

Emily Ormsby is the Vice President of Internal Audit at Cousins Properties, a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust (REIT) based in Atlanta, Georgia. Emily joined Cousins in 2013. During her time at Cousins, Emily repositioned the Internal Audit function to focus not only on Sarbanes Oxley compliance, but also on collaboration across business units to improve processes and mitigate risks. In addition to compliance activities, Emily is responsible for identifying areas of emerging risk, understanding the Company's culture and its impact on efficiency, and bringing business units together to solve process-related matters.

Prior to joining Cousins, Emily worked in industrial real estate as a sales and leasing representative for an Atlanta-based private industrial real estate developer, where she marketed, leased, and managed second-generation industrial facilities in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties. She also managed internal leasing databases and internal reporting. She was president of the Stone Mountain Industrial Park Association and in that role, kicked off the process that eventually created the Stone Mountain Community Improvement District. She parlayed her love of the analytical side of lease negotiations into a career in accounting. She established accounting and finance policies and procedures for a global impact investment firm. She also coordinated the firm's budgeting process and developed accountability analytics. Emily worked in external audit for a local CPA firm, where she enjoyed building relationships with her nonprofit and small business clients and working with them to improve their understanding of GAAP accounting and internal controls.

Emily is a proud native of the Atlanta area. She graduated from the University of Georgia, which is where she met her husband. They live in Grant Park with their 4-year-old daughter, 2-year-old son, and a couple of moody felines.