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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 national, non-partisan legal think tank and training organization in the public and affordable housing industry based in Washington, DC. Ms. Walker is responsible for all affairs of the organization, including authoring HDLI’s *amicus briefs* before the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts of appeal across the country, authoring HDLI’s periodicals and publications, providing training and consulting services, and one-on-one member support on a myriad of legal and operational issues.

Ms. Walker designs and implements HDLI’s successful on-line and on-site training programs directed toward the unique job responsibilities and challenges of property managers, public housing and redevelopment agencies, and other providers of federally assisted housing. Since 2004, she has provided training for more than 5,000 front-line, maintenance, managerial, executive, and legal staff. 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 and commercial litigator at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P, a large regional law firm servicing the Washington, D.C.-Maryland-Virginia corridor. For six years, she was part of the team that represented the City of Baltimore and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City in *Thompson v HUD*, a class action suit that spurred major public housing reform in Baltimore City and throughout the region, and she was in charge of the local defendants’ implementation of a lengthy and cutting-edge partial consent decree.

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. She 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.

Ms. Walker serves as a local election judge and 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. She is a frequent speaker, trainer, and presenter at industry meetings across the country. Ms. Walker is a fellow of the American Academy of Housing and Communities, and serves as general counsel to the Miss Black U.S.A. Pageant & Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Ms. Walker also is a member of the board of directors of Joshua Homes CDC, and is an active member of her local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.