

Erskine Boyce Bowles
Doctor of Laws

Erskine Boyce Bowles has been, since November 1996, Chief of Staff to the President of the United States. In announcing the appointment President Clinton said, "I wanted someone of stature, intellect, dedication, drive, and the capacity to do this virtually impossible job." Erskine Bowles had served the nation previously as administrator of the United States Small Business Administration and later as deputy chief of staff. It was in the latter position that President Clinton first found in Mr. Bowles a close friend and trusted adviser.

Erskine Bowles holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from this University and a master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business, where he was a McKinsey Scholar. He is the founder of Bowles Hollowell Conner & Co., a Charlotte-based investment banking firm. Under his leadership, the firm achieved a reputation as one of the country's premier investment banking firms specializing in middle market transactions. Recently, he joined with Nelson Schwab III to found Carousel Capital, a merchant banking firm that is focused on acquiring middle market companies in the southeastern United States.

In addition to serving on the boards of directors of a number of companies, Mr. Bowles has served as president of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and as a member of the boards of visitors of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Davidson College, and Johnson C. Smith University.