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## CDFA Recognizes Charity Karanja, DFCP

### —Newest Graduate of the Prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Charity Karanja, Attorney with Butler Snow LLP, as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. As a new graduate, Ms. Karanja joins the ranks of fellow graduates who are recognized as the most qualified leaders in the development finance industry.

“The CDFA team is happy to welcome Charity into the ranks of DFCP graduates. She is a great ambassador of the DFCP program and embodies the best and brightest in the development finance industry,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is that through their participation in the DFCP program, graduates leave ready to advance critical development finance efforts in the communities where they work.”

Ms. Karanja is a member of Butler Snow’s Public Finance, Tax Incentives, and Credit Markets Group. She is one of only six women nationwide named to the 2024 Class of the Caren S. Franzini Fellowship, a prestigious program recognizing exceptional women in development finance. Ms. Karanja has also been highlighted in a National Association of Bond Lawyers Spotlight for her contributions to public finance and leadership in the industry.

Her practice focuses on public finance, economic development incentives, and government relations. Ms. Karanja has served in various roles on public, private, and public-private finance transactions, including Special Tax Counsel, Bond Counsel, and Issuer’s Counsel. She has represented governmental and private organizations in diverse financing structures, including general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, USDA financings, and new markets tax credit transactions for transformative community projects.

A graduate of Cornell University’s Charles H. Dyson School and the University of Mississippi School of Law, Ms. Karanja is actively involved in several civic and legal organizations, including the National Association of Bond Lawyers and Women in Public Finance. She has presented at numerous conferences and authored articles, including a toolkit on financing for medium-density housing developments, demonstrating her ongoing commitment to the development finance field.

CDFA’s Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program is an intense training course learning experience and is the industry’s only comprehensive development finance professional certification program. The DFCP Program is designed to produce graduates with a comprehensive knowledge of development finance concepts, tools, and applicability as well as a deep understanding of the entire development finance spectrum. Graduates of the DFCP Program gain valuable knowledge and experience within the complex development finance industry and achieve a level of understanding unmatched by any other professional certification program.

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