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MEDIA ALERT

Utah Department of Commerce Announces New Directors for the Divisions of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) and Real Estate (DRE)

(For immediate release...)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce, announced today that Mark B. Steinagel has been appointed as the new Director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) and Dee H. Johnson has been named as Director of the Division of Real Estate (DRE) to both become effective on June 29, 2009. The appointments were facilitated by the recent retirement of former DOPL Director, F. David Stanley. Mark B. Steinagel was previously Director over the Utah Division of Real Estate where he served for almost two years. Dee H. Johnson moves to the Director of Real Estate post from his previous position within DRE where he served as Chief Enforcement Officer for the past eight years. In the interim period before these appointments become final, Thad Levar, Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce, will serve as DOPL's acting Director.

"The Department of Commerce is pleased to announce Mark B. Steinagel as the new Director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. Mark has proven himself as an effective and innovative leader as Director over the Division of Real Estate. We know that Mark will bring forth positive changes to DOPL and hit the ground running in his new role", said Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce, "We are also thrilled that Dee H. Johnson will take the helm at the Division of Real Estate where he has been a key player in Utah's fight against fraud. I am confident that Dee's rich background in real estate, both as Chief Enforcement Officer and as a former real estate licensee, will be a huge benefit to the Division in his new role as Director. Both of these appointments will enable the Department of Commerce to continue its mission to provide customer service to the industries and licensees we regulate as well as the Utah public at large."

"We thank David Stanley for his four years of dedicated service to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing and wish him all the best in retirement," said Giani.

About Mark B. Steinagel

Mark Steinagel has held positions with the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel since 2001. He holds a Masters of Public Administration from the Marriott School of Management at Brigham Young University and a Bachelors of Science degree in Geography from Brigham Young University where he was also a member of the Geographic Honor Society. Mark Steinagel is married and resides in Stansbury Park, UT.

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About Dee H. Johnson

Dee H. Johnson served as Chief Enforcement Officer for the Utah Division of Real Estate from 2001 to present. He previously held licenses as a real estate agent and broker and held senior management positions with the following California real estate companies; Coldwell Banker, Fox and Carskadon, and Johnson Realty. He holds a Bachelors of Arts degree from Brigham Young University and attended Lincoln University, College of Laws. Dee Johnson is married and resides in Sandy.

About the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL):

The Division's mission is to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare and to enhance commerce through licensing and regulation. For more information about the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing log on to the Division's website at; www.dopl.utah.gov or call (801) 530-6628.

About the Division of Real Estate (DRE): The Division's mission is to protect the public through education, licensure and regulation of appraisal, mortgage and real estate professionals. For more information about the Division of Real Estate log on to the Division's website at; www.realestate.utah.gov or call (801) 530-6747.

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