HUD Multifamily Policy Priorities: HUD Retools

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Speaker Bios

Denise Muha
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Denise B. Muha serves as the Executive Director of the National Leased Housing Association (NLHA), a post she has held since 1988. The National Leased Housing Association is a membership organization involved in the development, management and administration of federally assisted rental housing for low and moderate income people.

In addition to overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Association, Ms. Muha works with NLHA's 500 member organizations to formulate policy on issues impacting the assisted multifamily rental housing industry and represents these positions before HUD and Congress. She has presented testimony to various congressional committees including the Senate Banking Committee and the House Financial Services Committee on numerous affordable housing issues.

Ms. Muha was a key player in the development of landmark housing legislation that addressed the preservation of over 1.5 million units of affordable housing developed under the Section 8 program. She recently was successful in encouraging Congress to pass and the President to enact legislation to thwart administrative burdens that reduce investment in low income rental housing.
Ms. Muha has developed numerous training seminars sponsored by NLHA and is a frequent lecturer at housing-related conferences.

Ms. Muha, serves on the Advisory Boards of the Housing and Development Reporter, Assisted Housing Management Insider and Tax Credit Insider and is a director on the Bollinger Foundation board, the NLHA Education Fund Board and the Board of Trustees of the National Housing Conference. She is an active Board Member of the National Foundation for Affordable Housing Solutions, which purchases and renovates older assisted housing to preserve a scarce housing resource. Ms. Muha holds a BA from Thiel College.

**Minnie Monroe-Baldwin**
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Minnie has over 30 years of professional experience in the affordable housing industry having worked in property management, nonprofit development, investor asset management and multifamily and commercial loan servicing. She currently serves as OAHP Headquarters Preservation Director. In this capacity, Minnie oversees HUD Multifamily preservation transactions under the 236 prepayment centralized process, including approval of Decoupling of Interest Reduction Payments, Flexible Subsidy Deferrals, assumption subordination of Mark to Market notes and RAD 2nd Component eligibility and processing. Minnie joined the OAHP staff as a Financial Transaction Specialist after serving 4 years as a Housing Project Manager in the Office of Multifamily Development, Technical Support Division. Immediately prior to joining HUD, Minnie worked for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development’s Community Development Administration gaining expert experience in underwriting and closing multi-million dollar loans for multifamily developments financed with tax-exempt bonds, federal, state and local government grants and loans and Low Income Housing tax credits.

Minnie holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. She has completed courses in Urban Planning, University of Virginia. Minnie successfully completed the Housing and Community Executive Education Program, University of Maryland and is certified as a Housing Development Finance Professional through the National Development Council.
Monica Hilton Sussman is a former HUD executive with 20 years experience in real estate and housing law. She focuses her practice in all types of real estate transactions and housing and community development law. Prior to joining Nixon Peabody, Monica held the position of Deputy General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she oversaw the Office of Insured Housing, the Office of Legislation and Regulations and the Office of Finance and Regulatory Programs.

Monica began her career at the New York Office of Federal Affairs, as a legislative counsel with the governor’s Washington office, where she concentrated on housing issues. She then joined the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she held several increasingly responsible positions. She was in private law practice for a decade before returning to HUD as deputy general counsel.

She served as president of the National Housing Conference from 1997 to 2000, and has been actively involved in the National Leased Housing Association and the Mortgage Bankers Association. Monica is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Virginia. She received her B.A. cum laude from Syracuse University and her J.D. from Hofstra University.