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**Illinois League meets with
New State Regulator Head**

Naperville, IL., March 13, 2008 – Key staff from the Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) recently met with Robert Meza, who was named the new director of the Illinois Division of Financial Institutions (DFI). The DFI is a division of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), and provides regulatory supervision of Illinois-chartered credit unions.

The meeting, held at the IDFPR offices in the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, included Dan Plauda, ICUL president/chief executive officer, Steve Olson, ICUL executive vice president, general counsel and COO; and Keith Sias, ICUL director of state governmental affairs. Also in attendance at the introductory meeting were Dean Martinez, IDFPR secretary; Susan Gold, acting deputy general counsel for IDFPR and DFI; and Brent Adams, IDFPR policy director.

“We were pleased that Secretary Martinez initiated the meeting with Robert Meza and we had the opportunity to meet him, confirm changes in the IDFPR and DFI organizational structure, and discuss the Illinois credit union movement,” said Plauda.

Meza has diverse public and private sector experience. Most recently, he was an attorney with Williams Acosta, a Detroit-based firm, serving clients in its Real Estate and Eminent Domain practice areas. Prior to joining Williams Acosta PLLC in 2003, Meza served as the vice president of legal affairs for Urban Investment Trust Incorporated, a Chicago-based development firm with both commercial and residential holdings. Prior to that, Meza practiced eminent domain and municipal law at Earl L. Neal & Associates. In 1988, Meza was appointed Managing Corporate Attorney for the Chicago Transit Authority.

During the meeting, Meza acknowledged the importance of state-chartered credit unions in Illinois, which numbers first in the nation with 338. “Director Meza also understood ICUL’s long collaborative relationship with the DFI. We look forward to working with him, as we pursue our regulatory and legislative agenda on behalf of credit unions doing business in Illinois,” said Olson.

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ICUL staff plan to meet with Meza again at the State Capitol to discuss in more detail pending issues important to credit unions. In addition, he has been invited to participate in panels at ICUL's upcoming Annual Convention (April 17 – 19, 2008 at the Chicago Hilton & Towers) and its annual Legislative Day Event and Reception (April 30, 2008, Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield).

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Note: The Illinois Credit Union League is the primary trade association for credit unions in Illinois, which provides members with information, legislation and education. Membership is open to any credit union operating in accordance with the Illinois Credit Union Act or the Federal Credit Union Act. There are 455 credit unions in Illinois serving more than 2.7 million members.