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### **NFCC NAMES FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

*Latino Leader, Banking Executive, Member CEO and Former Comptroller Join NFCC Ranks*

Silver Spring, MD –The National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) has named four new members to its Board of Trustees.

Last fall, NFCC Member Agencies overwhelmingly voted to change the organization's governance, transitioning from a Board of Trustees comprised exclusively of Member Agency representatives to one with a majority of at-large national thought leaders. This new Board structure better aligns our organization to achieve its strategic priorities and provide the leadership and guidance necessary to help fulfill the NFCC's vision – *to create a national culture of financial responsibility.*

The following are the NFCC's four newest Board members:

#### **Robert L. Clarke**

Appointed by President Ronald Reagan, Robert Clarke served as U.S. Comptroller of the Currency from December 2, 1985 through February 29, 1992. In March, 1992 he rejoined Bracewell as Senior Partner and head of its financial services practice. As the founder of Bracewell & Giuliani's national and international financial services practice, he deals regularly with major banking institutions in the United States and abroad as they adjust to constantly changing economic and regulatory conditions and political realities. Mr. Clarke has extensive experience in the ownership and operation of banks, banking laws and regulations and bank supervision, both in the United States and internationally.

"The present turmoil in the world's financial markets has demonstrated how far in debt many of our citizens found themselves with no understanding of how they got there or how to return to financial stability. NFCC and its Members play an important role in bringing about the financial literacy that is so badly needed in our society and I am pleased to have the opportunity to help continue and expand their mission."

#### **Nelson A. Diaz**

Nelson Diaz was appointed by President Clinton to be the general counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he focused on reforming public and mixed-use housing programs. Recognized as one of the 100 most influential Hispanic Americans by Hispanic Business, Mr. Diaz has also served as city solicitor for Philadelphia and as a judge for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas—the youngest judge elected to the Court and the first Latino judge in Pennsylvania history. He currently serves as Of Counsel for the firm of Cozen O'Connor P.C. where he concentrates his practice on matters involving litigation and dispute resolution, as well as public housing issues and government relations.

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“I am privileged to join an effort to contribute to an organization that has been so successful in assisting people who have credit problems in this time of greatest need.”

### **Kevin Rhein**

Kevin Rhein is a 31-year veteran of the financial services industry and currently serves as executive vice president and oversees all operations for Wells Fargo Card Services and Consumer Lending (CSCL). He serves on the CFSI (Center for Financial Services Innovation) board, an organization that assists the financial services industry to identify, develop, and implement innovative ways to serve the under-banked market. In 2008 he became a member of the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Advisory Council which advises the board on the exercise of its responsibilities under the Consumer Credit Protection Act and other matters in the area of consumer financial services.

“I have always admired the work of the NFCC and have been impressed with the quality of their programs and with the way they form partnership with stakeholders to provide financial counseling. I am flattered and honored to have the opportunity to serve as a trustee for the NFCC. The national need for increased financial literacy has never been greater, and I look forward to working with Susan Keating and the rest of the NFCC officers and the Board Trustees to help advance this important mission.”

In addition to these three at-large Board members, one NFCC Member representative was added to the Board of Trustees.

### **Ivan Hand**

Ivan Hand joined NFCC Member Money Management International (MMI) as President and Chief Executive Officer in January 2000. Under his leadership, MMI has grown to be the largest full-service nonprofit debt, budget and housing counseling organization in the country, with six call centers and over 125 branch office locations in 22 states. He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Money Management International Financial Education Foundation.

"I am looking forward to working more closely with the NFCC, an organization that shares our values. With so many families struggling financially, I am eager to help find solutions to address the growing needs of American consumers and position the credit counseling industry as the recognized leader of financial education.”

These four new Board members join **Jean Chatzky**, personal finance expert and financial editor for NBC's Today Show; **Dr. Brady Deaton**, Chancellor of the University of Missouri; and **Richard S. Levick**, President and CEO of Levick Strategic Communications. NFCC Member representatives currently serving on the NFCC Board are: **Dawn Lockhart** (Board Chair) Family Foundations (Jacksonville, FL); **Mike Cherry**, CCCS of Springfield (Springfield, MO); **Jane McNamara**, GreenPath Debt Solutions (Farmington Hills, MI); **Margo Mitchell**, CCCS of Oklahoma (Tulsa, OK); and **Michele Johnson**, CCCS of Southern Nevada & Utah (Las Vegas, NV).

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*The National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), founded in 1951, is the nation's largest and longest serving national nonprofit credit counseling organization. The NFCC's mission is to promote the national agenda for financially responsible behavior and build capacity for its Members to deliver the highest quality financial education and counseling services. NFCC Members annually help four million consumers through close to 830 community-based offices nationwide. For free and affordable confidential advice through a reputable NFCC Member, call (800) 388-2227, (en Español (800) 682-9832) or visit [www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org). Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/NFCCDebtAdvice> and on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/NFCCDebtAdvice>.*