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THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE GUARANTY FUNDS
CIRAVOLO JOINS NCIGF AS SENIOR COUNSEL

Indianapolis, IN, May 17, 2007 – NCIGF Adds Kate Ciravolo as Senior Counsel Kate Ciravolo sums up her approach to public policy. Her first principle hinges on educating legislators and policymakers.

“With legislators, you’re striving to educate them on what they need to be effective in their role. It’s also always better to be proactive than reactive,” says Kate.

It’s a philosophy that has served the veteran attorney and public affairs and government relations specialist well over her 28-year career. It’s also one that makes her especially well-qualified as NCIGF’s new legal team member.

Kate joined the NCIGF April 30 as senior counsel. In her role, she will report to Mark Steckbeck and play a key role in NCIGF’s legal team and coordinating committees.

“Kate’s arrival at the NCIGF is great news for the organization and our members,” said Roger Schmelzer. “Kate brings a keen legal mind, an extensive insurance background, familiarity with the guaranty fund system and a broad range of legal and policy expertise to our Indianapolis office. She’s a perfect complement to our legal team.”

A New Jersey native who arrived in Indiana two years ago, Kate describes herself as “a corporate insurance law attorney with extensive ‘hands on’ practical experience in government regulatory matters.”

Most recently she served as director, Reemployment Growth at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, where she was responsible for administering the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Division. Prior to coming to Indiana, Kate was vice president and counsel at ACORD Corporation. There she established the company’s government affairs operation.

At Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, Kate served as government relations manager, overseeing the government relations department and licensing, research and state filings. Kate and her husband Ben also shared a private practice, Ciravolo & Ciravolo, a firm whose specialty was general insurance and business law litigation.

As assistant vice president and assistant counsel for Chubb & Son Inc., Kate drafted and reviewed a range of materials and monitored regulatory developments for an array of clients.

Kate holds a law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law, where she graduated Cum Laude.

Kate resides with her husband Ben and sons Stephen 15 and Peter 11. When she's not attending lacrosse or ice hockey games – passions of her sons – Kate is actively coaxing the flowers in her garden to grow.

Kate is a published author and member of the Indiana, New Jersey, New York and District of Columbia bars, and holds a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter Professional Designation (CPCU).

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