

## Carl Corbett Named President of the Greater Columbia Mortgage Bankers Association



**January 9, 2008- Columbia, SC** – Carl Corbett, Vice President and Mortgage Market Manager of First Reliance Bank was recently named the 2008 President of the Greater Columbia Mortgage Bankers Association. Corbett was elected due to his extensive mortgage banking experience, career achievements, and strong community involvement.

“At First Reliance Bank, we believe that involvement within the community is essential to our success and growth,” said Rick Saunders, President and CEO. “We support Carl’s efforts to grow and develop the community and value him as an associate of the bank.” As part of the bank’s expansion goals, First Reliance Bank recently opened their Regional Headquarters in Lexington, SC.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of Greater Columbia is the local chapter of The Mortgage Bankers Association of the Carolinas, Inc. (MBAC), which represents companies that participate in the mortgage lending industry within North and South Carolina. As President of the Greater Columbia Mortgage Bankers Association, Corbett will oversee all benefits and services provided to the association’s members; such as, legislative representation, education and training, networking, and information resources.

In addition to the Mortgage Bankers Association, Corbett is also an active member of the Irmo Chamber of Commerce. Corbett is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration Finance. Corbett currently resides in Irmo with his wife and daughter.

*First Reliance Bank, founded in 1999, has assets of approximately \$609 million, and employs over 170 highly talented associates. The bank serves the Upstate, Midlands, Piedmont, Low Country, Grand Strand, and Pee Dee regions of South Carolina. The bank has been recognized for its success including being the only company ever to be named to The Top 25 Fastest Growing Companies™ in South Carolina four times including 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006 (SC Chamber/Elliott Davis. In June 2007, the bank was added to the Palmetto 25, a list of S.C.’s largest publicly held companies. In 2006 and 2007, the bank was also recognized as One of the Best Places to Work in South Carolina by the SC Chamber of Commerce. **First Reliance Bank offers Totally FREE Checking, Totally FREE Business, FREE Coin Machines, a Nationwide NO FEE ATM Network, and a 5 Way Mortgage Service Promise. It also offers 8-8 Extended Hours in all of their Florence, Mt. Pleasant, and Lexington locations and is open on most traditional bank holidays. Its Easy to Do Business With™ standard has earned the young bank a customer satisfaction rating of 96% (Performance Solutions-June 2007-Audited). First Reliance Bank is traded as FSRL.OB.***