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LOTSTEIN LEGAL TEAM JOINS BUCKLEY KOLAR LLP IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mortgage Banking Regulatory and Compliance Experts Join Financial Services Firm

Washington, DC, November 2, 2007- Buckley Kolar LLP, a leading financial services law firm with offices in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles, California, announced today that Robert Lotstein and two other members of Lotstein Buckman LLP have joined the firm.

Mr. Lotstein, who will be Senior Counsel at Buckley Kolar, was formerly the Managing Partner of Lotstein Buckman LLP, a Washington, D.C. law firm that served the mortgage banking industry. The Lotstein Buckman firm advised clients on federal, state and local regulatory and compliance issues and provided government relations services for clients in federal and state legislative and regulatory matters. Lotstein Buckman also developed iComply®, an online mortgage banking compliance resource that was recently acquired by Thomson North American Legal.

Joining Mr. Lotstein at Buckley Kolar are Grant E. Mitchell, also as Senior Counsel, and Erika Jackson. Prior to private practice, Mr. Mitchell was a Senior Attorney at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where he was principally responsible for rulemaking, statements of policy and other interpretations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. Ms. Jackson was formerly the Firm Administrator at Lotstein Buckman and will be Director of Special Projects at Buckley Kolar.

“Robert Lotstein is one of the nation’s premier mortgage banking lawyers,” Jerry Buckley, Buckley Kolar’s Administrative Partner, commented. “We are very pleased he, Grant and Erika have decided to join us.”

“I am very proud of the work we have done at Lotstein Buckman over the years on behalf of the mortgage banking industry and I am excited to be able to continue my practice at Buckley Kolar.” Mr. Lotstein said. “I was attracted by Buckley Kolar’s reputation in our industry as a ‘go to’ firm and look forward to offering clients an expanded array of services, including litigation, enforcement, corporate mergers & acquisitions, and capital markets expertise” he said.

Mr. Lotstein is a frequent speaker at mortgage industry conferences on legislative and regulatory matters and has published articles in various mortgage industry publications. As the founding partner of Lotstein Buckman, he built a significant practice representing

many of the leading companies in the mortgage industry. Mr. Lotstein has had substantial involvement in public policy matters, including participation in several working groups and task forces convened by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Lotstein received the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulator's Distinguished Service Award in 2002. He is a member of the Maryland, District of Columbia and U.S. Supreme Court bars. He is a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association. Mr. Lotstein holds undergraduate and law degrees from American University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Mitchell received his B.S. from State University of New York and his M.A. from the University of Florida. He earned his J.D. from Tulane University, and did post-law-school study in real estate and real estate finance at the University of Southern California. In addition to his work with RESPA, Mr. Mitchell was also the longtime Assistant General Counsel for the federal New Communities program at HUD, which assisted large-scale residential and commercial land developments throughout the United States with Wall Street placements guaranteed by the Government, and with other aid programs. He is consulted on a broad variety of real estate issues, as well as HUD programs, including those of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and has been engaged as an expert witness in numerous cases since leaving HUD.

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