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FDIC Announces Key Appointments: Alice Goodman Named Deputy to the Chairman; Eric Spitler Named Director of Legislative Affairs

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Chairman Sheila C. Bair today announced the appointment of Alice C. Goodman as Deputy to the Chairman and of Eric J. Spitler as Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA).

"I am pleased to appoint Alice and Eric to these very important positions," said FDIC Chairman Bair. "Alice Goodman has served the FDIC with distinction. She has been an exemplary leader and has played a critical role in addressing the most significant legislative and regulatory issues to come before the FDIC, including landmark deposit insurance reform legislation. She has also been instrumental in shaping FDIC policies. Eric Spitler is an accomplished individual whose expertise and judgment have served the FDIC well. He has been an indispensable advisor on legislative and other congressional issues. I am truly impressed with all that Alice and Eric have done for the Corporation over the years, and I am confident that they will continue their significant and successful leadership roles at the FDIC."

As Deputy to the Chairman, Ms. Goodman will serve as principal advisor to Chairman Bair on all policy issues facing the FDIC. Ms. Goodman has been serving as Chairman Bair's Acting Chief of Staff since June of this year. An 18-year veteran of the FDIC, Ms. Goodman was most recently Director of OLA, a position she held since October 1992. She previously served as Deputy Director and Legislative Advisor in OLA. Before joining the FDIC in 1988, Ms. Goodman was on the staff of the House Banking Committee for almost 10 years.

As Director of Legislative Affairs, Mr. Spitler will oversee the office that serves as the Corporation's liaison with the Congress. The Office is responsible for keeping the Congress informed of Corporation activities and the need for supporting legislation, as well as keeping the Corporation informed of the potential impact of legislation proposed by others. Mr. Spitler, a 15-year FDIC veteran, was most recently Deputy Director of OLA, a position he held since 1994. In 1998 and 1999, he served as Special Assistant to then-Chairman Donna Tanoue. Mr. Spitler joined the FDIC in 1991 as a Legislative Attorney and Advisor in OLA.



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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