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MELLON MONITOR NAMED

Mellon Bank Agrees to Appointment of George A. Stamboulidis as Outside Monitor

May 17, 2007 – The United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania has chosen George A. Stamboulidis and his team at Baker Hostetler to serve as the outside independent monitor of Mellon Bank, N.A. (Mellon or the Bank), United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today .

In an agreement reached with the U.S. Attorney’s Office and announced on August 18, 2006, Mellon accepted responsibility for any criminal conduct by its employees in the firm’s dealings with Financial Management Service and the Internal Revenue Service regarding the April 2001 destruction of more than 77,000 tax returns and payments at the Mellon Client Service Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In addition, Mellon agreed to cooperate fully with the government in connection with the investigation into the document destruction. The Bank also agreed to amend its policies and procedures to strengthen its compliance and ethics programs.

Stamboulidis, a former federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York, has been a partner in the New York office of Baker Hostetler LLP since 2001. Stamboulidis specializes in white collar, corporate investigations, corporate monitoring and complex commercial litigation and heads the firm’s White Collar Crime and Corporate Investigations practice team. As a federal prosecutor for 13 years, Stamboulidis tried numerous significant criminal cases,

including major public corruption and organized crime cases, such as the prosecution of Genovese crime boss Vincent “the Chin” Gigante. Stamboulidis served in various supervisory positions in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York and was a recipient of numerous Justice Department awards.

As part of its investigation into the collapse of Enron, the U.S. Department of Justice selected Stamboulidis to serve as the outside independent Monitor of Merrill Lynch. Stamboulidis is also leading a team of Baker Hostetler attorneys and auditors from FTI Consulting, as part of Baker Hostetler’s appointment as the Independent Examiner of the Bank of New York, which has announced it will merge with Mellon Bank later this year.

As Monitor of Mellon Bank, Stamboulidis and his team will be responsible for oversight of the Bank’s compliance with the terms and conditions of the August 2006 settlement agreement and will conduct annual assessments of that compliance, providing detailed written reports to the United States Attorney. The monitoring will include an examination of enhancements instituted by Mellon to its compliance and ethics program in accordance with the settlement agreement to optimize the Bank’s policies and procedures concerning government contracts, code of business conduct and ethics training curriculum. In addition to assessing Mellon’s newly centralized compliance and ethics function, Stamboulidis and his team will monitor the Bank’s internal compliance monitoring and audit process to ensure that these review functions are sufficiently robust and independent in their evaluation of business practices. The Monitor’s work will include an analysis of Mellon’s case management system for ethics and compliance matters, trend assessment and escalation process for investigation and personnel action. Stamboulidis will be assisted by Baker Hostetler partners and former federal prosecutors Lauren J. Resnick and John J. Carney as well as auditors from FTI Consulting.

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