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**Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett Adds Three Financial Advisor Representatives
To Private Client Services**

June 28, 2007 Chicago, IL- Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett, Inc. announces the hiring of three Financial Advisor Representatives. Joining the firm as Vice Presidents of Private Client Services are Janice Goldman from Smith Barney and Boyd Klingler and Daniel Kerrigan from Raymond James & Associates.

Janice Goldman has 23 years of investment experience as a financial advisor and has a strong passion for the issue of women and their money and, as President of Janice Goldman Ltd, works with Barbara Stanny, a leading authority on this subject. As a former social worker and student of personal growth and development, Janice has combined her two passions into a model where she advocates women finding their financial power and advises women with their wealth wisdom.

Daniel Kerrigan and Boyd Klingler join Howe Barnes from Raymond James. Daniel Kerrigan has over 20 years of experience, beginning with Blunt Ellis & Loewi. Dan studied economics at Stanford University and believes in a common sense approach to the intimidating task of wealth management. In particular, Dan advocates asset allocation as well as tax allocation utilizing a variety of tax advantaged investment vehicles such as Roth IRAs and College Savings accounts. Boyd Klingler joins the firm with 23 years of capital markets experience and is a frequent guest on Chicago radio stations. During the 1990's he wrote the "Stock Market Watch" column for the *Daily Southtown*.

"We are pleased to have earned the confidence of a growing number of professionals within the financial advisor community. The ability to run their business their way, with limited bureaucracy, great flexibility and generous payouts continues to drive highly successful individuals like Janice, Boyd and Dan towards us. Clearing through First Clearing while at the same time having a very entrepreneurial environment is truly the best of both worlds." said Ronald Sirt, Sr. V.P. Private Client Services.

Established in 1915, Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett, Inc. is a full service brokerage firm headquartered in Chicago, IL with offices in eight states throughout the U.S. Through its bank sales and trading, research, investment banking and asset finance services departments, Howe Barnes specializes in community banks and thrifts. Through its private client services department, the firm provides investment advice and products to both individual and institutional customers. Howe Barnes Hoefler & Arnett is the exclusive provider of capital markets services for the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA). The firm delivers fixed income products and services through a strategic initiative with Vining Sparks IBG, Memphis, Tennessee.

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