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## **Kristina Kneip Joins J.E. Robert Companies as Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer**

**August 4, 2008, McLean, VA** – J.E. Robert Companies (JER) announced today that Kristina Kneip recently joined the firm as Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer. In this capacity, Kneip will be responsible for the firm’s global compliance and monitoring risk associated with SEC regulations. Kneip is based in JER’s McLean, Virginia office and reports to Daniel Ward, head legal counsel.

Kneip comes to JER from ACA Compliance Group where she served as a senior principal consultant. In this role she was responsible for mock inspections of investment advisers, hedge funds and private equity funds, and anti-money laundering examinations of transfer agents and investment companies.

“Kristina is a seasoned compliance professional with a solid understanding of the commercial real estate finance, banking and corporate finance industries,” commented Ward. “Her longevity in the industry, coupled with her background in both the private and public sector more than qualifies her to lead compliance for JER and makes her the ideal addition to our team.”

Highlights from Kneip’s compliance and legal background includes:

- Oversaw the development of an examination programs for private funds and escrow agents for Washington State;
- Led examinations and enforcement actions involving broker-dealers, investment advisers, private fund managers and mortgage broker-dealers; and,

- Conducted real estate closings as well as closings for other business sales, in addition to the main tax and corporate law practice.

Kristina's career includes 6 years as a securities regulator, serving as an Enforcement Attorney and Chief of Examinations and Inspections for the State of Washington Securities Division. She also held a staff attorney position with the SEC's Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations. Prior to becoming a regulator Kristina was a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch and later practiced law, with a focus on corporate law and taxation.

She was a panelist at the SEC Hedge Fund Roundtable in May 2003 and often speaks to industry, investors and regulators regarding hedge funds, private equity, and other investment adviser regulatory matters.

Kneip holds a BA in Business Administration, from the University of Washington, and graduated cum laude from the Gonzaga University School of Law earning her Juris Doctorate, in 1994. She was awarded an LL.M in Corporate Finance and Banking, from the London School of Economics, in 1995.

*The J.E. Robert Companies is a real estate investment management company with more than 27 years of experience in sourcing, underwriting and managing a broad spectrum of real estate equity investments and debt products in the US, Europe and select emerging markets. A disciplined and opportunistic buyer and seller, JER has managed a total of nine private equity funds with \$4.7 billion in equity capital commitments in North America, Europe and Latin America. The firm also invests in CMBS, mezzanine financing and other structured debt products. Since 1997, JER has completed 170 separate investment transactions in 17 countries, representing \$17 billion in gross investments and more than 11,000 assets. For more information, visit [www.jer.com](http://www.jer.com).*

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