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American Academy of Actuaries Welcomes New General Counsel, Professionalism Director

WASHINGTON – 30 Nov. 2011 – The **American Academy of Actuaries** announced that **Keith Jones** has joined its staff as general counsel and director of professionalism. Jones brings to the American Academy of Actuaries considerable experience providing legal counsel to a variety of entities, including having served as general counsel for a national trade association and one of the nation's largest public water utilities. Most recently Jones was the executive director of a community non-profit corporation.

“Keith has an extensive legal background and substantial experience working with associations and boards of directors,” said **Mary Downs**, the executive director for the American Academy of Actuaries. “His experience will be a great asset to the Academy as he oversees the association's legal affairs and advances the Academy's professionalism work to help establish, maintain, and enforce high professional standards of actuarial qualification, practice, and conduct.”

Jones served as the general counsel for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies in Washington and as a divisional deputy city solicitor for the City of Philadelphia's Law Department. He also worked as an associate for a large Philadelphia law firm and as a judicial clerk for the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree from Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J., and was awarded his Juris Doctorate from the Temple University School of Law. He also has a master's degree in environmental studies from the University of Pennsylvania.

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