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## **Barry Kolatch Named Deputy Comptroller For Economic Research and Policy Development**

WASHINGTON -- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency announced today that Barry Kolatch has been appointed Deputy Comptroller for Economic Research and Policy Development. Mr. Kolatch, who will start in his new position on September 23, will be responsible for economic and policy analysis and research on the performance of national banks.

"Economic analysis plays a vital role in our supervision of national banks," said Jonathan L. Fiechter, Senior Deputy Comptroller for International and Economic Affairs. "We are very fortunate to have Barry's broad experience to apply to economic research and policy development here at the OCC."

Mr. Kolatch has been the Deputy Director of the Division of Research and Statistics at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. He was also Senior Advisor to the Chairman of the FDIC. In addition, he served at the Resolution Trust Corporation where he was Vice President for Planning, Research and Statistics. Prior to his government service, he was a Principal of Golembe Associates, Inc.

Mr. Kolatch has an MA and PhD in economics from Yale University and a BA in economics from Columbia University.

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,200 national banks and 52 federal branches of foreign banks in the U.S., accounting for more than 54 percent of the nation's banking assets. Its mission is to ensure a safe and sound and competitive national banking system that supports the citizens, communities and economy of the United States.