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***Wilmington Trust Executive Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from U.S. Banker Magazine***  
***Rita C. Turner selected for outstanding personal and professional accomplishments over 35-year career***

Wilmington, DE, October 14, 2008 – Wilmington Trust announced today that Rita C. Turner, executive vice president and head of the company's Client Services department, has been selected to receive ***U.S. Banker*** magazine's Marjorie Magner Lifetime Achievement Award.

According to editors, the national award is given annually to one woman in the banking industry whose outstanding personal and professional achievements over the course of her career are marked by a demonstrated ability to inspire excellence in others and an unrelenting commitment to use her influence to support education, equal opportunity, and diversity within corporate America and communities locally, regionally, or nationally. It is named in honor of Marjorie Magner, former chairman and CEO of Citigroup's Global Consumer Group, and will be given in conjunction with ***U.S. Banker's*** 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking, the 25 Women to Watch, and the Top 3 Banking Teams rankings at a black-tie gala in New York on October 20th.

"Rita's accomplishments have been instrumental to the success of Wilmington Trust over the long term, and the commitment she has demonstrated throughout her career to community service organizations is equally impressive," said Robert V.A. Harra Jr., president and chief operating officer of Wilmington Trust. "With high moral character, she leads by example. She inspires people around her to be purposeful and successful in everything they do at work and in the community. Rita is a

talented executive and a genuine humanitarian, and we could not be more proud of her. We thank *U.S. Banker* for this well-deserved recognition.”

Ms. Turner, a native of Philadelphia, has spent her entire career at Wilmington Trust. She joined the company in 1973 in a clerical position and steadily advanced through the years. She has served on the company’s executive management team since 1996 and has led a number of strategic initiatives that have helped Wilmington Trust grow from a small Delaware-based bank to an international financial services company. During her 21-year tenure as the head of Marketing, Ms. Turner led Wilmington Trust’s first comprehensive brand management program, developed and implemented award-winning marketing campaigns, and helped launch the company’s web site and online banking services.

In addition, she has led the establishment and development of several firsts at Wilmington Trust, including the Community Reinvestment Act program and a company-wide vendor management program. Today, Ms. Turner oversees Wilmington Trust’s banking operations; client services; risk management activities, including compliance with federally mandated regulatory programs; and a centralized project management office.

Beyond her responsibilities at Wilmington Trust, Ms. Turner also contributes her time and talents to the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, where she serves on the board of directors, and Wilmington’s Grand Opera House, where she is a trustee. In addition, Ms. Turner is a regular volunteer for the YWCA Delaware, which has honored her by naming a community service award the “Rita Turner Award.” She also was part of the national YWCA’s branding efforts that produced a new logo prominently featuring its mission: Eliminating Racism and Empowering Women.

Ms. Turner has served as chairman of the board of the American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula, is a founding member of the Advisory Board of the LPGA Urban Youth Golf Program in Wilmington, and has volunteered with the Delaware Community Foundation. She is a member of the Forum of Executive Women, Philadelphia and the Forum of Executive Women, Delaware, and is a lifetime member of the Wilmington Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.

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