



## **Bank of America Legal Veteran Joins RJO in Newly Created Corporate General Counsel Position**

**Chicago, June 19, 2008** - R.J. O'Brien & Associates, LLC (RJO), the largest independent futures brokerage in the US, announced that Kimberly A. Lynch has been named Corporate General Counsel. The appointment comes in the wake of several other recent management hires as the firm continues to strengthen its executive team and bolster its position in the futures industry. The appointment will become effective June 23, 2008.

"We welcome Kim to the RJO team and know she will make an immediate and important contribution to the organization," said Gerry Corcoran, Chief Executive Officer of RJO. "As we continue to execute our growth strategy and strengthen our position in the industry, the need for an internal general counsel has become increasingly apparent. Kim's deep experience in the financial services sector makes her the perfect candidate for this newly created position."

Ms. Lynch joins RJO from Bank of America Corporation and served as senior vice president and associate general counsel of LaSalle Bank Corporation where she headed the legal department's regulatory and corporate affairs group in North America. In this role, her legal responsibilities included the areas of bank regulation, corporate strategy, and mergers and acquisitions. Notably, Ms. Lynch served as U.S. legal lead in the sale of LaSalle Bank Corporation to Bank of America in October 2007.

Previously, Ms. Lynch played a key role in ABN AMRO/LaSalle's commodities business, serving for over ten years in its treasury and fixed income divisions. There she had primary legal responsibility for the U.S. derivatives, foreign exchange, money market and funding desks, as well as supporting LaSalle's broker dealer services division. Ms. Lynch also provided transactional and regulatory support to ABN AMRO/LaSalle's private equity and mezzanine businesses and advised the firm's broker-dealer and FCM affiliates.

"Because of RJO's dramatic growth and success in recent years and its long history of integrity and customer service, the position offers a great breadth of professional responsibility and opportunity," said Kim Lynch. "I am honored to fill this new role and I look forward to working with the team as they continue to grow and gain efficiencies in the dynamically changing futures industry."

"Kim has a reputation for upholding the highest standards of ethics and integrity and she has a strong record of transforming legal and business knowledge into sound judgment

and practices,” said Colleen Mitchell, President of RJO. “We warmly welcome her to the RJO family.”

Ms. Lynch began her legal career at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, DC. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago, where she majored in Economics and the Washington University School of Law.

### **About R.J. O’Brien**

RJO is the largest independent futures brokerage in the United States. A privately owned futures commission merchant (FCM), RJO is also one of the oldest futures brokerage firms, dating back to 1914. RJO is a full clearing member of: the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (founding member of CME); the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX); Intercontinental Exchange (ICE); Eurex AG; EuronextLIFFE; and US Futures Exchange. RJO services a global network of more than 270 introducing brokers and some of the world’s largest financial, industrial and agricultural institutions. RJO offers the latest in order entry technology coupled with 24-hour execution and clearing on every futures exchange worldwide. For further information, please visit [www.rjobrien.com](http://www.rjobrien.com).

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