

APARTMENT AND OFFICE BUILDING ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON



For Immediate Release: Oct. 31, 2018

For More Information: Marie L. Tibor, <u>mtibor@aoba-metro.org</u>

## AOBA Expands Advocacy Team; Randi Marshall Joins Kirsten Williams to Focus on Diverse DC Issues

The AOBA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the organization is growing its advocacy presence in the District of Columbia with an additional staff member joining its government affairs team.

Aligned with a significant increase in membership over the past few years, AOBA's expanded staff enhances the organization's role as an industry leader, strengthens its core mission and increases its capacity to serve members who own or manage residential ("multifamily") and commercial real estate in the vibrant and growing DC market. With this staff addition, AOBA will now have two full time advocacy executives in DC, Maryland and Virginia.

On Oct. 30, **Randi K. Marshall** joined AOBA as *Vice President of Government Affairs, DC - Residential*, and will work alongside **Kirsten B. Williams, Esq**., who will now focus attention on the office building market as *Vice President of Government Affairs, DC - Commercial*. Kirsten joined AOBA in 2015 having previously served as Pepco's Senior Public Affairs Manager for Government Affairs and Public Policy. Over the past three years, she has single-handedly managed a diverse range of DC legislative and regulatory issues.

Prior to joining AOBA, Randi served as the Senior Policy Advisor to the DC Council Chairman, Phil Mendelson. In this position, her legislative portfolio focused on housing and land use policy, as well as provided oversight of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. She also previously served as an Associate Director with the Mayor's Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs, and a Budget Analyst for the DC Council's Office of the Budget Director.

A Northern California native, Randi holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts Boston and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore.

"We are delighted to add Randi Marshall's expertise to our experienced and talented government affairs team. AOBA's staff expansion coincides with the District's vibrant economic growth and with the need to address increasingly complex issues facing the region's multifamily and commercial building industry. We can now dive deeper into issues that are key to our members -- ranging from building codes, housing policy and tax issues to utility regulation, energy and the environment," said AOBA Executive Vice President Margaret "Peggy" Jeffers. ##

AOBA is the local affiliate of the Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA) and the National Apartment Association (NAA). For more info, please visit www.aoba-metro.org.