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SEC Official Brendon Weiss Joins Porterfield & Lowenthal, LLC

Founding Principals Include Financial Services Policy Experts Lendell Porterfield and Andrew Lowenthal

Washington, DC (May 18, 2007) – Porterfield & Lowenthal, LLC today announced that Brendon J. Weiss has joined the lobbying and consulting firm as a Vice President. Weiss most recently served in the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs under Chairman Cox.

"Brendon brings to the firm a unique understanding of how government agencies and Congress interact with today's capital markets," said the firm's CEO, Lendell Porterfield. "The expertise and insights gained from his experience at the SEC and on Capitol Hill provide unique value to our clients. Brendon knows first hand how the decisions and deals in Washington impact the decisions and deals on Wall Street."

During his career, Weiss has been involved in a myriad of issues impacting the securities and financial services industries, including the reform of Sarbanes-Oxley rules, the Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Act, the regulation of Consolidated Supervised Entities, Reg NMS, mutual fund governance and terrorism insurance. Prior to working at the SEC, Weiss served as Legislative Director for Congressman Vito Fosella (NY-13th) from 2001-2005 where he oversaw policy issues under the jurisdiction of the Financial Services and Energy and Commerce Committees. He also worked in the office of Congressman Paul Ryan (WI-1st), who currently serves as the Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee and as a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

In this new position, Weiss will join Capitol Hill veterans and financial services policy experts Lendell Porterfield, Andrew Lowenthal and Dawn Callaghan. Collectively, the firm's principals have been involved in every major piece of financial services legislation and regulatory initiative that has been acted upon for more than a decade. Porterfield & Lowenthal has established a reputation of integrity and success by providing its clients the best possible strategic and practical advice as a result of their institutional knowledge and comprehensive understanding of the inner workings of Congress, the White House, executive branch and independent agencies on financial services and securities issues.

"Brendon's senior level work experience served as an ideal match for the needs of our growing roster of clients," said the firm's President, Andrew Lowenthal. "His appointment will serve to strengthen our firm's leading role as a bridge between Wall Street and Washington on a host of complex policy and regulatory matters."

Porterfield & Lowenthal's core services include government relations and risk management, including legislative and regulatory representation and strategic planning. Porterfield & Lowenthal also provide Washington policy analysis and research in special situations. Key practice areas include appropriations, capital markets, corporate governance, data breach, energy trading, financial institutions, insurance, mortgage finance, housing, and telecommunications.

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