WASHINGTON, DC – Washington Area Women’s Foundation announces the appointment of Diara M. Holmes to its board of directors. The Foundation’s 17-member board approved the appointment today. Her term will begin immediately.

Ms. Holmes is an attorney at Caplin & Drysdale, where she counsels nonprofits on a range of tax and corporate governance issues. She is also a long-time Women’s Foundation supporter, serving as both donor and volunteer. Most recently, she is serving on the host committee for the 2013 Leadership Luncheon.

“Diara’s commitment to improving the lives of women and girls and serving our community was evident from the moment she became involved with the Foundation,” said Nicky Goren, president of The Women’s Foundation. “I look forward to her bringing her passion, dedication and expertise to our board of directors.”

The board oversees the Foundation’s mission to mobilize the community to ensure that economically vulnerable women and girls in the Washington region have the resources they need to thrive.

“I am honored to join this board,” Ms. Holmes said. “For years, I have watched from the sidelines, as a donor and volunteer, and I have been inspired by the work of The Women’s Foundation’s dynamic and committed leadership and staff, who combine their talents in support of women and girls in our community. I couldn’t be more excited to roll up my sleeves and join them.”

About Diara M. Holmes:

Diara M. Holmes is a member at Caplin & Drysdale. She joined the law firm’s Exempt Organizations Group in 2003. She counsels nonprofit organizations on a broad range of tax and corporate governance issues. In 2013, she was recommended by The Legal 500 for her work. She also speaks and writes about issues pertaining to exempt organizations.

Prior to joining Caplin & Drysdale, Ms. Holmes practiced tax law at other prominent law firms in New York and Los Angeles.

Ms. Holmes received her JD from Harvard Law School, her MPP from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government and her BA from the University of Pennsylvania.

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