

## **CASTLEOAK SECURITIES ADDS CATHY BELL TO ITS MUNICIPAL FINANCE GROUP**

New York, NY – (October 6, 2011) - CastleOak Securities, L.P., a leading New York-based boutique investment banking firm, today announced the appointment of Cathy Bell as Managing Director and Co-Head of its Municipal Finance Group. Reporting to David R. Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Bell will be instrumental in expanding CastleOak's municipal sales and banking capabilities, further positioning the firm as an aggressive and competitive participant in municipal bond underwriting.

“CastleOak continues to attract top level talent. Cathy's exceptional client relationships, knowledge of the marketplace, and leadership skills make her an ideal candidate to join our growing municipal finance division,” said David R. Jones, President and CEO of CastleOak Securities. “I am confident that adding an individual of Cathy's caliber will further CastleOak's ability to meet our clients' needs in today's demanding marketplace.”

Ms. Bell said, “CastleOak's stellar reputation is well-earned and well-deserved. I am delighted to join the experienced professionals on CastleOak's municipal finance team and am committed to helping serve our clients and contributing to the continuing success of the firm.”

Ms. Bell joins CastleOak with over 25 years of experience in municipal finance. Previously, she served as a Managing Director at Loop Capital Markets, and as a Senior Vice President with Advest, Inc. and M. R. Beal & Company. Earlier, Ms. Bell served as General Counsel of the New York State Financial Control Board for the City of New York. She is a member of the New York State Governor's Task Force on the Implementation of the Public Authorities Reform Act and is a member of the New York State Bar. Ms. Bell received a J.D. from Columbia University and a B.A. from Howard University.

### **About CastleOak Securities**

CastleOak is a New York - based boutique investment bank with regional offices in Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago and Portland providing equity and debt capital markets sales and trading

and financial advisory services. CastleOak offers expertise in primary and secondary market financial transactions providing services to a client base that ranges from Fortune 500 to middle market corporations, institutional investors, and financial sponsors.

CastleOak is in a strategic partnership with Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P., a leading global financial services provider to the institutional equity and fixed income capital markets.

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