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Aimée joined PNC’s Real Estate Market Research group in 2004 with the primary responsibility of evaluating individual real estate banking transactions from a market perspective, and providing strategic direction and underwriting guidance for real estate opportunities considered by PNC as a key component of the approval process. The group also publishes macroeconomic research reports and tracks market trends in particular property sectors to guide future underwriting and credit decisions.

In her time at PNC, Aimée gained broad experience in all real estate property types, including apartment, office, retail, hotel, and industrial. Aimée’s areas of expertise lie in the multifamily market and the for-sale residential market, including condos and single family homes. Every quarter, Aimée publishes a Multifamily Macro Update, which provides a national perspective on key trends affecting the market. The report is distributed outside the Bank and posted on pnc.com/realestate.

Prior to joining PNC, Aimée worked as a research assistant with the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education and as a hazard mitigation planner with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. Aimée holds a Master of Community Planning degree from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Science degree from Allegheny College.
Dr. Buss currently serves as a Director for Invesco Real Estate’s research team, based in Dallas. Dr. Buss is responsible for providing market and forecast coverage of major markets in the U.S., working closely with colleagues from portfolio management, acquisitions, underwriting, and asset management to develop focused regional investment strategies.

In addition, Dr. Buss is responsible for providing macro coverage and strategic guidance for the apartment and office sectors. Dr. Buss contributes to Invesco’s bi-annual House View publication as well as providing proprietary research commentary on economic, real estate and capital market issues to clients. Invesco Real Estate manages more than $60 billion of global investments in direct real estate and real estate securities.

Prior to joining Invesco in 2006, Dr. Buss spent 11 years with The PNC Financial Services Group where he was a Senior Vice President/Group Manager of the Real Estate Research & Valuations Group, based in Pittsburgh. Dr. Buss started his career in real estate at Chicago-based Real Research Corporation, where he spent six years, rising to the position of Director of Investment Research.

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At Michigan, he has directed projects with the National Science Foundation, NICHD Center for Population Research, and several foundations. He has contributed to the 1995 President’s National Urban Policy Report, to HUD’s State of the Cities 2000 report, and to the Russell Sage Foundation’s Census research series. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Census Bureau, and a contributing editor to American Demographics magazine.

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Frey received a Ph.D. in sociology from Brown University in 1974. He has been a Visiting Research Scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (Austria); the Andrew W. Mellon, Research Scholar at the Population Reference Bureau in Washington, D.C., and the Hewlett Visiting Scholar at Child Trends in Washington, D.C. He previously held positions at Rutgers University, the University of Washington-Seattle, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the State University of New York at Albany. He is a member of the Population Association of America, the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, the American Sociological Association, and is a past Fellow of the Urban Land Institute.

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Equity Residential is an S&P 500 company focused on the acquisition, development and management of high quality rental apartment properties in top U.S. growth markets. The company owns and manages 393 properties, consisting of 110,063 apartment units, primarily in Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., South Florida, Southern California, San Francisco, Seattle and Denver. The company generates approximately $2.5 billion in annual revenues and has approximately 3,500 employees.

For more information on Equity Residential, please visit the company’s web site at www.equityresidential.com.
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