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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission Announces Senior Staff Appointments

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(Washington, D.C., November 17, 2009) -- Phil Angelides, Chairman of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, and Bill Thomas, Vice Chairman, today announced the appointment of five key senior staff, effective immediately. The Commission was created to investigate the causes of the financial collapse and to provide a full and fair accounting to the American people.

The five senior staff are as follows:

- Bart Dzivi has been appointed as Special Counsel. Dzivi has served as counsel for the Federal Home Loan Bank, where he handled enforcement matters and supervised investigative auditors during the saving and loan crisis; was counsel to the U.S. Senate Banking Committee where he organized investigative hearings on savings and loan issues; and served in the private sector at several law firms with an emphasis on banking litigation and policy matters.
- Martin Biegelman has been named an Assistant Director for the Commission. He was most recently Director of Financial Integrity at Microsoft Corporation, where he led a global investigative program focused on fraud and corruption, and from which he has taken a leave of absence to join the Commission. He previously conducted internal corporate investigations in the private sector and was a federal law enforcement professional for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, highly regarded by state and federal prosecutors for his work on white-collar crimes.
- Thomas L. Krebs has been appointed as an Assistant Director and Deputy General Counsel. Tom is the former director of the Alabama Securities Commission, an agency he reinvigorated with major wins in the Alabama Supreme Court. He is a former president of the North American Securities Administrators Association and founder of a six-state task force which prosecuted financial crimes. He is nationally recognized for his ability to investigate and prosecute financial corruption.
- Bradley J. Bondi has been appointed as an Assistant Director and Deputy General Counsel. He was previously a partner with the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he investigated and litigated complex financial and securities cases. He briefly served as counsel at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) where he advised commissioners on improving agency enforcement. He also teaches securities law at Georgetown University Law Center and George Mason Law School.
- Dixie Noonan has been named Investigative Counsel. At the law firms of both Sullivan and Cromwell and O'Melveny & Myers she worked on complex securities cases and conducted internal investigations for corporate boards and audit committees.

"The Commission is extremely fortunate to have these talented professionals join our team," said Tom Greene, who was appointed as Executive Director of the Commission in September. "They will help us to conduct the full and fair inquiry into the financial meltdown that the American people deserve." Additional senior staff members are expected to be announced over the coming days.

The 10-member bi-partisan Commission was created this year by Congress and is charged with examining the causes of the financial meltdown. It will also examine causes of the collapse of major financial institutions that failed or would have failed had they not received exceptional government assistance. The Commission has already begun its work, with findings and conclusions to be provided in a formal report to Congress and the President by December 15, 2010.