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### **Former Federal Reserve Bank President to Keynote DCIA Annual Conference**

The Delaware Captive Insurance Association (DCIA) is pleased to announce that Dr. William Poole will be the Keynote Speaker for the Association's Annual Conference to be held on October 7 and 8, 2008 in Wilmington, Delaware. With the Current volatility and uncertainty in the economy, this year's Annual Conference will focus on "Risk Finance at the Crossroads," covering topics ranging from Proposed Federal Oversight and expansion of the National Risk Retention Act to Managing Captive Investments in a Time of Change.

Dr. Poole, who for the last ten years served as the chief executive of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, will discuss some of the significant touchstones of economic policy in the U.S., including the Federal Reserve Board's ideology, the state of Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE's) such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and current macroeconomic factors affecting the markets.

The Annual Conference coincides with Dr. Poole's joining the University of Delaware to serve as a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the Lerner College of Business and Economics. Dr. Poole's distinguished career includes considerable time in both academia and federal policy development, making him well suited to discuss the economic landscape facing risk finance and business professionals. Dr. Poole is also noted for his reputation as an excellent speaker, and his address will interest veterans of the captive insurance industry and newcomers alike.

In planning this year's conference, the DCIA has focused on topics that will be at the top of insurance and financial professionals' minds as we close out 2008 and head into 2009. The financial and insurance markets are each in dynamic states. Spiking oil and commodities prices, coupled with the mortgage crisis, have the financial markets in disarray. This disarray carries over into the insurance industry and has negative effects on insurers' earnings even as those insurers must cope with a soft property and casualty market and increasing tensions between state regulators and the insurance industry. Dr. Poole's discussion will clarify how these factors relate to one another. His explanation of what we might expect in the near future will help risk managers and business leaders with strategic and tactical decision making.

For more information on the DCIA's 2008 Annual Conference and to register, please visit our website at [www.delawarecaptive.org](http://www.delawarecaptive.org) or contact Lindsay Wheeler at 302-884-6714 or [lwheeler@delawarecaptive.org](mailto:lwheeler@delawarecaptive.org).

### **About Delaware Captive Insurance Association (DCIA)**

Founded in 2005, DCIA is a nonprofit organization that serves as the unified voice of the captive insurance industry in Delaware and supports the development and growth of the industry through marketing, networking, education and legislative initiatives. DCIA's members include captive

insurance companies, owners of captive insurance companies, and the managers, attorneys, accountants, actuaries, banks, consultants, claims administrators and other professionals who serve captive insurance companies.

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