



# Christine D. “Chris” Richards

*Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer*

As executive vice president and chief operating officer, Chris oversees the operations of the company’s owned and managed collegiate housing portfolio, and directs the management services division. In the past six years, she successfully revamped EdR’s processes, systems and personnel to create market-leading leasing results and incomparable management services.

Chris began her career at Gables Residential Trust, a multi-family apartment real estate investment trust. She came to EdR in 2001 as a regional director and was promoted to vice president of operations in 2006 and then to senior vice president in early 2010. She acquired the additional title of chief operating officer in January 2012.

Along with her responsibilities at EdR, Chris is a member of the National Apartment Association’s (NAA) Student Housing Committee, a past member of the NAA board of directors, the past chair of the NAA Student Housing Committee, a member of the Institute of Real Estate Management, and is a certified property manager (CPM).

Chris received her B.A. in education from the University of Memphis.