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John Page is Senior Corporate Vice President, Chief Corporate Social Responsibility and Chief Legal Officer of Golden State Foods Corp. (GSF), a \$7.5 billion food services company. As Chief Legal Officer at GSF, John has provided business leadership, global experience and strategic guidance and direction for GSF's growth from \$2.4 billion to its current revenue of \$7.5 billion.

John has served as corporate secretary for GSF and all of its subsidiaries and joint ventures since 2004. During this time, combined with his role as counsel and officer/director of several subsidiaries (domestic and international), he has directed and provided business leadership on business formation and structure, corporate governance, regulatory and policy matters, credit facilities, acquisitions, divestitures, strategic planning, and advice to GSF's leadership and its Board of Directors. As a food industry veteran, John has been involved with consummating major transactions with numerous Fortune 500 and Global 1000 companies including Starbucks, McDonald's, Chick Fil A and other QSR leaders and suppliers such as Cargill, Archer Daniels Midland, and leading banks and equipment financing companies relating to distribution, logistics, supply chain, foodservice and production, and global banking relationships.

As a member and active participant in GSF's executive team, John has collaborated with business colleagues in maximizing strategy, structure, and culture to achieve year over year profitable growth with a focus on the diversification of GSF's business, customer base, and developing key relationships within the food industry. John's international and global experience has supported GSF's global growth through his leadership and experience, and successful completion of cross border transactions, acquisitions, and expansions in various regions and countries, among others, China, Mexico, Africa/Middle East, Australia, and New Zealand.

A nationally recognized leader in diversity, John provides executive leadership for GSF's corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts, which include sustainability initiatives, diversity and inclusion, and community involvement through the GSF Foundation. John connects the company's CSR activities to a larger strategic vision through programs that engage employees, protect the environment and better the lives of people. Embracing responsibility for future generations, John helps to ensure that sustainable practices are at the heart of GSF's business, including efforts to reduce carbon emissions, minimize energy and water consumption, and limit waste production. John is a strong supporter of the GSF Foundation and serves as a member of its Board of Directors.

Throughout his career, John has been recognized by several organizations, including the National Law Journal, as one of America's 50 Outstanding General Counsels. Prior to his role at GSF, John litigated and tried numerous commercial matters, including successfully arguing before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

John has served as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Tuskegee University and now serves as the Chair of The Tuskegee University Property Foundation. John has had the honor and privilege to lead several national and global organizations that include the office of President of the National Bar Association and serve as a member of their Board of Governors. John has served on the National Board of Directors of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and was 2014/2015 Chairman. During his tenure he has served on several committees, including nominating and governance, finance/investment and audit, and compensation.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, John is a cum laude graduate of Pace University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and minor in History. John received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was an editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, and currently serves on the Board of Advisors. John resides in Southern California with his wife, Michele, and their three sons.