mark has a Ph.D. and a law degree from Harvard.

In 2013 and 2014, Mark served on the work group at the Climate Action Reserve that developed version two of the Urban Forest Carbon Protocol. He developed the concept of this Urban Forest Carbon Registry with his brother, Dr. Greg McPherson, a pioneering urban forest research scientist, wrote its founding documents and organization plans, and has presented to many people and organizations to promote this non-profit organization.

Name: Joel Bodansky

Qualifications: Joel is a lawyer whose practice focuses on public finance, with an emphasis on representing nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in financings for capital projects through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds and other tax-advantaged vehicles. The nonprofit borrowers in these transactions include educational institutions, healthcare facilities, senior living communities, affordable housing projects, social service organizations, and others. In addition to his work in public finance, Joel has represented clients in a wide variety of business and commercial transactions, including business formation, debt and equity financing, mergers and acquisitions, and federal and state securities compliance. He also served for many years on the Board of Trustees of a non-profit theater organization in Seattle. Joel has a BA from Harvard College and a law degree from University of Chicago.

Name: David Thompson

Qualifications: David is a retired attorney. His legal practice (1986-2020) focused on public finance and municipal law. Working for governmental agencies as bond counsel involves providing advice on the legal structures for borrowing to finance capital projects such as public schools, utilities, hospitals, housing, and other facilities. A number of these projects were complex public-private transactions. David's clients included a wide range of state and local entities in Washington and Alaska. He also served as underwriter's counsel for investment banking firms, focusing on the underwriter's compliance with federal securities laws. David has served on the board of a Seattle-area arts nonprofit and on the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the regional accreditation body for the Pacific Northwest. He has a B.A. from Northwestern University, a Ph.D. in English from Yale University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Mr. McPherson and Mr. Bodansky have served since inception in 2015. Mr. Thompson joined the board in 2019.