



John Garland serves as Executive Chairman for TM2. Prior to his time at the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, John served as President of Central State University from September 1997 through September 2012; during this time the University experienced significant advances. As President of his alma mater, he led the institution through two cycles of reaffirmation of accreditation by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, oversaw the complete rebuilding of the institution's financial and administrative systems, a one hundred-fifty percent increase in enrollment, refurbishing of its facilities to include the construction of eight new academic and residential buildings, and the development of a comprehensive academic and facilities master plan. Prior to moving into higher education, Mr. Garland had a successful career as a civil rights and trial lawyer. He began his career in higher education in 1988 as General Counsel for the University of the District of Columbia. In 1991, he was named Associate General Counsel/Special Assistant Attorney General for the University of Virginia ("UVA"). In 1993, he was appointed to the position of Executive Assistant to the President of UVA and eventually became Associate Vice Provost for Intellectual Property. While at UVA he was a member of the General Faculty and taught undergraduate classes.

Mr. Garland graduated from Central State University in 1971, where he earned a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Political Science in three years. He graduated from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1974 and was admitted to the Ohio State Bar in that same year. Mr. Garland is a life member of the NAACP, Disabled American Veterans, and AmVets. He currently serves on the Board of Visitors of the Marine Corps University, by appointment of the Secretary of the Navy.