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MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION

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Amber Lawrence has over 18 years of experience as a real estate/mortgage finance and non-profit association professional. In her current role as Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) for the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), she oversees organizational-wide strategic DEI programs, assists teams in implementing equitable practices, partners with leadership to develop policies that promote inclusivity and belonging, and leads member-facing DEI initiatives. Her work spans industries and sectors, collaborating with cross-functional teams to implement data-driven DEI strategies that yield measurable outcomes. With a deep understanding of DEI frameworks and hands-on experience in training, development, and policy advocacy, Amber is recognized for her ability to cultivate environments where diversity thrives.

In previous roles with the MBA, she was a core member of MBA Education's leadership team, managing the full suite of Residential and Commercial/Multifamily professional certification and designation programs – responsible for candidate matriculation, curriculum development, and examination processes. She also served as the primary liaison for the Society of Certified Mortgage Bankers (CMB®).

Amber holds a B.A. degree from Howard University and an Executive Certification in Diversity Coaching, offered in partnership with Howard University and the Coach Diversity Institute.

The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) is the national association representing the real estate finance industry, an industry that employs more than 280,000 people in virtually every community in the country. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the association works to ensure the continued strength of the nation's residential and commercial real estate markets, to expand homeownership, and to extend access to affordable housing to all Americans. MBA promotes fair and ethical lending practices and fosters professional excellence among real estate finance employees through a wide range of educational programs and a variety of publications. Its membership of over 2,200 companies includes all elements of real estate finance: mortgage companies, mortgage brokers, commercial banks, thrifts, REITs, Wall Street conduits, life insurance companies, and others in the mortgage lending field. For additional information, visit MBA's Web site: [www.mba.org](http://www.mba.org).