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CHRISTIAN MIXTER IS NAMED CHIEF LITIGATION COUNSEL

Washington, D.C., November 4, 1996 -- Chairman Levitt today announced that Christian Mixter, Assistant Chief Litigation Counsel, has been appointed Chief Litigation Counsel, Division of Enforcement.

Mr. Mixter has worked at the SEC for more than five years in the Division of Enforcement's Trial Unit. During that time, he played a critical role in a number of the Commission's most significant cases, including the Commission's recent financial fraud case against Comparator, its fraud case against First Jersey Securities and Robert Brennan and its insider trading cases arising out of transactions relating to Rochester Community Savings Bank. In 1995, he also served as the Acting District Administrator for the Fort Worth District Office.

Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Mixter was an Associate Counsel to Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh in the investigation of the Iran/Contra matter. He began his legal career at the law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Mr. Mixter received B.A. in History summa cum laude, from Ohio State University in 1974. Three years later, he was awarded his J.D. with distinction by Duke University School of Law where he was an Article Editor for the Duke Law Journal.

Chairman Levitt said, "Chris has proven himself a talented litigator with exceptional judgment. He is a prosecutor that combines the best qualities of tenacity and fairness."

William McLucas said, "Chris is a great advocate. During the years that Chris has done battle for the Commission in court, he has earned the respect of his adversaries and his collegues. He will do an outstanding job leading the Commission's trial team."

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