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**DANIEL THOMAS OF ST. JOHN PROPERTIES, INC. APPOINTED
CHAIRMAN OF ADVISORY BOARD FOR UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE,
MERRICK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REAL ESTATE PROGRAM**

Program is only curriculum offering undergraduate real estate degree in State of Maryland

BALTIMORE (September 5, 2012) – Daniel Thomas of St. John Properties, Inc. has been appointed Chairman of the Advisory Board for the University of Baltimore, Merrick School of Business Real Estate and Economic Development Program. Joining Mr. Thomas on the advisory board this year are Josh Neiman, Assistant Director of Development, Maryland Economic Development Corporation; Poli Peters, Director of Operations, Richmond American Homes; and Cathy Ward, Senior Vice President – Asset Management and Leasing, Corporate Office Properties Trust.

The University of Baltimore Real Estate and Economic Development Program is designed to prepare graduates for careers in the commercial real estate and economic development industries, with positions including development professional, appraiser, asset and property manager, leasing agent, commercial lender, land use planner and property investor, among others. The multi-disciplined curriculum, which is the only program of its kind in the State of Maryland, addresses practice areas such as real estate principles and transactions, market analysis, public economic and land use and real estate law.

The Advisory Board is responsible for developing strategies to bring increased awareness of the university's real estate and economic development program to fuel enrollment, and to create opportunities that improve the overall student experience of the curriculum.

“A career in commercial real estate offers tremendous opportunities in a diverse range of sectors such as finance, leasing, development and property management, and the University of Baltimore program offers an unparalleled foundation for young professionals interested in pursuing this path,” said Daniel Thomas, who works within St. John Properties' leasing division.

“The greater Baltimore-Washington, D.C.-Northern Virginia marketplace is among the most prolific in the country in terms of commercial and retail real estate growth and activity, as well as the accompanying positions working within the industry sector,” he added.

St. John Properties, Inc., founded in 1971, owns and has developed nearly 17 million square feet of R&D/flex, office, retail and warehouse space in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit www.sjpi.com.