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Joseph P. Borg elected to head international securities organization

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (September 19, 2006) Joseph P. Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, assumed the position of President for the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) today, at a conference in San Diego, for the next year. This is the second time that Borg was elected by NASAA membership to hold this prestigious position. Only one other person has ever served two terms as president in the 87 year history of NASAA. Organized in 1919, the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) is the oldest international organization devoted to investor protection. NASAA is a voluntary association whose membership consists of 67 state, provincial, and territorial securities administrators in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, and Mexico.

Borg said, "I am once again proud to take the helm of this international organization in addition to my very important duties as Director for the Alabama Securities Commission. NASAA greatly benefits Alabamians by helping to promote legislation and regulation to encourage a fair playing field in the stock market; one example was to work with other federal and regulatory agencies to set up boundaries which ensure the stock analysts no longer receive compensation from the companies they analyze. NASAA's work has been evidenced by recent settlements such as Wall Street, Waddell & Reed, Inc., and Wachovia. These settlements placed revenue into one or more of the following areas: the Alabama General Fund, restitution to Alabamians, or the Investor Protection Trust to provide free investor and fraud prevention education/materials to citizens of Alabama."

Since becoming Director of the Alabama Securities Commission in 1994, Borg and his team have gained national prominence in closing down unscrupulous microcap stock brokerage firms and criminally prosecuting investment crooks. Recently, Director Borg was a key leader in the implementation of the Wall Street settlements of \$1.2 billion. His agency managed the Lehman Brothers investigation in the multi state probe concerning research analyst conflicts at large Wall Street firms. The state of Alabama's General Fund received \$5.1 million of Wall Street settlement fines. In addition to state and national recognition, Borg's expertise in securities industry and law is sought after internationally. For the past two years Borg has been invited to participate on committees at the United Nations to advise and assist in the development of partnerships between other nations to share information in an effort to prosecute/prevent international securities fraud and identity theft. Borg has represented state securities regulators at IOSCO (International Organization of Securities Commissions) and COSRA (Council of Securities Regulators of the Americas), both internationally known regulatory organizations.

Borg is an innovator in the development of investor education program throughout the state of Alabama. He formed an Education and Public Affairs office at the Commission in 2001 to promote investor education and fraud prevention education to all citizens of Alabama. This has resulted in programs and grants that have incorporated personal finance curriculum into Alabama public schools math and history courses grades 7-12. In addition, Borg has partnered with the Alabama Attorney General office, the Alabama Department of Senior Services, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, AARP and other agencies to provide investor education and fraud prevention training to more Senior citizens in Alabama than ever before.

ASC records indicate that the Commission's conviction success rate of over 95% has continued to be one of the best in the United States since Borg has directed the Commission. In Fiscal years 2003 and 2004 ASC

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was responsible for over \$42.3 million in restitution orders to investors. Agency revenues since 1994 have increased from \$6 million to an average of \$10 million per year with over \$7 million in excess revenue expected to be deposited to the state General Fund at the end of this Fiscal year.

Borg, who served as President for NASAA and as a member of NASAA's Board of Directors, Treasurer and Enforcement Section Chair, intends to once again bring Alabama's brand of effective enforcement and a continuing emphasis on investor education to the Association. NASAA's corporate office is located in Washington, D.C. To learn more go to: www.nasaa.org.

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