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WASHINGTON - The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) announced today that Sonja White has been appointed to the position of Director, Examination Policy. Ms. White replaces Duane Thorkildsen, who was named Deputy Director of OTS's Dallas regional office in June.

Ms. White will manage the day-to-day operations of OTS's examinations, applications processing and the trust activities divisions. Her responsibilities include oversight of the processing of applications to open new thrifts, and the monitoring and tracking of troubled thrift institutions. She also advises senior management regarding strategic issues, controversies and problems related to the regulation, examination and supervision of thrifts.

Ms. White has been with the OTS, and its predecessor, the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), since 1985. She has served as the National Community Affairs Coordinator for OTS since 1999 -- and will retain responsibility for overseeing OTS's Community Affairs program in her new role.

Ms. White began her career as a bank examiner with the Denver branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in 1982. From 1985 to 1992, she was responsible for oversight, supervision, examination and regulation of thrifts for the San Francisco FHLB, serving as Assistant Regional Director and Acting Deputy Regional Director. She served as a Special Assistant to the Director of OTS from 1992 to 1995.

"The experience Sonja White brings to this position will be invaluable to the agency in addressing emerging issues related to the examination and supervision of the industry, and to applications for new thrift charters," said Managing Director for Supervision Scott Albinson, in announcing the appointment.

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