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FBA'S TRUST DIVISION HANDS OUT ANNUAL AWARDS

Tallahassee – The Florida Bankers Association (FBA) Trust Division Chairman recently announced the winners of the annual trust awards during the division's Wealth Management Conference at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

"The Trust Awards luncheon is always the highlight of Wealth Management Conference," said Trust Division Chairman Kemp Stickney, Wilmington Trust. "The recipients of this year's awards are very deserving of the recognition they have received."

The following are the 2006 Trust, Asset Management and Private Banking Division Award recipients:

Trust Banker of the Year – David Rockwood, U.S. Trust Company

The Trust Banker of the Year Award is given annually to a trust banker with an outstanding commitment to excellence, demonstrated by service and involvement with the FBA Trust Division and/or Florida Trust School, while participating in the growth and development of Florida's communities.

Rockwood has been an instructor for the Florida Trust School for 21 years, including serving five years as director of the program. His career in wealth management has led him to the trust counsel position with U.S. Trust Company in Palm Beach after stops in Ohio, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Rockwood earned a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Florida, a M.S. in Financial Services from American College, a J.D. from LaSalle University and graduated from the National Trust School at Northwestern University.

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Friend of the Trust Industry Award – Russell B. Hale, Akerman Senterfitt

The Trust Division's Past President's Council established the Friend of the Trust Industry Award to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the trust industry in Florida without having been a trust banker.

Hale's work with the FBA on trust and state tax issues has demonstrated his skill and dedication to the trust industry.

Hale has been recognized nationally for his work for Akerman Senterfitt where he is primarily focused on banking and financial institution law. He has been ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for his work on Florida tax law and is listed in *Florida Trend's Legal Elite* for 2006.

Hale has published numerous works and lectures, including "Documentary Stamp Tax Decision Benefits Investors" for the *Florida Real Estate Journal* and "Florida Nonrecurring Intangible Tax" for the *Florida Real Property Complex Transactions Manual, Fourth Edition*.

Trust Banking Hall of Fame Inductees – James Kelley and Kenneth Pray

The Trust Banking Hall of Fame was created to acknowledge those who have devoted their careers to advancing the trust banking industry in Florida through work with the FBA's Trust Division and Florida Trust School.

During his career, James "Jim" Kelley was an active member of the FBA and served as Trust Division chairman from 1973-1974. A former second lieutenant in United States Army, Kelley served as executive vice president of First Florida Bank for 38 years.

Jim Kelley passed away on January 14, 2006. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jane; his children, Susan (Charlie), Peter (Suzan), Ted (Gina), David (Jody), Robert (Kasey); 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Kenneth Pray, past chairman of the FBA Trust Division, began his career in trust banking as the vice president of trust administration for Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville in 1970. During his career in trust banking, Pray worked diligently with the FBA, including a stint as director of the Florida Trust School.

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In 1995, Pray retired as vice president of business administration for Barnett Banks in Leesburg. He has been married for 43 years and has three sons and seven granddaughters.

Each spring, the FBA Trust Division collects trust award nominations from its membership; the division's past president's council selects the award recipients.

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