

## **John L. Knott, Jr.**

*Chief Executive Officer*

The Noisette Company, LLC

As President, CEO, Chairman and co-founder of the Noisette Company, LLC, John Knott leads the Noisette Project development team, which is collaborating with the City of North Charleston, South Carolina, in the sustainable restoration of 3,000 acres of the city's historic urban core and areas of the former Charleston Naval Base. A third generation developer, Knott has 36 years of experience in the urban redevelopment, historic preservation and community rehabilitation fields. He specializes in ecologically sound development, emphasizing energy efficient design in the holistic development of sustainable communities. In addition, Knott serves as CEO/Managing Director of Island Preservation Partnership, which developed the 1,206-acre Dewees Island oceanfront retreat dedicated to environmental preservation.

At both Dewees and Noisette, Knott has played a major role in molding the nation's sustainable development movement. In 2001, Dewees Island was honored with Award for Excellence by the non-profit Urban Land Institute of Washington, DC. Among the many honors given to Dewees in recognition of its pioneering ecologically-sound development include *Keep America Beautiful*, and the 1999 *Coastal Living* magazine's *Responsible Development/Community Award*. In February 2005, *Organic Style* magazine selected Dewees as one of the United States leading communities; in an article entitled "The Best Places to Live – For All the Best Reasons".

In 2004, *Interiors & Sources* magazine named John Knott as one of the nation's "Environmental Champions for 2004", joining such high profile figures as scientist E.O. Wilson of Harvard University, and Ray Anderson, Chairman of Interface, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia.

In February 2002, Knott was featured as one of the nation's "Thought Leaders" in the building industry, by *Professional Builder* magazine. That same year, he served as chairman of the US Working Group for Urban-Suburban Indicators in compiling the landmark Heinz Center report, *The State of the Nation's Ecosystems*. In addition, Knott serves on the Heinz Center's Design Committee.

His many board appointments include the ULI District Council for South Carolina, the Noisette Foundation and the Revitalist Institute. Knott also serves as a frequent member on the ULI Panel Advisory Service that advises cities around the United States and Internationally on addressing some of the most serious land use issues.

Recently, Knott served on the ULI's International Blue Ribbon Panel for an advisory services report on the Anacostia Waterfront in Washington, DC, which is working to restore the ecologically-devastated Anacostia River, watershed and community within the Chesapeake Bay region. An in-demand speaker for national building and environmental groups, Knott has headlined programs at Harvard University School of Design and the City College of New York. In 2003, he was one of 18 panelists for the national Forum for Corporate Conscience, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In the Charleston area, Knott was co-founder of the non-profit organizations The Harmony Project, and The Sustainability Institute of North Charleston. In the business sector, he serves on the Melaver, Incorporated Board of Directors, a Savannah, Georgia-based property management and development company committed to sustainability. He also serves as President/CEO of the Aden Company, Inc.

A graduate of Loyola University of Baltimore, John and his wife Diane also served as co-chairs for the Capital Campaign at the Mepkin Abbey Monastery in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. Natives of Baltimore, the Knotts have three adult children, and two grandchildren. They have lived in the Charleston area since 1992.