



## First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation® Bolsters Correspondent Division with Additions of Franks and Braswell

*Strengthening Brand and Growing National Footprint Continue to Attract Top Tier Talent*

**TYSONS CORNER, VIRGINIA, September 6, 2016** – First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation® (FGMC), a Virginia Corporation, providing residential mortgage lending services for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that mortgage industry veterans, **Mark Franks** and **John Braswell**, have joined the company as Account Executives for the Correspondent Division.

“Mark and John are both highly seasoned, value additions to the Correspondent Division Sales Team. Each brings a wealth of talent, industry knowledge, and product expertise to the company,” said **Mark Mayhook, Senior Director of TPO Production**.

Mark Franks and John Braswell each bring 25+ years of mortgage industry experience to FGMC. Prior to joining FGMC, Mark was Regional Sales Leader, **PHH Mortgage Corporation**; and was with PHH Mortgage Corporation for 26 years, where he held the positions of Senior Account Executive, Wholesale & Correspondent Lending; and, Business Segment Advocate, Brands & Mobility. He received his Bachelor’s Degree – Business Administration, from Seton Hall University – South Orange, NY. Mark resides in the greater Denver area and represent the Rocky Mountain Region.

John Braswell resides in Birmingham, AL. He will represent the Correspondent Division throughout the South East Region. John’s military career earned him the rank of **First Lieutenant, United States Air Force Reserve (Retired)**. He entered the mortgage banking industry in 1993. His career path includes Account Executive, **Stonegate Mortgage Corporation**; Account Executive, **Liberty Mortgage Corp**; and has held Wholesale and Retail loan origination positions with additional lenders over the years. John received his Bachelor of Arts Degree – Communications, from University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL.

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## About First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation®

Providing premium residential mortgage lending services for over 25 years, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation® (FGMC), today offers Correspondent, Wholesale and Retail residential loan origination channels. Together with First Guaranty's Warehouse Lending Divisions, FGMC provides a full spectrum of lending products and services throughout the 47 states and the District of Columbia, where licenses are held.

FGMC has worked closely for years with Government Sponsored Enterprises and federal agencies to make quality loan products available nationally. FGMC is a national approved Single Family Issuer for Ginnie Mae; an approved Fannie Mae MBS Issuer; approved by HUD (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development); an FHA approved lending institution (Federal Housing Administration); approved for VA (United States Department of Veterans Affairs); and approved by USDA (United States Department of Agriculture).

Recognized by *Inc. Magazine* in 2014, 2015 and 2016, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation continues to be one of the fastest-growing privately-held companies in the United States. *Inc. Magazine's* – *Inc. 5000*, rankings for 2016 were based on 2011–2014 information. FGMC (Ranked #3288), experienced impressive revenue growth of **101** percent during this period of time; and reported that **822** jobs were added during the same time period. *Inc. Magazine* has provided annual rankings since 1981. FGMC's ranking can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.inc.com/profile/first-guaranty-mortgage>

FGMC prides itself on using robust technology in new and creative ways to ensure the company (and its partners) are exercising the most efficient and compliant processes available. The company has been nominated for the Ellie Mae Hall of Fame on multiple occasions and was honored with **Ellie Mae's 2013 Award for Exceptional Customization of Encompass** for its innovative use of Ellie Mae technology. Ben Sizemore, Jr., Chief Information Officer, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, is a member of Ellie Mae's CIO Advisory Board. FGMC has also been recognized by *Mortgage Technology Magazine* as a "Top Tech-Savvy Lender" for three consecutive years (2011, 2012 and 2013). The company's revolutionary Vango™ | FGMC Online Marketing is a proprietary, web-based technology that enables FGMC to distribute individualized, agency-quality marketing materials which comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

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