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ATLANTA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NAMES NEW GENERAL COUNSEL

Experienced Public Finance Attorney Veronica C. Jones Joins the City of Atlanta's Economic Development Agency

ATLANTA --- The Atlanta Development Authority (ADA) today announced Veronica C. Jones as new general counsel for ADA, the economic development agency for the City of Atlanta. She began her new role effective August 13, 2007.

As general counsel, Ms. Jones will be responsible for all aspects of ADA's legal affairs, which will include working with ADA-related organizations such as the Downtown Development Authority, the Urban Residential Finance Authority and Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. Additionally, she will take the lead on government relations and legislative initiatives for these organizations.

Since coming to Atlanta in 1996, Ms. Jones has practiced public finance with Hunton & Williams LLP, in her own firm that carried her name and more recently as counsel with Powell Goldstein LLP. She has also served as city attorney for the City of Riverdale, Ga., and as finance director of the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority. Before arriving in Atlanta, Ms. Jones was groomed as a bond lawyer at the New York law firm Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP.

"We are delighted to have Veronica join us at ADA," said Peggy McCormick, president of ADA. "She brings a wealth of public finance and legal experience to our organizations and will add value to our programs and initiatives."

Ms. Jones's professional experience has been multi-disciplinary. An accomplished bond lawyer, she has delivered solutions to a wide array of legal questions and has built her expertise representing both public authorities and private clients in the public financing process. "Serving as general counsel to the Authority is a natural culmination of my 17 years of specialized legal practice" said Ms. Jones.

A native of New Jersey, Ms. Jones earned her juris doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law – Newark in 1990 and her bachelor of science degree in finance from Georgetown University in 1987. She is licensed to practice law in the states of Georgia and New Jersey.

Ms. Jones replaces former general counsel Kenneth M. Neighbors, who joined the firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP this past summer.

The Atlanta Development Authority is the catalyst for residential and commercial economic vitality in Atlanta. For further information about ADA, go to www.atlantada.com.