

MICHAEL E. GRANT JOINS COHEN FINANCIAL AS DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL MARKETS IN CHICAGO

Chicago (June 15, 2009) – Cohen Financial, a national real estate capital services firm, announced the appointment of Michael E. Grant as Director, Capital Markets in the company's Chicago office. Mr. Grant has more than 30 years of commercial real estate experience. As Director, Capital Markets in Chicago, Mr. Grant will specialize in securing financing for Cohen Financial clients across the Midwest marketplace and will expand and enhance the company's relationships with life insurance companies across the country.



Mr. Grant has been directly responsible for several billions of dollars in commercial real estate financing transactions during his career. For three and a half years, while at Capmark, Mr. Grant acted as the company's coordinator related to ING Investment Management. As a result of his efforts, Capmark became a national correspondent for ING. Mr. Grant also served as the President of The Illinois Mortgage Bankers Association in 1987.

Jack Cohen, CEO of Cohen Financial, stated, "Michael's appointment will further our lending relationship with life insurance companies and our professional reach across the Midwest marketplace. He brings a keen appreciation for both lender and borrower needs, which will definitely benefit our clients in this current economic climate."

Prior to joining Cohen Financial, Mr. Grant was a Senior Vice President in retail mortgage banking in Capmark's Chicago office where he was responsible for originating commercial real estate debt and equity transactions. Prior to that, Mr. Grant was a Senior Vice President, Director, principal, and head of production at Mid-North Financial Services, Inc. He is an active lecturer, teacher and mentor and has authored a number of commercial real estate financing articles, in addition to being a member of the Board of Advisors of DePaul University School of Music and the Rush Neuroscience Institute Leadership Committee.

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"I am extremely pleased to be working with Cohen Financial and look forward to enhancing the firm's life company relationships and Midwestern client reach," said Mr. Grant. "Additionally, my goal is to be active and aggressive in securing real estate financing business."

Mr. Grant earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin and a Law degree from Loyola University. He has won a number of awards, including Commercial Mortgage Banker of the Year, Who's Who in the Midwest and is a member in Perpetuity of the Chicago Real Estate Council.

About Cohen Financial

Cohen Financial is a national real estate capital services firm offering debt and equity placement, investment brokerage, loan administration and advisory services. Marking 31 years of capital markets experience in 2009, the company is recognized as one of the nation's leading originators of commercial real estate financing. Cohen Financial serves clients throughout the U.S. from offices in 7 major markets.

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