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Stephen L. Brown serves as Senior Director of Corporate Governance and Associate General Counsel for TIAA-CREF, a full-service financial services group of companies with over $464.7 billion assets under management (as of 12/31/2011).

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In 2011, Mr. Brown was named by the National Association of Corporate Directors as one of the 100 most influential people in corporate governance and the boardroom. In 2009, Mr. Brown was named as one of 10 global Rising Stars of Corporate Governance by the Yale School of Management's Millstein Center for Corporate Governance and Performance.

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