



Maria F. Barry

Community Development Banking National Executive

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Maria Barry is the Community Development Banking National Executive for Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where she is responsible for managing the community development business across the country. She manages a team of community development experts who finance affordable and mixed-income housing projects, which typically include Low Income, Historic and/or New Markets Tax Credits, while also working closely with key partners to provide the full scope of bank products to clients.

Maria began her career at Ernst & Young and joined Bank of America Merrill Lynch (legacy institution Fleet Boston Financial) in 1987 in the Commercial Credit department. She then held several management roles in risk management related to training, technology and asset quality reporting for the Board of Directors. In 1999, she was promoted to Director of CRA (Community Reinvestment Act)/Fair Lending and was appointed Director of Corporate Community Development in 2001.

While at Fleet, Maria served as corporate CRA Officer and chaired the Fair Lending Policy Committee acting as primary liaison with the OCC on matters related to CRA and Fair Lending.

Maria joined the Commercial Real Estate Team as Director of Regional Relationship Management in 2003 where she was responsible for launching a new business to meet the needs of small- to mid-sized developers. In March, 2004, she became the Bank of America Community Development Banking Market Executive for the Northeast. She began her current position as Community Development Banking National Executive in February, 2009.

Maria majored in accounting at the University of Connecticut where she was captain of the cross country and track teams.

Maria is currently on the Urban Revitalization Council of the Urban Land Institute as well as the Boards of Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. and the United Way of RI. She is a Certified Public Accountant as well as a NASD Registered Principal with Series 7, 24, and 63 securities licenses. Maria served as a member of the GCB Diversity and Inclusion Council from 2010-2013 starting as co-chair of the Recruiting Team and then moving over to the Inter-Generational Diversity team. She resides in Barrington, RI with her husband and two children.