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**NewOak Capital LLC Appoints Donald H. Layton Senior Advisor
and Co-Chairman of Investment Committee**

New York, New York March 17, 2010 – NewOak Capital LLC announces the appointment of Donald H. Layton as Senior Advisor and Co-Chairman of its Investment Committee.

“We value Don’s tremendous wealth of proven experience and leadership in the financial industry, both as Vice Chairman at J.P. Morgan Chase and as Chairman & CEO of E*Trade Financial Corporation, where he led their turnaround to financial health. Don’s in-depth banking industry expertise will greatly enhance and complement NewOak Capital’s state-of-the-art credit loss estimation, asset valuation and restructuring, and broad financial industry advisory capabilities. NewOak Capital will benefit greatly by Don’s invaluable role on the Board of Advisors of NewOak Capital in providing ongoing strategic advice on the overall direction of the Firm. We are delighted to be working closely with Don to take advantage of unparalleled opportunities in the banking space for NewOak Capital’s clients and grow the firm,” says Ron D’Vari, CEO and Co-Founder.

“I am excited to be part of NewOak Capital. I think Ron and his associates at NewOak Capital have developed, in just a short time, a firm with great potential to grow beyond its core industry-leading expertise in structured securities, and I look forward to helping them to do just that.”

Recently the U.S. Department of the Treasury has appointed Donald H. Layton and one other individual to serve on the board of directors of the American International Group (AIG) effective immediately.

Donald H. Layton was Chairman of E*TRADE Financial Corporation from November 2007, and additionally Chief Executive Officer from March 2008, retiring from both positions in December 2009. Previously, he had retired from JP Morgan Chase in 2004 after 29 years at the firm and its predecessors, serving most recently as Vice Chairman and a member of its three-person Office of the Chairman, as well as its Executive Committee. Mr. Layton also serves as a director of Assured Guaranty Ltd, a leading provider of financial guaranty and credit enhancement products. He has served as a Senior Advisor to The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, and is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Capital Markets Advisory Committee and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Visiting Committee for Economics. Mr. Layton received Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University.

About NewOak Capital (www.newoakcapital.com)

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approach to credit analysis. NewOak Capital is able to apply consistent analysis across large and complex portfolios and create valuable security and portfolio level risk profiles as well as valuation across scenarios that are easy to visualize and explain.

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