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Insurance Commissioner and Staff Named to Various Posts

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (March 19, 2007) —State Insurance Commissioner Julie Benafield Bowman has been elected Vice-Chair of the Southeastern Zone of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Her election took place last week at the organization's spring meeting in New York. The Southeastern Zone is comprised of commissioners and regulators from Florida, West Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Bowman was appointed to a four year term as Insurance Commissioner, January 15, 2005, by former governor Mike Huckabee.

Selected as chairman of the NAIC's Antifraud Task Force Seminar and Training Working Group is Cory Cox, Director of the Department's Criminal Investigation Division. The mission of the NAIC Antifraud Task Force is to serve the public interest by assisting the state insurance supervisory officials, individually and collectively to promote the public interest through the detection, monitoring, and appropriate referral for investigation of insurance crime, both by and against consumers. As chairman of this working group, Cox will plan, coordinate, and host two national training conferences on insurance fraud investigation and prosecution. Cox is a 1996

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graduate of Arkansas Tech University and a 2000 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law.

Bill Lacy, Property and Casualty Division Director, has been elected to the Board of Directors of SERFF which is a System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing utilized by the insurance departments of all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 1,700 insurance companies. The SERFF system is overseen by the Board and the NAIC. Lacy is a 1977 graduate of Hendrix College. He received his juris doctor in 1980 from the University of Arkansas.

Recently appointed Chair of the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee for the Arkansas Bar Association is Zane Chrisman an attorney in the Legal Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The committee is responsible for reviewing the current means and systems of legal education in Arkansas and promoting the CLE program of the Association. Chrisman received her B.S. in Mathematics in 1998 from the University of Arkansas and attended the University of Arkansas School of Law and Cambridge University to gain her juris doctorate in 2002.

“I am proud of these staff members for their continued pursuit of excellence in their respective fields,” said Commissioner Bowman. “They exemplify what is good in those who choose to serve the state rather than pursue careers in more lucrative ventures.”