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ALL-STAR ECONOMISTS AND ANALYSTS TO FORECAST 2008 AT CFA SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI DINNER

JACKSON, MISS., January 16, 2008 – CFA Society of Mississippi is pleased to announce the following event:

Event: Fifth Annual CFA Society of Mississippi Forecast Dinner
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2008
Place: Grand Ballroom, The Country Club of Jackson,
Old Canton Road, Jackson, Mississippi
Time: Cocktails 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Forecast Program 7:15 – 8:30 pm

Individual Tickets: \$85 per person
Table for Eight: \$680 each

“This is the CFA Society of Mississippi’s fifth annual forecast dinner, which provides a unique opportunity for our state’s business leaders and investors to hear distinguished financial speakers,” said Warwick Alley, Forecast Dinner Planning chairman for the CFA Society of Mississippi. “The dinner is Mississippi’s premier event for serious investors.”

Each year local CFA Institute societies around the world host similar events during which market and economy experts discuss and provide forecasts for the upcoming year.

Featured guest speakers at the CFA Society of Mississippi’s forecast dinner include:

- Mr. Chris Mahony; Director and Product Specialist, BlackRock; New York, New York
- Mr. Ron Muhlenkamp, CFA; Founder, President, and Portfolio Manager, Muhlenkamp & Co.; Wexford, Pennsylvania
- Jerry Webman, PhD, CFA; Chief Economist, OppenheimerFunds; New York, New York
- Marty Wiseman, PhD; Director, John C. Stennis Institute of Government; Starkville, Mississippi

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Mr. Tate Reeves, CFA, Treasurer, State of Mississippi and a member of the CFA Society of Mississippi, will be the moderator. He will ask the expert panelists to make opening and closing comments regarding their forecasts for the economy and/or the equity and bond markets. In between these remarks are questions from Mr. Reeves and the audience.

"Again this year, we have assembled several of the most respected names on Wall Street for investors of Mississippi to hear, question and learn from," said L. Alan Smith, CFA, CFA Society of Mississippi president. "This panel should enlighten and educate everyone who attends in their pursuit of becoming better and more informed investors."

Reservations are limited. For additional information about the event, please visit www.cfamississippi.org or contact Warwick Alley at 601.206.5062 or warwick.alley@ubs.com.

About CFA Society of Mississippi:

CFA Society of Mississippi is one of 135 CFA Institute affiliated professional societies in 56 countries. The society's mission is to foster a community of investment and financial professionals in Mississippi with the highest levels of ethics and competence. The society promotes participation in the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) Program, a graduate-level, self-study curriculum and examination program for investment specialists. At the beginning of each year, the society presents its Annual Forecast Dinner during which distinguished financial experts provide their outlooks for the upcoming year. The dinner is Mississippi's premier event for serious investors. More information about CFA Society of Mississippi may be found at www.cfamississippi.org.

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NOTE:

Full biographical sketches and photos for the guest speakers are attached.

Fifth Annual CFA Society of Mississippi Forecast Dinner Moderator and Expert Panelists

Moderator

Tate Reeves, CFA

State Treasurer for Mississippi

Tate Reeves was elected as Mississippi's fifty-third and first Republican Treasurer in 2003. Reeves is an alumnus of Millsaps College and holds a Chartered Financial Analyst designation. Prior to becoming Treasurer, Reeves was a member of the Trustmark Investment Strategy Committee and served as an Assistant Vice President for AmSouth. Reeves currently serves as the national president for the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) and Chairman of the Investment Committee, a Member of the Board of Directors of the Public Employee's Retirement System and Chairman of the Board of Directors of College Savings Plans of Mississippi and the Health Care Trust Fund.



Fixed Income Panelist

Chris Mahony

Director and Product Specialist, BlackRock Fixed Income

Chris Mahony, Director and product specialist, is a member of BlackRock's Account Management Group on the Fixed Income team that provides a link between the investment teams and account managers.

Prior to joining BlackRock, he was a Senior Vice President, Investment Officer of J. & W. Seligman & Co. Inc. and Head of the Seligman Investment Grade Team. He served as Portfolio Manager of Seligman Cash Management Fund, Seligman U.S. Government Securities Fund, and Seligman Investment Grade Fixed Income Fund. Mahony was Co-Portfolio Manager of the fixed income portion of Seligman Income and Growth Fund. Additionally, he served as Portfolio Manager for all institutional Core and Core Plus mandates managed by J. & W. Seligman. He has 20 years of investment management experience.

Mahony graduated with a B.A. degree from Ohio Wesleyan University in Ohio, where he majored in Politics and Government. He is currently working towards his MBA in Finance and is Series 7 and Series 63 certified.



Equity Panelist

Ronald H. Muhlenkamp, CFA

Founder, President and Portfolio Manager

Muhlenkamp & Company, Inc.

Muhlenkamp & Company, Inc. was established in 1977 to manage private accounts for individuals and institutions. In 1988, it launched a no-load mutual fund as an investment vehicle for all investors, no matter their asset size.

A top-rated investment manager, frequent guest of the media, and featured speaker at investment shows nationwide, Muhlenkamp's entire business career has been devoted to the professional management of investment portfolios. His work since 1968 has been focused on extensive studies of investment management philosophies, both fundamental and technical. As a result of his research, he developed a proprietary method of evaluating both equity and fixed income securities, which continues to be employed by Muhlenkamp & Company. In addition to publishing his quarterly newsletter, *Muhlenkamp Memorandum*, he is the author of *Ron's Road to Wealth: Insights for the Curious Investor*.

Muhlenkamp received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from M.I.T. in 1966, and a Masters of Business Administration from the Harvard Business School in 1968. He holds a Chartered Financial Analyst designation.



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Economy Panelist

Jerry Webman, PhD, CFA

Chief Economist, OppenheimerFunds

Dr. Jerry Webman is a Senior Investment Officer and Chief Economist for OppenheimerFunds, Inc. In this capacity, Dr. Webman provides strategic viewpoints on the overall financial and economic markets to investment management and the financial advisor and investor communities. In addition, he serves as Director of Fixed Income, where he oversees portfolio managers, analysts and traders managing over \$100 billion in fixed income assets.

For over 20 years, Dr. Webman has been involved in the investment and economic markets— as a researcher, a financial advisor and a portfolio manager.

Dr. Webman holds a B.A. in political science, with honors, from the University of Chicago, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, and a PhD in political science from Yale University. He holds a Chartered Financial Analyst designation.



Mississippi Panelist

William Martin Wiseman, PhD

Director, John C. Stennis Institute of Government

Professor of Political Science, Mississippi State University

Marty Wiseman received his PhD in 1986, his MPPA in 1980, his MS in 1974, and his BA in 1973, all awarded from Mississippi State University. In addition to his duties at Mississippi State, he is a guest professor at Jackson State University.

Wiseman has had articles published in *Public Productivity and Management Review*, *Mid-South Journal of Political Science*, *Public Administration Quarterly*, *International Journal of Public Administration* and others. He has also published numerous research and technical assistance reports.

Wiseman is a sought-after speaker on state and local government, particularly in Mississippi, and rural development. Often a guest editorial writer in Mississippi daily and weekly newspapers, he also evaluates federal, state and local election results for all media. He serves as a committee member on Civil Rights Commission on Education, the Mississippi Economic Policy Center Advisory Council, and the Delta Early Learning Leadership Initiative. He also serves as Chair of the Wood Institute Board of Directors.

