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### **RISK MANAGEMENT EXPERT AND FORMER STATE STREET EXECUTIVE JOSEPH P. BELANGER JOINS *THE BRATTLE GROUP*'S FINANCE PRACTICE**

**Cambridge, MA, June 9, 2010.** *The Brattle Group*, a global provider of consulting and expert testimony in economics, finance, and regulation, announced today that Mr. Joseph P. Belanger has joined the firm's Cambridge office as a senior consultant, bringing a breadth of direct industry experience in the areas of credit, risk management, and fund administration to the firm's finance practice.

Mr. Belanger is a financial services executive with experience in creating and growing risk-based and hedge fund administration businesses, and implementing effective risk management programs. His portfolio of capabilities includes commercial lending, hedge funds and offshore funds administration, investment portfolio risk tools for traditional and hedge fund asset classes, trusteeship, and oversight of risk management and compliance programs.

Mr. Belanger previously spent over 25 years at State Street Corporation, where he was part of the executive team in Alternative Investment Servicing. During that time, he spent 12 years as a senior vice president and division head with responsibility for the company's credit services, Cayman offshore and alternative fund services, and global risk services business units. In this role, he had international oversight and risk management responsibilities for three business lines comprised of \$20 billion in credit facilities, \$118 billion of fund administration assets, and \$1.6 trillion of assets serviced on risk analytics platforms. Earlier in his career, Mr. Belanger was also responsible for Investor Services Risk Management with oversight for the documentary, fiduciary, credit counterparty, operational, anti-money laundering/know your customer, and reputational risk exposures accompanying trustee, custody, and accounting services provided by State Street worldwide.

Prior to joining *Brattle*, Mr. Belanger was an independent financial services consultant engaged in a number of litigations. He recently provided expert testimony in an investment services arbitration involving a failure to perform under a financing arrangement between partners in a joint venture agreement. He has also been engaged to provide expert advice in anticipation of testifying in disputes involving the standard of care due a hedge fund by its administrator.

"Joe's extensive experience in the financial services industry will provide our clients with a unique perspective for consultative and expert witness roles within the current litigation and investigation environments. This industry experience, coupled with his risk management expertise, makes him a great addition to our growing finance practice," noted Matthew O'Loughlin, president of *The Brattle Group*.

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