

J.B. Kurish – Emory University

J.B. Kurish joined Goizueta Business School in the fall of 2006. He is a Professor in the Practice of Finance and has served Goizueta in leadership roles as Associate Dean of the Full-time Program and more recently as Senior Associate Dean of Executive Education. In addition to Professor Kurish's primary teaching focus in finance, he is expanding his teaching into courses related to the school's new Roberto C. Goizueta Business & Society Institute. Kurish also serves as the Faculty Director of the Goizueta Advanced Leadership Academy (GALA). Further, he is the past Chair of The Washington Campus (TWC) and has served on its Executive Committee for the past eight years. TWC is a consortium of 17 business schools that believe leaders should have an understanding of the linkage between business and government. In addition to Goizueta, some of the other schools involved in TWC are Haas (University of California – Berkeley), Kelley (Indiana University), McCombs (University of Texas- Austin), and the Ross School of Business (University of Michigan).

During his years at Emory University, Kurish has been the recipient of a number of awards, including the Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award given to only a handful of professors across Emory University, and the Keough Award, Goizueta Business School's highest award for service. He has also been recognized as a top MBA professor by Poets & Quants - a leading news source of MBA programs throughout the world.

Over the past decade and continuing today, Kurish serves on the Board of a small, private healthcare company and previously was its President and CEO. He also has been an advisor and investor to an entrepreneurial venture focused on positively impacting climate change through the application of new technology in the solar energy field.

As an economist and former Wall Street investment banker, Professor Kurish is knowledgeable about a wide array of issues related to the financial markets. In the past several years, he has appeared on television or been quoted in the print media on topics such as financial market and economic conditions, the impact of global health issues and political tensions, U.S. presidential elections, and corporate mergers. In addition, Professor Kurish is often cited on issues pertaining to the municipal debt market. He is recognized as a leading authority in state and local government financing having served as an expert witness for legal proceedings related to the municipal market and having been quoted in publications such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Businessweek, and Bloomberg Markets.

Earlier in his career, Professor Kurish was Director of the Government Finance Research Center (GFRC) of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). As the Director of the GFRC, he directed the public finance research, economic analysis, and financial advisory work undertaken by the GFRC. Furthermore, Professor Kurish has authored or co-authored highly praised publications such as An Elected Official's Guide to Debt Issuance, Competitive V. Negotiated: How to Choose the Method of Sale for Tax-Exempt Bonds, and Pricing Bonds in a Negotiated Sale: How to Manage the Process.