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The law firm of Barnett & Sivon, P.C. announced today that Raymond Natter will be joining the firm as a partner, effective December 1, 2004. The firm will be renamed Barnett Sivon & Natter, P.C.

Natter is a recognized authority on financial services law and policy, who has served in senior positions in the Federal Government. Most recently, Natter was the Deputy Chief Counsel of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC") where he had significant involvement in the development of the agency's regulations, OCC approvals of novel banking products, and legislative relations. Natter played a key role in the development of the agency's preemption and insurance positions, and served on the OCC's Capital Steering Committee. He also supervised the legal departments in the OCC's New York and Chicago offices.

Prior to joining the OCC in 1995, Natter was Chief Counsel for the Senate Banking Committee, and played a major role in the passage of several landmark banking laws, including the Interstate Banking Act of 1994, and the FDIC Improvement Act. He also has served as a Senior Counsel at the Federal Reserve Board and worked on bank holding company and industrial loan company matters.

Natter received an LL.M. with highest honors from the National Law Center at George Washington University in 1979 and a J.D. in 1975 from Georgetown University Law Center. He received a B.S. in 1971 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

Barnett & Sivon is a Washington, D.C.-based law firm that specializes in financial services matters. Robert Barnett is a former chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and James Sivon is a former Staff Director for the Minority Members of the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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