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CREW Network Elects 2018 Board of Directors

Tara Piurko of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP to Lead International Board

Houston, Texas, USA (Oct. 25, 2017) – Three commercial real estate leaders were elected to the 2018 CREW Network Board of Directors, which will be led by President Tara Piurko, Partner, Commercial Real Estate Group with Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP in Toronto. The announcement was made at the [2017 CREW Network Convention and Marketplace](#) in Houston. Piurko is the first Canadian to serve as CREW Network president.

“I’m honoured to be the next president of CREW Network, an organization that has played such an important role in both my personal and professional life,” Piurko said. “For the past 10+ years, I’ve seen the true value of what can happen when professionals in this industry connect and engage in a meaningful way. It is time for us to grow those connections and increase our engagement—across state, provincial and international borders—and cement CREW Network’s role as the network of choice for professionals in the commercial real estate industry.”

“CREW Network is experiencing tremendous growth and momentum and our voice is being heard,” Piurko stated. “People are noticing and our industry is noticing. I look forward to working with the 2018 board to deliver what our Network needs to continue on our mission. Together, with our members and our industry partners, CREW Network will continue to offer and enhance our platform of opportunities and tools for our members and industry partners to engage, connect and advance the achievements of our members and, in turn, our industry.”

Piurko specializes in and leads Blakes land development, real property assessment and taxation, and municipal law subspecialty. She has been a member of Toronto CREW since 2007 and has held various leadership positions since 2009. Piurko was elected to the Toronto CREW Board of Directors in 2012 and in 2014 served as president. In 2017, Tara was selected by her peers for inclusion in the 12th Edition of The Best Lawyers in Canada for her work in Municipal Law.

The three leaders elected to serve on the 2018 CREW Network board of directors:

Holly Neber, CREW Network President-Elect, is CEO of AEI Consultants, an employee-owned international real property consulting firm. As CEO, Neber guides AEI's growth and expansion strategy, builds AEI's employee owner culture, and represents AEI in the industry by connecting directly with clients and participating in industry organizations. Neber currently serves on the CREW Network Board of Directors (2016-17). She has been a member of CREW East Bay since 2009 and has held various positions within the chapter including serving as President (2014) and as a member of the Board of Directors. Neber was named among RealShare's California Women of Influence in 2015 and Bisnow's Bay Area Power Women in 2016 and 2017.

Tiffany English is a Principal at Ware Malcomb, an international design firm. English has more than 21 years of industry experience. She has won various industry awards, including Southern California's Most Powerful Women in Commercial Real Estate by *Real Estate Forum* in 2017, Connected Women of Influence "Women's Advocate of the Year" in 2015, CREW San Diego's Most Deals Done in 2011 and Networker of the Year in 2010. She was recognized on the *Engineering News Record* 20 Under 40 listing in 2011, and was also a finalist for the *San Diego Business Journal's* Women Who Mean Business Award in 2013, 2011 and 2009. English previously served as CREW San Diego and has served on the CREW Network Industry Research and Member Education committees.

Barbara McDuffie is the managing director of business development for the tax and assurance group of Baker Tilly, a U.S. accounting and consulting firm. McDuffie recently completed her third term as a member of NAIOP Corporate's Board of Directors and was named a Governor of the Research Foundation. She was Member of the Year for NAIOP in 1992 and most recently in 2014. McDuffie is a former board member of the Virginia Association for Commercial Real Estate (VACRE) and served as president of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (NVTA). She has served on the Advisory Board for CREW Washington DC and was on the Board of Directors for two terms. She was awarded the CREW Washington DC Impact Award in 2014.

Members and officers continuing their service on the CREW Network Board of Directors in 2018 are:

Alison Beddard – Immediate Past President

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Cushman & Wakefield
CREW Utah

Gayle Bourdeau

Vice President and Associate Senior Underwriting Counsel
Stewart Title Guaranty Company Commercial Services
CREW Boston

Jeanette Flory-Sagan

Senior Vice President of Portfolio Management at
Bentall Kennedy LP
CREW Seattle and Sound and CREW Washington DC

Sharon Herrin

Owner and President
Herrin Commercial Real Estate
CREW Dallas

Gillian Lawrence

General Manager of Land Development
Remington Development Corporation
CREW Calgary

Claire Roberts

Investment Broker, National Office & Industrial Properties Group
Marcus & Millichap
MNCREW

Wendy Mann, CAE

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