



HCCP Board of Governors Spotlight: Christine Bennett-Martin

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Christine Bennett Martin, owner of Bennett Martin Consulting LLC, has been in the affordable housing industry for more than 20 years.

How has the HCCP designation impacted your career?

The HCCP designation was the first industry designation I earned. I have met so many people over the years who have played a part in making me the compliance professional that I am today.

How did you get into the LIHTC industry?

I was contacted by a recruiter at a time in my life where I needed to make some changes. Once I heard about the industry, I instantly knew that this is the work I was meant to do. Having no previous housing experience, I am so grateful that someone took a chance on me.

What are your day-to-day responsibilities?

My day-to-day responsibilities range depending on what my clients need. I can be working on anything from pre-move-in file reviews to forensic file reviews for buyers contemplating purchasing properties. I also help property managers and owners to set up good policies and procedures. I have been spending a lot of time working on-site with property managers especially now, as they try to get caught up due to shutdowns from COVID-19. I focus on ensuring that site staff understand the importance the day-to-day activities of the qualification process considering the program rules they have to follow.



What helped with your success in the LIHTC industry?

The Beatles were on to something when they sang that they got by with a little help from their friends. Although I would say that without more than a little help my industry friends, colleagues, and mentors, I would not be where I am today, doing what I love. We are better together. I am so blessed to have so many folks in my circle to discuss all of the elements of the affordable housing industry.

What's your favorite hobby?

It's hard to pick just one, and I have retyped this answer about four times. Now, especially because we are all at home more, I am researching my family roots. I have discovered many things that I never knew before, including discovering that one of my best friends growing up is actually a cousin.