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FCA names David Grahn general counsel and director of the Office of General Counsel

McLEAN, Va., Sept. 6, 2023 — FCA Board Chairman and CEO Vincent Logan today announced the appointment of David Grahn as general counsel and director of FCA's Office of General Counsel.

Mr. Grahn returns to FCA where he previously served as director of the Office of Regulatory Policy and as associate general counsel. Mr. Grahn first came to FCA in 2018 after 30 years of service in the International Affairs, Food Assistance, Farm and Rural Programs Division of the Office of General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). During this period, he worked on the 1990, 1996, 2002, 2005, and 2014 farm bills.

In 2021, he left FCA when Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack asked him to return to USDA to serve as principal deputy counsel in USDA's Office of General Counsel. In this role, Mr. Grahn helped implement provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act, which provided \$3.1 billion for loan modifications to help distressed borrowers in the direct and guaranteed loan programs of USDA's Farm Service Agency. The funding associated with the Inflation Reduction Act is being used to help bring those distressed borrowers current on their loan obligations.

Mr. Grahn succeeds Ward Griffin, who has served as FCA acting general counsel since May 2023 and now returns to the role of deputy general counsel.

"FCA is pleased to welcome David back to our leadership team," said Chairman Logan. "His expansive legal and policymaking expertise and strong familiarity with our mission will ensure that he hits the ground running. I'm pleased that he's accepted the board's offer and look forward to working with him."

"David's return to FCA is a bit of a homecoming, and I'm delighted to welcome him back to the FCA family and our senior leadership team," said Board Member Jeff Hall, who also serves as chairman of the board of directors of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation. "Our agency will benefit greatly from his legal expertise and strong leadership abilities."

"During my tenure as FCA board chairman, I appointed David to serve as director of our Office of Regulatory Policy, and he made many valuable contributions in this role," said Board Member Glen Smith. "We are fortunate to have him return as our general counsel. His expertise and his many years of experience make him uniquely qualified for this role."

Mr. Grahn holds a juris doctorate from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor's degree in political science from Carleton College. He and his wife, Jill, live in Arlington, Va.

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The Farm Credit Administration is the safety and soundness regulator of the Farm Credit System. The System consists of two government-sponsored enterprises — a nationwide network of cooperative banks and associations established in 1916, and a secondary market entity known as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac), which was established in 1988. The System's borrower-owned banks and associations provide credit to farmers, ranchers, residents of rural communities, agricultural and rural utility cooperatives, and other eligible and creditworthy borrowers. Farmer Mac provides a secondary market for agricultural real estate loans, rural housing mortgage loans, and certain rural utility loans. FCA news releases are available on the web at www.fca.gov.