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Laura Radcliff Presented Prestigious CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award

— Distinguished Development Finance Career Recognized —

Dublin, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the recipient of the **2026 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award**, Laura Radcliff, Managing Director at Stifel. This year's winners will be formally awarded during a special ceremony at the 2026 CDFA National Development Finance Summit in Savannah, GA, on November 20.

The CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding and lasting contributions to the development finance industry throughout their professional careers. This award honors those individuals and their dedication to advancing new development finance tools, strategies, and approaches.

"Laura's dedication to sharing her expertise has made the difference for hundreds of projects, professionals, and communities that she has impacted throughout her career. We're honored to be able to share this award with her," stated Toby Rittner, DFCP, and President & CEO of CDFA.

Laura Radcliff spent the majority of her career in development finance as an investment banker with Stifel. The hundreds of bond issues Ms. Radcliff has led, including special district and project finance, have resulted in the creation of thousands of jobs, billions of dollars in economic impact, and a rewarding career that she has absolutely loved.

Among the highlights are numerous transactions that were years in the making, including: the Assembly Community Improvement District in Georgia, anchored by the world's largest movie studio; the Kansas City, Missouri Convention Center Hotel, an 800-room luxury Loews hotel; and the Pawtucket, Rhode Island Redevelopment Agency's Centerville Bank Stadium, home of Rhode Island FC. Her first Tax Increment Finance (TIF) project involved the environmental remediation of the historic Kansas City stockyards, including the removal of more than a century's worth of agricultural waste.

Outside of transaction work, other highlights include serving on the board of the Council of Development Finance Agencies, helping lead a series of Tax Increment Finance Master Classes in Australia and New Zealand, teaching development finance seminars and workshops across the country, and interacting with amazing people along the way.

Ms. Radcliff holds a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning from Michigan State University and a Master in Public Affairs from Princeton University. Prior to becoming an investment banker, she worked in local government economic development.

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