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Michael Grant Named President of the National Bankers Association

Michael Grant, a 1983 graduate of Howard University Law School, will assume the office of president of the National Bankers Association (NBA) this week. Grant has been a corporate consultant for the last fourteen years. His firm's client list included the following companies: Citizens Bank of Tennessee, Marriott Corporation, Dell Computers, Cracker Barrel Restaurants, Ritz-Carlton Hotels, Westin Hotels, McDonald's Restaurants, Hyatt Regency Hotels and Harrah's Casinos.

An author of two books, Grant also served in the press office of former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Joe Califano and chaired media credentials for President Jimmy Carter's White House Conference on Families. He has lobbied Capitol Hill where he helped to successfully shape legislation for many of his clients.

Upon accepting the association's presidency, Grant stated: "Assuming this position is a high honor worthy of my best efforts. The role minority banks play in providing economic capacity on Main Street America should not be understated. As NBA President, I will work tirelessly to promote, grow and strengthen the minority banking system".

Grant has been a recognized leader in community economic development for the last 20 years and has worked with national organizations to advance and promote minority economic empowerment.

Floyd Weekes, chairman of the board of directors of the association, praised the work of the search committee. He stated: "The commitment of our leadership is evident as these very busy minority bankers went the extra mile to secure solid, prepared, visionary leadership for the NBA. Michael Grant is uniquely qualified to help the association amplify its role as an advocate for minority banking. His proven ability to execute will make him a perfect match to work with the board as well as the general membership."

The National Bankers Association promotes the general welfare and usefulness of minority financial institutions which include: African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, Native-American and any other minority group. Member institutions are deeply committed to providing employment opportunities, entrepreneurial capital, and economic revitalization for the communities they serve.

Founded in 1927, this non-profit association advocates on behalf of its members, creates educational and training opportunities, and develops programs and services for member banks. Composed of approximately 50 financial institutions in 24 states, the association's office is located in Washington, D.C.

The NBA's 81st annual convention is scheduled for October 6-9, 2008 at the Ritz-Carlton, South Beach in Miami, Florida.