AFFORDABLE HOUSING FINANCE

Bond Expert

After starting her career as a developer, Allison King has turned her focus to law. By Donna Kimura

As an affordable housing bond attorney, Allison King has participated in hundreds of taxable and taxexempt bond issuances valued at more than \$4 billion and located in rural and urban markets in more than 20 states. These deals have created or preserved more than 16,500 affordable housing units.



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"It's complex. It's interesting. It's solving a puzzle, but it's also giving back to your community at the same time," says King, a partner in the Charleston, S.C., office of Tiber Hudson, where her practice focuses on the role of underwriter's counsel. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the firm was involved in approximately 130 bond transactions last year.

King, 38, started her career as a developer, managing the development of more than 2,400 affordable, market-rate, and active-adult housing units throughout the Southeast. After five years, she transitioned into law while continuing her passion for affordable housing on a broader scale.

"Allison's talent for leadership is apparent in her open-minded, enthusiastic, and collaborative approach to innovative financing structures," says Kent Neumann, founding member of Tiber Hudson. "Allison successfully turns every potential hurdle into a stepping stone, advancing her knowledge, mastering her practice, and building relationships along the way."

King also has taken on key roles outside of her job. In addition to her volunteer work with the nonprofit Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding, she recently served on Charleston's Short-Term Rental (Housing) Task Force and is on the board of a local nonprofit that provides affordable single-family housing for first-time buyers.