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MBA Education Honors Daniel Jensen with Willis Bryant Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 21, 2021) – MBA Education, the award-winning education division of the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), today honored Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Daniel Jensen with its Willis Bryant Award. The Willis Bryant Award recognizes outstanding academic achievement in the three courses of MBA Education's School of Mortgage Banking (SOMB), and is awarded annually to a top student graduate of SOMB Course III. To qualify, a student must achieve a grade of "excellent" on all SOMB exams and demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities in both the classroom and when interacting with other students.

"We are pleased to present Daniel Jensen with the 2021 Willis Bryant Award. Dan's dedication to highlighting the importance of information security and risks of cybercrime in the mortgage industry is admirable," said David Upbin, MBA's Vice President, Education Operations and Programming and MBA Strategy. "He has a proven talent and desire for welcoming alternate views and opinions, and leading teams to unite behind a common goal. Dan's achievements within the School of Mortgage Banking courses embodies the excellence of what the Willis Bryant Award strives to recognize."

Currently, Jensen serves as Senior Information Technology Specialist for FHFA OIG. In this role, he is responsible for planning, designing, and executing IT and cybersecurity-related audits of FHFA for the OIG Office of Audits, IT Audits directorate, in accordance with audit standards (GAGAS) and Agency policies. Additionally, Jensen provides authoritative technical advice and analytical support to assist auditors with planning and coordinating audits that have IT or information security components.

This award was named after Willis R. Bryant, following his death in 1965. Bryant, a mortgage banking pioneer of the 1950s, was a former lecturer for SOMB who authored *Mortgage Lending Fundamentals and Practices*, a former SOMB textbook.

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