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Governor Riley Appoints New Commissioner To Alabama Securities Commission

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (October 23, 2009) Honorable James L. Hart of Vestavia Hills, Alabama has been appointed as a new Commissioner to the Alabama Securities Commission (ASC) and will assume duties upon confirmation by the Alabama Senate when the Legislature convenes early next year. Joseph P. Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, said, "Jim Hart's extensive experience in forensic accounting and litigation services will enhance the excellent reputation of ASC as one of the most effective state securities regulatory agencies in the United States."

Hart recently celebrated his 36th anniversary with Dent, Baker & Company, having joined the firm in 1973. Mr. Hart has led the firm in a number of areas during his career and has continuously served as the firm's forensic accounting and litigation services partner for over 30 years. He currently serves as the firm's Managing Partner and directs its Forensic Accounting and Valuation Services Division and has served Dent, Baker's PKF Network in various leadership positions, including a term on its governing board.

A native of Huntsville, Alabama, Hart graduated from Samford University with a B.S. degree in Accounting and Business Administration, after which he served in the U.S. Navy.

Hart has earned the American Institute of CPA's (AICPA) Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) designation, and Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) designation; as well as the Institute of Business Appraisers (IBA) Certified Business Appraiser (CBA) designation. Each of these certifications represents, respectively, the very highest level of demonstrated accomplishment within the recognized field of specialization, and they add a unique dimension to Mr. Hart's forensic accounting practice.

Hart holds the unique distinction of being a past recipient of the Gold Medal Award, which recognizes the highest score in Alabama on the CPA exam.

He is a member of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA), having served in a variety of offices and leadership positions, including terms on the CPA Society's governing board, as well as a term as president of its Birmingham chapter. Hart also holds memberships in the American Institute of CPA's (AICPA), and the Institute of Business Appraisers (IBA).

He is a long-time member of the Samford University Brock School of Business Executive Advisory Council, and was the recipient of the School's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2006. Hart received a similar award from the Brock School's Accountancy Division in 2008. During 2007-2008, Hart was honored by being named to serve as a founding board member of the Mann Center on Ethics and Leadership.

Hart and his wife Dianna live in Vestavia Hills and have 4 adult children.

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