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**Michael White-ABIA Report Bank Annuity Fee Income
Improves in Second Quarter, But Still Down for the Year**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Radnor, PA, and Washington, DC, October 6, 2010 – Income earned from the sale of annuities at bank holding companies (BHCs) rose to \$640.9 million, up 10.0% from \$582.6 million in first quarter 2010 and up 8.0% from \$593.1 million earned in second quarter 2009, according to the *Michael White-ABIA Bank Annuity Fee Income Report*[™]. First-half annuity commissions of \$1.22 billion, however, were off 7.8%, down from \$1.22 billion in first half 2009.

Compiled by Michael White Associates (MWA) and sponsored by American Bankers Insurance Association (ABIA), the report measures and benchmarks the banking industry’s performance in generating annuity fee income. It is based on data from all 7,077 commercial and FDIC-supervised banks and 930 large top-tier bank holding companies operating on June 30, 2010.

Of the 930 BHCs, 387 or 41.6% participated in annuity sales activities during first half 2010. Their \$1.22 billion in annuity commissions and fees constituted 10.8% of their total mutual fund and annuity income of \$11.33 billion and 15.1% of total BHC insurance sales volume (i.e., the sum of annuity and insurance brokerage income) of \$8.10 billion. Of the 7,077 banks, 894 or 12.6% participated in first-half annuity sales activities. Those participating banks earned \$375.0 million in annuity commissions or 30.6% of the banking industry’s total annuity fee income. However, bank annuity production was down 22.6% from \$484.3 million in first half 2009.

**TOP 10 BANK HOLDING COMPANIES IN ANNUITY FEE INCOME
YEAR-TO-DATE JUNE 30, 2010
Nationally**

RANK	YTD ANNUITY INCOME		PERCENT CHANGE 2009 - 2010	BANK HOLDING COMPANY	ST	ASSETS	% OF NONINTEREST INCOME
	2Q 2010	2Q 2009					
(ALL DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)							
1	\$347,000	\$340,000	2.06%	WELLS FARGO & COMPANY	CA	\$1,225,742,000	1.76%
2	\$160,000	\$87,000	83.91%	MORGAN STANLEY	NY	\$809,448,000	0.97%
3	\$121,000	\$175,000	-30.86%	JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.	NY	\$2,011,851,000	0.49%
4	\$79,113	\$137,971	-42.66%	BANK OF AMERICA CORP.	NC	\$2,359,350,594	0.24%
5	\$52,360	\$48,970	6.92%	REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP.	AL	\$135,392,660	3.66%
6	\$37,400	\$68,408	-45.33%	PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP PA	PA	\$261,769,262	1.32%
7	\$34,611	\$29,459	17.49%	KEYCORP	OH	\$93,329,344	3.87%
8	\$28,372	\$46,096	-38.45%	SUNTRUST BANKS, INC.	GA	\$170,668,470	1.82%
9	\$28,000	\$37,000	-24.32%	U.S. BANCORP	MN	\$283,243,000	0.69%
10	\$24,045	\$17,912	34.24%	BBVA USA BANCHSARES, INC.	TX	\$65,109,021	6.13%

Source: *Michael White-ABIA Bank Annuity Fee Income Report*

Nearly seventy-three percent (72.7%) of BHCs with over \$10 billion in assets earned first-half annuity commissions of \$1.15 billion, constituting 94.0% of total annuity commissions reported. This revenue represented a decrease of 8.4% from \$1.26 billion in annuity fee income in first half 2009. Among this asset class

of largest BHCs in the first half, annuity commissions made up 10.3% of their total mutual fund and annuity income of \$11.16 billion and 15.0% of their total insurance sales volume of \$7.65 billion.

BHCs with assets between \$1 billion and \$10 billion recorded an increase of 4.9% in annuity fee income, rising from \$59.6 million in first half 2009 to \$62.5 million in first half 2010 and accounting for 37.4% of their mutual fund and annuity income of \$167.1 million. BHCs with \$500 million to \$1 billion in assets generated \$11.0 million in annuity commissions in first half 2010, down 8.2% from \$12.0 million in first half 2009. Only 32.3% of BHCs this size engaged in annuity sales activities, which was the lowest participation rate among all BHC asset classes. Among these BHCs, annuity commissions constituted the smallest proportion (12.9%) of total insurance sales volume of \$84.9 million.

Wells Fargo & Company (CA), Morgan Stanley (NY) and JPMorgan Chase & Co. (NY) led all bank holding companies in annuity commission income in first half 2010. Among BHCs with assets between \$1 billion and \$10 billion, leaders included Stifel Financial Corp. (MO), Hancock Holding Company (MS), and National Penn Bancshares, Inc. (PA). Among BHCs with assets between \$500 million and \$1 billion, leaders were First American International Corp. (NY), Ironhorse Financial Group, Inc. (OK), and First Citizens Bancshares, Inc. (TN). The smallest community banks, those with assets less than \$500 million, were used as “proxies” for the smallest BHCs, which are not required to report annuity fee income. Leaders among bank proxies for small BHCs were Sturgis Bank & Trust Company (MI), Bank of Oak Ridge (NC), and FNB Bank, N.A. (PA).

Among the top 50 BHCs nationally in annuity concentration (i.e., annuity fee income as a percent of noninterest income), the median Annuity Concentration Ratio was 6.1% in first quarter 2010. Among the top 50 small banks in annuity concentration that are serving as proxies for small BHCs, the median Annuity Concentration Ratio was 17.1% of noninterest income.

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