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**LAURIE POSNER JOINS ALLEGIANT ASSET MANAGEMENT CO. TO EXPAND WEST COAST  
INSTITUTIONAL SALES EFFORTS**

CLEVELAND—[March 10, 2008]—Allegiant Asset Management Co. announced today that Laurie Posner has joined the firm as Director for Institutional Sales for the West Coast region. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, she will focus primarily on developing and expanding Allegiant’s relationships in the Public Fund marketplace.

“Laurie has more than 15 years of sales experience and an impeccable performance history. We look forward to her leading the firm’s sales efforts on the West Coast, an important and new market for us,” said Rob Joseph, Managing Director of Institutional Sales at Allegiant.

Prior to joining Allegiant, Posner spent seven years with FTSE Americas Inc., where she significantly expanded FTSE’s presence in western North America by cultivating critical business relationships within the institutional investment community. In addition, Posner has held positions with MyPoints.com, Inc., Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., and American Futures Group, Inc.

Posner earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Economics from the University of San Francisco and is a veteran of the United States Army. She is a member of the Financial Women’s Association of San Francisco and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

**About Allegiant Asset Management Company**

Allegiant Asset Management Group comprises Allegiant Asset Management Company ("Allegiant"), Allegiant Funds and Allegiant Institutional Services. Allegiant is an SEC-registered investment advisor and a subsidiary of National City Corporation® (NCC). The firm delivers investment management strategies to institutional clients and has more than \$30 billion in assets under management (as of 12.31.07).

Allegiant serves as the investment advisor to Allegiant Funds — a mutual fund family of domestic and international equity, taxable and tax-exempt fixed income and money market portfolios. Allegiant Institutional Services, a business unit of National City Bank, offers recordkeeping, trustee and/or custody services, and serves hundreds of retirement plan clients nationwide.

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National City Corporation (NYSE: NCC), headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is one of the nation's largest financial holding companies. The company operates through an extensive banking network primarily in Ohio, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and also serves customers in selected markets nationally. Its core businesses include commercial and retail banking, mortgage financing and servicing, consumer finance and asset management. For more information about National City, visit the company's Web site at [www.nationalcity.com](http://www.nationalcity.com).

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