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GARY S. KLEIN JOINS NATO AS VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL

Capitol Hill, Consumer Electronics and Toy Industry Veteran

Washington D.C. and Los Angeles, Calif.— National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO) President and CEO John Fithian announced today the association has hired veteran trade association executive Gary S. Klein as the association's Vice President and General Counsel. Klein will join the management team at NATO's Washington, D.C. headquarters and will provide legal and policy advice to NATO, its staff, Executive Board and members. Key substantive areas of focus will include the industry's transition to digital technologies, the effort to combat movie theft, preservation of the theatrical release window, and oversight of the movie rating system. Klein assumed his duties February 16.

"NATO is very fortunate to have the services of someone with the depth and breadth of legal and trade association experience that Gary Klein brings to us," stated Fithian. "The movie theater industry faces exciting and challenging opportunities and we look forward to Gary's counsel in navigating them."

Most recently, Klein served as Associate Administrator, Office of Governmentwide Policy in the General Services Administration. From 2003-2006, he was Senior Vice President, Government, Legal and Regulatory Affairs/General Counsel for the Toy Industry Association (TIA) and from 1997-2003 Vice President, Government and Legal Affairs/General Counsel for the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA).

Prior to his trade association experience, Klein served as Associate Deputy Secretary of Labor/ Special Counsel to the U.S. Department of Labor, Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Administrative Practice, and as International Trade Counsel to the Chair of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on International Trade.

Klein has Hollywood experience as well. Before embarking on his career in government and industry, he spent seven years writing for television comedies, and was a member of the Writers Guild of America.

Klein is a graduate of Queens College and holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from George Washington University and studied for a Master of Laws degree from Harvard University.

The National Association of Theatre Owners is the largest exhibition trade organization in the world, representing more than 30,000 movie screens in all 50 states, and additional cinemas in 50 countries worldwide. Our membership includes the largest cinema chains in the world and hundreds of independent theatre owners.. NATO is headquartered in Washington, D.C., with a second office in North Hollywood, California.

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