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## **Arts & Business Council welcomes new chair and members to its board of directors**

PHILADELPHIA, PA – October 9, 2006 – The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia (the Council) recently confirmed the appointment of renowned Philadelphia lawyer Stephen S. Aichele, Esq. as chair of its board of directors.

Aichele replaces Donald R. Caldwell, founder, chairman and CEO of Cross Atlantic Capital Partners, Inc., who served as chair for three years.

“We are thrilled to welcome Steve Aichele as chair of our board,” said Karen B. Davis, President and CEO of the Council. “His extensive legal background and his dedication to the arts community will be invaluable to our organization.”

After serving as Saul Ewing's managing partner for four years, Aichele was named chairman of the firm in January 2006. In this capacity, Aichele serves as the firm's principal ambassador through his participation and leadership in community affairs.

In addition to his role as chair, Aichele continues to be active in his real estate practice and in the business, civil and political organizations in which the firm participates. Aichele is a member of the board of other local nonprofits, including The Philadelphia Orchestra and the Council's parent organization, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Aichele also shares his experience with the next generation of attorneys as an Adjunct Professor at the Temple University School of Law, where he has taught a course in Real Estate Development Finance for more than 20 years. He also regularly lectures on real estate-related topics for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

The Council is also pleased to announce the confirmation of noted media executive Lyn Pierce Strickler and PNC Bank vice president Regina E. Hager to its board.

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Strickler is the executive vice president and managing director of Harmelin Media, which is one of the nation's top ten independent media firms as well as Pennsylvania's largest media services agency.

Strickler is also active in the local community as she is vice president of the board of the Main Line Art Center. She is also a committee member of the Philadelphia Police Athletic League as well as Leave A Legacy, a nonprofit that encourages including charitable gifts in wills and estate planning.

Regina Hager is vice president and director of corporate communications at PNC Bank. She manages communications and community relations activities for the Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey region. She is responsible for PNC's regional foundation grant making, media relations, sponsorships, internal communications and client entertainment.

Under her leadership, Hager has directed the fourteen-year sponsorship of the Philadelphia Flower Show, helping it flourish, attracting more than 1/4 million visitors and generating \$30 million annually in economic impact for this region.

Believing in a holistic and focused approach to PNC's responsibilities and opportunities, Hager is part of a team that has been instrumental in a wide range of community relations activities including PNC's partnerships with a diverse array of nonprofit organizations throughout the region.

#### **About the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia**

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia, an affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and a chapter of the national Arts & Business Council of Americans for the Arts, is the region's only nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating mutually beneficial relationships between business and the arts and cultural institutions located in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and northern Delaware. Since its inception in 1981, the Arts & Business Council has partnered with the business sector to generate more than \$20 million in contributed goods and services for the region's arts and cultural institutions and has trained and placed more than 2,000 business professionals in a variety of leadership roles within arts organizations. For more information, please visit [www.artsandbusinessphila.org](http://www.artsandbusinessphila.org) or call 215.790.3620.

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