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American Academy of Actuaries Welcomes New General Counsel, Professionalism Director

WASHINGTON – 7 May 2010 – The American Academy of Actuaries announced that **Gino Vissicchio** has joined its staff as general counsel and director of professionalism. Vissicchio brings to the American Academy of Actuaries more than 15 years of comprehensive legal experience with an extensive background in complex litigation, compliance counseling, and risk mitigation. He has represented diverse clients in both the public and private sectors.

“Gino, with his broad experience, is extremely well suited to oversee the Academy’s legal affairs and advance our professionalism work to help establish, maintain, and enforce high professional standards of actuarial qualification, practice, and conduct,” said **Mary Downs**, the executive director for the American Academy of Actuaries.

Vissicchio’s experience in private practice includes positions with Hogan & Hartson in Washington, and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in New York, where he represented clients in commercial litigation and other matters. He also was in-house counsel to a publicly held telecommunications company. In the public sector, Vissicchio served as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, where he was awarded a special commendation for outstanding service.

Vissicchio is an honors graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his bachelor’s degree, and was awarded his Juris Doctorate from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where he was a member of the *North Carolina Law Review*.

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