

Denise L. Johnson has over 25 years of non-profit and for-profit experience in historic preservation, affordable housing development, real estate syndication, commercial real estate development, and asset management. In January 2008, Ms. Johnson launched a new consulting practice, DLJ Consulting, specializing in historic preservation, community development, and community engagement.

Prior to establishing DLJ Consulting, Ms. Johnson was Director of Special Initiatives for the Community Revitalization Department of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. During her twelve years at the National Trust, Ms. Johnson focused on using historic preservation as a tool to revitalize urban communities. Ms. Johnson developed affordable housing for Manna, Inc., a local non-profit housing provider in Washington, DC. Her most notable project was the renovation and restoration of the historic Whitelaw Hotel, which resulted in 35 units of affordable housing. Ms. Johnson was Vice President of Beta Investment Group, an entrepreneurial real estate syndication firm in New York. She also managed a nationwide portfolio of commercial real estate as an Asset Manager for Cigna Capital Advisors in Hartford, CT.

Ms. Johnson served on the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board from 2002 - 2008. She was recently named to serve on the D.C. Office of Planning's Zoning Review Task Force. Ms. Johnson earned an Excellence in Historic Preservation Award for her work administering the Washington Convention Center's Historic Preservation Fund. She holds a BA in economics from the University of Pennsylvania, and studied mathematics at McGill University in Montreal.