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MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION



### **Mark Jones**

2022 MBA Vice Chair  
Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer  
Amerifirst Home Mortgage

Mark co-founded Amerifirst Home Mortgage with Dave Gahm in 1983. The company has grown from an individual location in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to over 80 full-service locations and 900 personnel nationwide.

Jones is an advocate for affordable homeownership with a mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Amerifirst is the No. 1 USDA lender and the No. 3 FHA lender in Michigan, and the No. 13 FHA lender in Florida. Amerifirst is a

Ginnie Mae issuer and manages a \$6B servicing portfolio. In August 2020, Amerifirst established a new bilingual mortgage services division to meet the growing homeownership needs of the Hispanic community.

Jones' leadership has helped Amerifirst earn recognition as one of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies in America" by Inc. 5000 for six consecutive years. Committed to operating by a strong set of core values, it has ranked as a Best & Brightest Company to Work for in the Nation for the past five years (2016-2020) and was named one of the top 50 Best Mortgage Companies to Work For in 2021.

In 2016 Mark received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for Michigan and Northwest Ohio. Mark has served on the Board of Directors of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) and currently serves as chair of MBA's Audit and Finance Committee. He previously served as co-chair of MBA's Independent Mortgage Bankers Executive Council.

Mark also serves on the board as Public Policy Committee Chair at Southwest Michigan First and serves as Chair of Southwest Michigan First PAC. Mark holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management from Virginia Commonwealth University, where he competed on the Varsity Swimming & Diving team. In 1979, Jones won the 1979 Virginia Intercollegiate State Championship in 1 meter springboard diving and was a two-time NCAA Regional Qualifier.

Jones lives in in the greater Kalamazoo area of Michigan, with his wife, close to three adult children and one grandchild.