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Antoinette M. “Toni” Jackson is a principal with The Banks Law Firm practicing in the area of real estate with a focus on affordable housing and community development financing. Toni’s practice has been the perfect marriage of practicing law while serving the community. The developments she works on have increased the number of affordable housing units and revitalized communities throughout the U.S. Southeast. Ms. Jackson focuses her practice in mixed-finance transactions which include low income housing tax credits (“LIHTC”) and new markets tax credits (“NMTC”), HUD FHA financing, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac platforms and other public funding sources. Toni also works on tax exempt bond transactions and transactions utilizing disaster recovery funding as well as the most recent community development financing tool utilizing Opportunity Zones and ARPA funds. Additionally, she serves as special counsel to public housing authorities assisting with the redevelopment and conversion of public housing portfolios.

Ms. Jackson’s board service includes the Houston Downtown Management District, the Texas Southern University Foundation, Houston Land Bank, Safe Housing Alliance (formerly National Alliance of Safe Housing) and UVA Jefferson Scholars Regional Committee. She is a former Chair of the Governing Committee of the American Bar Association (“ABA”) Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law and Past President of the Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers (“TAAHP”), Houston Habitat for Humanity and Bread of Life boards. She is also a former member of the Texas Medical Board District One Review Committee and UVA Ridley Scholarship Board.

Toni is a past recipient of the Jean MacDonald Lifetime Achievement in Housing by TAAHP and has also received the Carl Umland Humanitarian Award from Houston Habitat for her advocacy work in housing. Ms. Jackson has been recognized by the National Bar Association (“NBA”) Women Lawyers Division as Outstanding Minority Partner in a Minority Firm and received the NBA’s prestigious Wiley A. Branton Award for Civil Rights Advocacy. Ms. Jackson has published several articles and essays including a personal essay included in the ABA publication “GRIT, The Secret to Advancement: Stories of Success Women Lawyers” about being a minority in a major law firm.

Ms. Jackson is currently an Adjunct Professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law and as well as a regular speaker and guest lecturer in the area of affordable housing and community development law. She also serves the Houston community as a member of the Texas Spring Cypress (TX) Chapter of The Links Incorporated. Toni is a proud graduate of the University of Virginia and Thurgood Marshall School of Law Texas Southern University.