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Casius Pealer is trained as an architect and an attorney with 15 years of community development experience. For four of those years he served as legal counsel for public housing authorities across the country implementing mixed-finance redevelopment projects in Chicago, Memphis, Indianapolis and Washington, DC, among others. He was also Assistant General Counsel for the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) and most recently served as the first Director of Affordable Housing at the U.S. Green Building Council (USBGC) in Washington, DC.

Prior to working with DCHA, Casius was an attorney at Reno & Cavanaugh, PLLC, based in Washington, DC. His work there included all aspects of mixed-finance transactions, including projects involving Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Project-Based Vouchers, CDBG, HOME, Public Housing Capital and Operating Funds, and proceeds of Capital Fund Financing Program bonds, as well as private financing. Casius has been published in the ABA Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law as well as GreenSource and Architectural Record, and is a regular speaker at professional conferences nationally and internationally.

In addition to the work above, Casius serves on the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Housing Knowledge Community (2008-2012), including as the 2011 Chair. Casius has also served on the board of directors for the Association of Community Design, the ASU Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family, and Habitat for Humanity of Washington, DC, and was appointed by DC Mayor Adrian Fenty to serve on the District's Housing Production Trust Fund Advisory Board. From 1999-2001, Casius was a Community Development Volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps, serving in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, West Indies.

Casius now serves as Adjunct Lecturer at Tulane University, coordinating the final research class for the Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development program. He previously served as Adjunct Assistant Professor at Howard University's School of Architecture and Design, in Washington, DC. Casius is a LEED Accredited Professional (AP), an Estidama Pearl Qualified Professional (PQP), and is licensed to practice law in New York State and the District of Columbia.

Casius holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School and a Master of Architecture from Tulane University, School of Architecture.



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