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Joe C. Morris is founder and Past Chairman of The Capital Corporation, located in Lenexa, Kansas. The Capital Corporation assisted clients with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, strategic planning, and information technology risk assessment. Joe was born in Emporia, Kansas, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration “with highest distinction” from The University of Kansas in 1961. In addition, he was designated a “Distinguished Military Graduate”, served three years as an officer in the United States Air Force and later received his graduate degree from Indiana University Graduate School of Business.

Joe began his career in 1964 with Columbia Savings in Emporia, KS, and was elected Chairman of Western Financial Corporation and its subsidiary, Columbia Savings. In 1964, Columbia had one office with \$9 million in assets. In 1993, Columbia had grown to \$1.1 billion with 34 offices when it was sold to what is now U.S. Bank. In 1998, he was Elected Chairman of Commercial Guaranty Bancshares which was sold to Enterprise Bank of St. Louis, MO in 2000. While he was in the savings & loan and banking businesses, he was National Chairman of the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, served as a member on The Thrift Advisory Council to the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, and was Chairman of the Savings Association Advisory Committee to The FDIC in Washington D.C.

Joe has been deeply involved in his church and community throughout his career. He is an “elder” in the Presbyterian Church and a former Chairman of the Village Presbyterian Church Board of Trustees. He still serves as a KU Endowment Trustee and a member of the KU Endowment Investment Committee. He is the immediate Past National Chairman of the KU Alumni Association. In 2006, Joe was the recipient of “The Fred Ellsworth Award” for distinguished service to the University of Kansas.

Joe and his wife, Susan, have three sons, Joe, David and Scott. His family was honored by the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation as the “Kansas Family of the ear” in 1981.

