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**Wilmington Trust Eyes Continued Global Growth of Corporate Client Services Business**

*Plan calls for global expansion of default/bankruptcy, distressed debt, and other corporate trust services*

Wilmington, DE, October 11, 2010 – Wilmington Trust, a leading provider of institutional trustee, agency, and administrative services through its Corporate Client Services (CCS) business, announced today an initiative to expand the reach of its global corporate trust services. After experiencing significant success in recent years in major jurisdictions in the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean, Wilmington Trust has created a new program, called “One Global Model,” which is designed to reinforce the company’s ability to serve corporate clients in global capital markets and accelerate CCS’s already-strong growth.

“We have grown our CCS business aggressively by expanding our services, adding new geographic markets, and hiring talented and experienced teams,” said Donald E. Foley, Wilmington Trust’s chairman and CEO. “Our One Global Model initiative allows us to capitalize on our expertise in the global capital markets. We see this as a major element of our corporate growth going forward.”

To lead the initiative, Wilmington Trust has tapped Daniel R. Fisher, vice president and division manager for Global Finance within CCS’s Corporate Capital Markets Services group. Mr. Fisher heads the teams that provide trust services for defaulted debt and workouts, project and equipment finance, and other global capital markets transactions. In his new role, he will continue to manage these groups, but

will do so from Wilmington Trust's European base in London, beginning this month. Working closely with Christophe Schroeder, executive managing director of CCS's European business, and leaders in CCS's global offices, Mr. Fisher will be responsible for expanding corporate trustee and agency work in global capital markets. Mr. Fisher joined Wilmington Trust in 2007 and has more than 25 years of experience in corporate trust services, including roles in sales, account management, and product management for large, global providers. He reports to Jack Beeson, senior vice president of Corporate Capital Markets Services for CCS.

"Our specialist teams and local jurisdictional expertise in financial centers around the globe have been important factors in our ability to serve increasingly complex capital markets transactions," said Bill Farrell, executive vice president and head of CCS. "Dan's presence in Europe and his experience will be significant assets as we deliver our services more broadly and deepen the relationships we have with our growing, global base of clients."

CCS's global expansion initiatives date to 2002, when Wilmington Trust established a presence in London. Since then, the company has opened offices in Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam, and added staff to its office in Grand Cayman. This has helped multinational clients who want to combine the advantages available in multiple jurisdictions with the convenience of working with a single service provider.

In addition to increasing the jurisdictions in which it operates, CCS has expanded its product offerings to accommodate developments in the marketplace. In recent years, CCS has added teams of experts in loan administration, corporate restructuring, high-yield debt issue services, tender option bond services, insurance trusts, and project and equipment finance. The financial crisis also bolstered growth, as changes in the competitive landscape have led to client dislocation and increased demand for CCS's distressed debt, bankruptcy, and successor trustee and loan administration services.

Due in part to Wilmington Trust's lack of investment banking conflicts of interest, CCS has been appointed successor trustee for unsecured creditors in six of the 10 largest bankruptcies in U.S. history, including those of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., General Motors Corporation, Washington Mutual, Inc., and WorldCom, Inc. In many cases, bankruptcy courts have appointed Wilmington Trust to sit on the unsecured creditors' committee, or, as in the Lehman Brothers and General Motors cases, to chair it. Beyond the U.S., Wilmington Trust has won appointments in large bankruptcy cases such as those involving LyondellBasell Industries AF S.C.A. (Luxembourg), AbitibiBowater Inc., (Canada), Wind

Hellas Telecommunications SA (Greece), Gallery Media Group Ltd. (Russia), Teksid S.p.A. (U.K.), Deutsch Connectors (France), and East Cameron Gas Company (Cayman Islands).

“We have enjoyed great success as clients and their advisors have recognized the experience and talent of the exceptional professionals in CCS offices around the globe,” said Mr. Fisher. “We expect that our One Global Model initiative will help us further the significant momentum already in place to grow our global capital markets business.”

Wilmington Trust’s CCS business offers institutional trustee, agency, asset management, retirement plan, and administrative services for clients worldwide who use capital markets financing structures, as well as those who seek to establish or maintain nexus, or legal residency, for special purpose entities. CCS is distinguished from many of its competitors by its status as a core business, the experience and expertise of its global staff, its independence by virtue of not having lending or securities underwriting conflicts, its multi-jurisdictional presence, and its reputation for superior service and execution.

CCS’s revenue rose at a 16% compound annual growth rate between 2000 and 2009. Fees generated by Wilmington Trust’s advisory businesses – CCS and Wealth Advisory Services – account for approximately 60% of the company’s total revenue. These fees complement income from the Regional Banking business and provide revenue diversification that helps set Wilmington Trust apart from most regional banks.

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory services to high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client services to institutional clients in 89 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam. For more information, visit [www.wilmingtontrust.com](http://www.wilmingtontrust.com).

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