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DIANE BUTLER ELECTED 2012 PRESIDENT OF CREW NETWORK

CREW Network Announces 2012 New and Returning Members of the Board of Directors

LAWRENCE, Kan. (September 14, 2011) – Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Network, the industry's leading advocate for the success of women in commercial real estate, announced at its Annual Convention & Marketplace in Washington, DC today that **Diane Butler, of CREW Dallas**, was elected 2012 CREW Network national president.

Butler is CEO of Dallas-based Butler Burgher Group (BBG), a nationwide commercial valuation and due diligence services firm with offices in nine cities including: Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, New York, North Carolina, Orange County and Tampa Bay. Butler co-founded Butler Burgher Group in 1992, and in January 2007 the firm was acquired by Land America Financial Group. She served as General Manager and Senior Vice President and was responsible for running the National Valuation Platform until reacquiring and reforming BBG in 2009. Under Ms. Butler's leadership BBG has grown to national stature and is a leading provider of appraisal, environmental and property condition assessment for all property types throughout the U.S. Butler has more than 25 years of commercial real estate experience in valuation, consulting and feasibility studies.

Butler is a longtime CREW member, having joined the Dallas chapter in 1994. She has served on many CREW national and local committees, and was on the Dallas Board of Directors from 2002-2008. Butler served as CREW Dallas' President in 2006, and in 2007-2008 was a Trustee on the CREW Foundation, in addition to serving on the CREW Network Resource Development and Nominating committees. In 2009, she was elected to the Board of Directors.

In 2010, Butler was named to the Top 25 Women to Watch by the Dallas Business Journal, and was honored in 2009 as one of the 29 Outstanding Women in Commercial Real Estate by D CEO Magazine. She has been extraordinarily active in the Dallas community, serving on the boards of The Real Estate Council (TREC), Appraisal Institute, Dallas Women's Foundation, Habitat for

Humanity, and The First Tee. She is also an Advisory Committee member of the National Multi-Housing Council (NMHC) and a member of NCREIF, ULI and ICSC.

CREW Network also announced new board members and officers:

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**President-Elect: Susan L. Hill, CREW Houston
Senior Managing Director with HFF, LP**

Hill is a Senior Managing Director with HFF, LP in Houston where she is primarily responsible for originating debt and structured finance transactions throughout the United States across all property types. During the course of her 24-year career, she has completed in excess of \$3 billion in commercial real estate transactions. She is a Past President of CREW Houston, has served on the CREW Houston board for six years and was on the 2008 Convention Committee in Houston. Over the years, she has served on many CREW Network committees, including the 2006 Nominating Committee, 2008 Chairman of the Recognition Committee, 2009 Member of the Development Committee, the Playbook Sponsorship Committee and as a judge for the 20 under 40 awards. She is also a member of NAIOP. Additionally, she served six years on the Executive Board for the local Girls Inc. chapter in Houston. In 2009, Ms. Hill was recognized as one of Real Estate Forum's "Women of Influence in Commercial Real Estate."

**Immediate Past President, Collete English Dixon, CREW Chicago
Vice President of Transactions for Prudential Real Estate Investors (PREI)**

English Dixon is Vice President of Transactions for Prudential Real Estate Investors (PREI), a business unit of Prudential Financial. She is a co-leader of PREI's national investment dispositions program. Previously, English Dixon was responsible for sourcing wholly owned and joint venture real estate investment opportunities in the Midwestern markets covering all property types, including office, multi-family, hotel, industrial and retail properties.

English Dixon is a Past President of CREW Chicago, a Past Chair of CREW Foundation, a full member of ULI and Vice-Chair, Membership of the UDMU Council/Purple Flight. She is also a member of the Advisory Council for the Chicago School of Real Estate at the Walter E. Heller College of Business Administration, Roosevelt University and on the Board of Directors for the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry. In 2011, English Dixon was recognized as one of Real Estate Forum's "Women of Influence in Commercial Real Estate" and was inducted into the inaugural class of the Real Estate Hall of Fame for Midwest Real Estate News.

**Lori Kilberg, CREW Atlanta
Partner, Hartman Simons & Wood LLP**

Kilberg is a partner in the Atlanta law firm of Hartman Simons & Wood LLP, a 30-lawyer boutique commercial real estate firm in Atlanta, Georgia. She represents national and regional developers, national retailers and industrial companies in all aspects of commercial real estate transactions including acquisitions, dispositions, development, leasing and sales of shopping centers and office buildings, multi-use developments, warehouses, distribution centers, and urban redevelopment projects. She received her J.D. degree in 1980 from Emory University, with distinction, and served on the Editorial Board of the Emory Law Journal. Lori's involvement with CREW began in Atlanta in 2002. She graduated from the 2004 CREW Atlanta Leadership Program and served on the Atlanta board prior to becoming the 2011 President of CREW Atlanta.

**Angela O'Byrne, New Orleans CREW
President, Perez, APC**

O'Byrne serves as current President of Perez, APC, a 70-year-old architecture, landscape architecture, planning, and interior design firm. Under O'Byrne's leadership, Perez has grown into a national firm with eight locations across the country in addition to its headquarters in New Orleans, Louisiana. Prior to her

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time at Perez, O'Byrne served as Operations Manager and Studio Director at two multi-national Architecture and Engineering firms, and as the Director of Project Management for the New York City Housing Development Corporation, the largest Housing Finance Agency in the country. After Hurricane Katrina, she co-founded CityWorks, a non-profit organization dedicated to transforming New Orleans into a model city for the nation.

**Heidi Timken, East Bay CREW
Founding Partner of Timken Johnson Hwang LLP**

Timken is a founding partner of Timken Johnson Hwang LLP, a women and minority-owned real estate law firm in Walnut Creek, California (the "East Bay"). Timken has been in practice nearly 20 years and has been selected as a Northern California Super Lawyer from 2006 to 2011. Previously, she spent 14 years at Miller Starr Regalia, California's preeminent real estate law firm.

CREW Network also announced the following returning board members:

**Kris Beason
CREW Seattle & Sound
Project Executive, Skanska USA Building Inc.**

Beason is a Project Executive with Skanska USA Building in Seattle, where she provides preconstruction and construction services for many national firms. She is the current President of CREW Seattle & Sound, and has been serving on the board for four years. Beason is an active member of NAIOP, BOMA and WBBA. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound, and on the YWCA Property Committee.

**Lou Ann Dent
CREW Baltimore
Vice President, Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.**

Dent is a Vice President with Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc. in Washington, DC, where she provides insurance brokerage and advisory services to her clients. Her career has spanned more than 30 years, with the last six focused heavily on developing innovative insurance solutions for commercial real estate and construction. Currently, Dent serves on the Recognition Committee and as President of CREW Baltimore, and is an active mentor to several professionals in the MD/DC area.

**Tina Makoulian, CREW Philadelphia
Partner, Ballard Spahr, LLP**

Makoulian is a partner in the Real Estate Department of Ballard Spahr, LLP, a full-service national law firm with more than 475 attorneys in 13 offices. She is the partner-in-charge of the Zoning and Land Use Group and concentrates her practice in the areas of complex real estate development, acquisition and disposition of commercial properties, commercial leasing, and zoning and land use. Makoulian was the 2009 President of CREW Philadelphia and is a fellow in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

**Judith Nitsch
NEWIRE, Boston
Founding Principal, Nitsch Engineering**

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Nitsch, PE, LEED AP is Founding Principal of Nitsch Engineering, Inc., a 74-person Boston-based firm providing civil engineering, land surveying, transportation engineering, planning, sustainable site consulting and GIS services. Nitsch is a longtime member of New England Women in Real Estate (NEWiRE), where has served on the Steering, Nominating and Program Committees, and as chair of the Public Strategies Committee. She currently serves as co-chair of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Real Estate Development Committee and as chair of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Board of Trustees' Facilities Committee.

About CREW Network:

The mission of CREW Network (www.crewnetwork.org) is to advance the success of women in commercial real estate. CREW Network does this by looking outward to bring more women into the industry, showcasing member successes and serving as a key resource to its members and the industry. CREW Network members represent nearly all disciplines of commercial real estate - every type of expert required to "do the deal." Members comprise 8,000 commercial real estate professionals in 74 chapters across North America.

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