

January 21, 2015

# **Ocwen Appoints Two New Independent Directors**

## Names Phyllis R. Caldwell and DeForest Blake Soaries, Jr. to Its Board

ATLANTA, Jan. 21, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Ocwen Financial Corporation** (NYSE:OCN), a leading financial services holding company, today announced that it has named two new independent directors to its Board of Directors. Phyllis R. Caldwell, Vice Chair of Community Preservation and Development Corporation and DeForest Blake Soaries, Jr., Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, New Jersey, have joined Ocwen's Board.

"We are delighted that Phyllis Caldwell and Dr. DeForest Soaries have joined the Ocwen Board of Directors," said Ronald Faris, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ocwen. "Both are highly accomplished individuals who share Ocwen's commitment to the highest standards of corporate governance, and they both care deeply about borrowers and communities impacted by the housing crisis. Their backgrounds and skills are perfectly aligned with Ocwen's mission to be recognized as an industry leader in foreclosure prevention and community engagement."

"Ms. Caldwell's experience as a senior executive in Community Development Banking at Bank of America and a senior official at the U.S. Treasury, and Dr. Soaries' background in New Jersey state government and as a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, gives them a broad and deep understanding of the housing and mortgage markets, as well as perspective on the issues facing struggling borrowers and communities," said Barry Wish, Non-Executive Chairman of Ocwen's Board of Directors. "We look forward to the contributions these accomplished business leaders will make toward our future success and their commitment to all of our stakeholders."

### Phyllis R. Caldwell

Phyllis R. Caldwell is a finance and economic development advisor and was previously Chief, Homeownership Preservation Office at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, responsible for oversight of the U.S. housing market stabilization, economic recovery and foreclosure prevention initiatives established through the Troubled Asset Relief Program. Ms. Caldwell was formerly an executive of Bank of America Corporation, where she held various leadership roles, serving most recently as the President of Community Development Banking.

From 2007 to 2009, Ms. Caldwell was the President of the Washington Area Women's Foundation. Ms. Caldwell has also served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations engaged in housing and community development finance, including the Local Initiative Support Corporation, the Calvert Social Investment Foundation and the Low income investment Fund, and was a member of the Community Development Advisory Committee for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Today, she serves as Vice Chair of the Community Preservation and Development Corporation, a non-profit real estate developer dedicated to providing safe, high-quality and affordable housing to low- and moderate-income individuals and families. Since January 2014, Ms. Caldwell has served as an independent director of both American Capital Senior Floating Ltd. and City First Bank of DC.

Ms. Caldwell received her Master of Business Administration from the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, also from the University of Maryland.

#### DeForest Blake Soaries, Jr.

Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. has served as Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey, since 1990. In 2003, Dr. Soaries was appointed by President George W. Bush as a commissioner of the United States Election Assistance Commission where he oversaw and managed distribution of \$2.3 billion dollars to states for election reform activities. From 1999 to 2002, Dr. Soaries served as New Jersey's 30th Secretary of State. In this position, he managed one of the premier departments of state government and served as a senior advisor to the governor on issues that transcended traditional departmental lines.

Dr. Soaries also serves as an independent director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, where he is Vice Chairman of the Compensation and Human Resources Committee, and serves as a member of the Technology Committee and the Housing

Committee. Dr. Soaries is also an independent director of Independence Realty Trust, a position he has held since 2011, and is Chairman of the Compensation Committee. He has served on the boards of several local New Jersey nonprofit organizations, including: the American Red Cross, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Boys & Girls Club of Newark, Board of Overseers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick Development Corporation, Harvest of Hope Family Service Network, Inc., Central Jersey Community Development Corporation and CDC Properties, Inc.

Dr. Soaries earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fordham University, a Master of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary.

#### **About Ocwen Financial Corporation**

Ocwen Financial Corporation is a financial services holding company which, through its subsidiaries, is engaged in the servicing and origination of mortgage loans. Ocwen is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, with offices throughout the United States and support operations in India and the Philippines. Utilizing proprietary technology, global infrastructure and world-class training and processes, Ocwen provides solutions that help homeowners and make our clients' loans worth more. Additional information is available at <a href="http://www.Ocwen.com">www.Ocwen.com</a>.

CONTACT: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Investors:

Stephen Swett

T: (203) 614-0141

E: shareholderrelations@ocwen.com

Media:

Sard Verbinnen & Co

Margaret Popper/David Millar

T: (212) 687-8080