

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 training programs 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 4,500 front-line, maintenance, managerial, executive, and legal staff of housing agencies and developers of all sizes. Ms. Walker is certified as a fair housing trainer by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Some of Ms. Walker’s clients include The CT Group, (D.C.), Dwayne Henson Investments, Inc. (TX), KG Residential, LLC (TX), HFI

Management Company (TX), LBK Limited (TX), Dallas Hous. Auth. (TX), Houston Hous. Auth. (TX), Fort Worth Hous. Auth. (TX), Abilene Hous. Auth. (TX), Candletree Apartments (TX), Denton Hous. Auth. (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 Hous. Auth. (WA), Hous. Auth. of the City of Los Angeles (CA), Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CA), Hous. Auth. of the County of Ventura (CA), Hous. Auth. of the City of Ventura (CA), Hous. Auth. of the City of Oxnard (CA), Orlando Hous. Auth. (FL), Tampa Hous. Auth. (FL), Sanford Hous. Auth. (FL), Pinellas County Hous. Auth. (FL), Seminole County Hous. Auth. (FL), Winter Park Hous. Auth. (FL), Punta Gorda Hous. Auth. (FL), Arcadia Hous. Auth. (FL), Avon Park Hous. Auth. (FL), CF Lane, LLC (FL), Owensboro Hous. Auth. (KY), Bowling Green Hous. Auth. (KY), Beaver Dam Hous. Auth. (KY), Hous. Auth. of Henderson (KY), Hous. Auth. of Madisonville (KY), Charleston Hous. Auth. (SC), Newark Hous. Auth. (NJ), Syracuse Hous. Auth. (NY), North Bend City/Coos-Curry County Housing Authorities (OR), Henry County Hous. Auth. (IL), Richland County Hous. Auth. (IL), St. Mary’s County Hous. Auth. (MD), Harrisburg Hous. Auth. (PA), Altoona Hous. Auth. (PA), McKean County Hous. Auth. (PA), Denver Hous. Auth. (CO), Cambridge Hous. Auth. (MA), Hous. Auth. of New Orleans (LA), St. Bernard Parish Government (LA), Milford Redevelopment and Housing Partnership (CT), Lucas Metropolitan Hous. Auth. (OH), Warner Robins Hous. Auth. (GA), Roanoke Redevelopment and Hous. Auth. (VA), Lynchburg Redevelopment and Hous. Auth. (VA), Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials (VA), Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA-nationwide), NYSPHADA (NY), the following Regional Councils of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO): Pacific Northwest (PNRC), Mid-Atlantic (MARC), Southeast (SERC), and the Michigan (MI), Indiana (IN), and Nebraska (NE) affiliates of 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.

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 Hous. Auth. 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.