

# BIOGRAPHY OF LISA L. WALKER – Fair Housing Trainer

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Since July 2002 Lisa Walker has been the CEO and General Counsel of the Housing and Development Law Institute (“HDLI”), a legal think tank and training organization in the public and affordable housing industry.

Ms. Walker designed and implements HDLI’s successful interactive fair housing training program, directed toward the unique job responsibilities and challenges of public housing and redevelopment agencies, their management companies, and development partners. She has trained more than 4,300 front-line, maintenance, managerial, executive, and legal staff of housing agencies and developers of all sizes, including the CT Group, (D.C.), Dwayne Henson Investments, Inc. (TX), KG Residential, LLC (TX), HFI Management Company (TX), LBK Limited (TX), Dallas Housing Authority (TX), Houston Housing Authority (TX), Fort Worth

Housing Authority (TX), Abilene Housing Authority (TX), Candletree Apartments (TX), Denton Housing Authority (TX), Integrated Housing Solutions LLC (TX), Monarch Properties (TX), Orion Residential Properties (TX), Overton Park Townhomes (TX), Pace Realty (TX), Tarrant County Housing Assistance (TX), Seattle Housing Authority (WA), Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (CA), Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CA), Housing Authority of the County of Ventura (CA), Housing Authority of the City of Ventura (CA), and Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard (CA), Orlando Housing Authority (FL), Tampa Housing Authority (FL), Sanford Housing Authority (FL), Pinellas County Housing Authority (FL), Seminole County Housing Authority (FL), Winter Park Housing Authority (FL), CF Lane, LLC (FL), Owensboro Housing Authority (KY), Bowling Green Housing Authority (KY), Beaver Dam Housing Authority (KY), Housing Authority of Henderson (KY), Housing Authority of Madisonville (KY), Charleston Housing Authority (SC), Newark Housing Authority (NJ), North Bend City/Coos-Curry County Housing Authorities (OR), Henry County Housing Authority (IL), Richland County Housing Authority (IL), St. Mary’s County Housing Authority (MD), Harrisburg Housing Authority (PA), Denver Housing Authority (CO), Cambridge Housing Authority (MA), Housing Authority of New Orleans (LA), St. Bernard Parish Government (LA), Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA-nationwide), Pacific Northwest Regional Council, and states of Michigan (MI), Indiana (IN), and Nebraska (NE) affiliates of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). Ms. Walker also has a broad knowledge of federally-assisted public and affordable housing programs, applicable federal regulations (such as those implemented by HUD and the Justice Department), and the fair housing obligations implicit therein. Ms. Walker is certified as a fair housing trainer by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

Prior to joining HDLI, Ms. Walker was a partner at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P, a large regional law firm servicing the Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia corridor. As a commercial litigator, Ms. Walker handled the business disputes of corporations, partnerships, organizations, and individuals in the areas of contracts, employment, torts, intellectual property, and product liability, among other areas. Developing a particular interest in and knowledge of fair housing issues, Ms. Walker actively represented the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and City of Baltimore in *Thompson v. HUD*, major federal public housing reform litigation, and with respect to a wide variety of fair housing issues.

Ms. Walker is licensed to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, the federal Fourth and Fifth Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the state and federal courts of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Ms. Walker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the University of Maryland, College Park, where she received a four-year academic scholarship from the university. She holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law, where she received a three-year academic fellowship and was a member of the competitive Moot Court Board. She has been active in local and national bar associations, on nonprofit boards of directors, as well as a number of other service and civic organizations. Ms. Walker serves as *pro bono* counsel to the Miss Black U.S.A. Pageant & Scholarship Foundation, Inc. She also is a frequent speaker, trainer, and presenter at industry meetings across the country.