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Finance Fund Names Swary Chief Legal Counsel

Columbus, OH – Finance Fund today announced the appointment of Andrew P. Swary as Chief Legal Counsel for the statewide nonprofit financial intermediary. He will advise Finance Fund on all legal matters including advancing and protecting the organization’s interests in the areas of transactions, corporate governance, compliance, risk management and ethics.

Prior to joining Finance Fund, Swary was a senior associate at Squire Sanders (US) LLP in Columbus for eight years where he represented for-profit and non-profit community development entities, including Finance Fund, investors and lenders in Ohio and nationwide.

“Andrew has structured and closed hundreds of real estate, business and community development projects that utilize federal and Ohio New Markets Tax Credits, historic rehabilitation tax credits and other government sponsored or subsidized programs,” said Finance Fund CEO James R. Klein. “We are very pleased to add his expertise to our executive team.” Swary also has extensive experience with real estate finance, commercial lending, equity investments, joint ventures, corporate governance and real estate acquisitions, dispositions and leasing.

He began his legal career at a New York law firm, focusing on corporate matters and representing lenders and financial institutions in connection with asset-based lending transactions. Licensed to practice law in Ohio and New York, Swary received his law degree in 2002 from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he was a member of the Journal on Dispute Resolution and participated in the summer study abroad program at Oxford University in England. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Fordham University in 1999, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History, was awarded the Mooney History Award and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

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About Finance Fund (FinanceFund.org)

Since 1987, Finance Fund and its affiliates have invested more than \$258.8 million in housing, economic development, and community facility projects leveraging over \$1 billion. This investment was accomplished through 2,847 awards to community-based organizations throughout the state. Finance Fund provides debt and equity to clients through the management of 19 entities totaling \$200 million. Partnerships have enabled low-income people access to 15,514 units of affordable housing, 18,417 direct jobs, and 3,036 early care and education spaces (classrooms) for 69,497 children benefiting the lives of over 127,000 Ohioans.

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