

Maurice R. Smith

Chief Executive Officer

Maurice Smith is the CEO of Local Government Federal Credit Union and Civic Federal Credit Union. LGFCU is a financial cooperative serving the financial needs of employees, appointed officials, elected officeholders and volunteers of local governments in North Carolina.

Smith began his career in financial services as a loan officer for State Employees' Credit Union. He served in capacities including vice president/city executive and vice president of marketing and training. Smith joined LGFCU in 1992 as the Executive Vice President, was promoted to President in 1999, and named Chief Executive Officer in 2017.

Smith received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and earned a Juris Doctorate from the North Carolina Central University School of Law. Smith is licensed to practice law in North Carolina, the United States Supreme Court and the District of Columbia. He is also a North Carolina Certified Superior Court Mediator.

He holds a North Carolina Real Estate Brokers License, Certified Credit Union Executive designation, and has attended several management and marketing schools.

Smith is the recipient of the 2020 Herb Wegner Memorial Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement, presented by The National Credit Union Foundation, and the 2019 Annie Vamper Helping Hands Award, given by Inclusiv in recognition of those who make extraordinary contributions to the credit union movement.

He is also the recipient of the 2019 Pete Crear Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the African-American Credit Union Coalition (AACUC). The AACUC also created the Maurice R. Smith Fund in his honor, to provide scholarships to credit union personnel for training that furthers their careers.

Smith and his wife have two adult children and live in Cary, North Carolina. He is a Deacon at Wake Chapel Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and participates in several professional, community and civic activities.

Smith was named executive vice president of Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU) in 1992, and in 2017 was named Chief Executive Officer of both LGFCU and Civic Federal Credit Union. He is the former board chairman of the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), and has volunteered on several other credit union industry boards. Smith calls himself a "credit union geek" and notes that credit union advocacy is his passion. In 2019, he received the African-American Credit Union Coalition's (AACUC) Pete Crear Lifetime Achievement Award based on his tireless commitment to the credit union industry.

When describing his CEO duties, Smith explained, "I see to it Civic's philosophy and offerings are consistent with members' demands and need for an authentic financial experience. As a Civic advocate, I represent the interests of members with regulators, public policymakers and strategic partners. You can think of me as Civic's chief cheerleader."

When he's not working, Smith enjoys spending time with his wife of 38 years, his son, daughter and son-in-law.