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### **CAPIS's Kelly C. Abernathy Named 2009 Best Corporate Counsel**

December 1, 2009 – Dallas, Texas- Capital Institutional Services, Inc. (CAPIS), a top institutional agency broker and research provider today announced that Kelly C. Abernathy, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, was honored with a Best Corporate Counsel award by the Dallas Business Journal. The award recognizes Dallas/Fort Worth's outstanding corporate legal professionals.

"Kelly is an accomplished professional whose extensive legal knowledge and compliance expertise have been instrumental to CAPIS's success," said Kristi P. Wetherington, President and CEO. "CAPIS is committed to providing superior compliance support to the institutional investment community and this award affirms that our compliance team is among the best in the industry."

Ms. Abernathy was among 32 finalists and was chosen by a panel of 10 legal professionals, scholars and past award recipients. She received her award at a ceremony on November 12, 2009.

A graduate of the Oklahoma University College of Law, Ms. Abernathy joined CAPIS in 2001. She serves on the Executive Committee and oversees CAPIS's compliance with corporate policies, procedures, laws, and regulations. She also provides legal advice for new company products and services, as well as compliance and regulatory matters.

To read the Dallas Business Journal's article, visit <http://www.capis.com/bestcounselaward>

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