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MFA Financial, Inc. Announces Appointment of Bryan Doran as Chief Accounting Officer

Appointment Adds Extensive Finance and Accounting Expertise to MFA's Senior Leadership Team

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) announced today that it has appointed Bryan Doran to the position of Chief Accounting Officer. In his new role, Mr. Doran will work closely with MFA's Chief Financial Officer, Michael Roper, to help oversee financial reporting and other accounting matters at the company.

Mr. Doran, 43, has over 20 years of experience in the real estate industry, and joins MFA from Ernst & Young LLP where he was an audit partner in the Real Estate, Hospitality & Construction practice. While at Ernst & Young, Mr. Doran served as the coordinating audit partner on several publicly traded residential and commercial mortgage REITs, as well as equity REITs investing in a variety of real estate asset classes. Mr. Doran is a Certified Public Accountant in New York and Virginia and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Bryan to MFA. His deep expertise in the mortgage REIT sector and his proven leadership will be invaluable to MFA's finance and accounting team, and I look forward to benefiting from his wealth of knowledge and expertise," said Mr. Roper. "We are pleased to add such a seasoned finance and accounting executive to MFA's management team," said Craig L. Knutson, MFA's Chief Executive Officer and President.

About MFA Financial, Inc.

MFA Financial, Inc. is a leading specialty finance company that invests in residential mortgage loans, residential mortgage-backed securities and other real estate assets. Through its wholly owned subsidiary, Lima One Capital, MFA also originates and services business purpose loans for real estate investors. MFA has distributed over \$4.7 billion in dividends to stockholders since its initial public offering in 1998. MFA is an internally managed, publicly traded real estate investment trust.

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