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Kilpatrick Townsend Leads All Law Firms in 2011 Conversion Counsel Rankings

WASHINGTON, DC (January 19) - Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced today that it led all law firms in the **2011 SNL Financial Conversion Counsel Rankings**. This annual ranking tracks transactions involving the conversion of thrift institutions from mutual (or mutual holding company) form to full public company status. Kilpatrick Townsend finished first for number of deals as conversion counsel. The firm's deal activity was evenly split between standard and second-stage conversions.

More than four decades of experience handling legal and practical issues in the business and financial world enables Kilpatrick Townsend to offer financial institutions an unusual depth of support and an extensive understanding of the financial institution regulatory process. The firm is an established leader in the financial institutions industry, having counseled hundreds of financial institutions on a wide variety of transactional, regulatory, and compliance matters. Kilpatrick Townsend also represents financial services companies in the areas of insurance, consumer finance, and mortgage banking.

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