

**ULI Chicago 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Vision Awards  
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**Frontrunner Finalist:**

**KEMENA BROOKS**

*Director of Development*  
The Community Builders

Kemena is a real estate developer with more than a decade of experience leading community and mixed income housing developments throughout the Southeast and Midwest. Her experience includes overseeing development activity from initial concept creation through project stabilization. She is responsible for relationship management, business development, and overseeing project financing, design, construction, and lease-up. She is able to manage teams across the development of nearly 1,000 multi-family units and over 100,000 square feet of commercial or community space. Kemena has also recently been recognized by Crain's Chicago Business as a '40 Under 40', which highlighted her involvement in the project that won the Pritzker Traubert Foundation's \$10 million Chicago Prize. Kemena is also very involved in The Goldie Initiative as a Goldie Scholar Alumna as well as a current Goldie mentor. The Goldie Initiative is a nonprofit organization dedicated to redefining the commercial real estate industry by elevating and advancing the careers of women with high potential. Since 2007, The Goldie Initiative has created a professional community of dozens of women with extraordinary academic and leadership potential to become Goldie Scholars®. Our unique strategy of scholarship, mentoring, networking, and professional development cultivates talented women into future leaders.