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## Fort Washington CEO Earns Award Nomination for Advancement of Women, Community Service

**CINCINNATI – Sept. 12, 2007** – Maribeth S. Rahe, president and chief executive officer of Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. (Fort Washington), was recently named a finalist for the 2007 Greater Cincinnati ATHENA Award®. The nomination recognizes Rahe for her unwavering commitment to the advancement of women in both the workplace and throughout the community.

“Maribeth’s deep commitment to the advancement of women underscores the importance of women in business today and serves as a true inspiration both internally and externally,” said John F. Barrett, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Western & Southern Financial Group, Fort Washington’s parent company.

Among the accomplishments that earned Rahe the nomination for the ATHENA Award:

- Active member of foundation board of directors for The Committee of 200 (C200), an international not-for-profit association that strives to improve opportunities for women business leaders, serves as a source for governmental representation, and serves as a source for research on issues relevant to women in business.
- Named one of YWCA’s Outstanding Career Women of Achievement in 1993; lifetime member of the YWCA Leadership Academy.
- One of “America’s Most Influential Women – 200 Legends, Leaders and Trailblazers” featured in *Vanity Fair* magazine in November 1998.
- Highest-ranking woman in banking from 1994 to 2000 and one of only five women to serve as a top executive in a Fortune 500 company in 1997.

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- Featured by *New York Times* as one of the most revered women to break through the highest of glass ceilings in 1997 as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago.
- Inducted into The Association of Ohio Commodores in 2007 and recipient of *The Executive Order of the Ohio Commodore*, Ohio's most distinguished honor awarded each year by the state's governor to outstanding Ohioans in recognition of business accomplishments, acumen, and leadership.

The ATHENA Award is presented to a woman – or man – in honor of professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in realizing their full leadership potential. Founded in the 1980s by Michigan business woman Martha Mertz, ATHENA® International is devoted to supporting, developing and honoring women leaders, inspiring women to achieve their full potential, and creating balance in leadership worldwide. For more information about ATHENA® International and the local awards program, visit [www.athenafoundation.org](http://www.athenafoundation.org).

### **About Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc.**

Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. (Fort Washington), founded in 1990, is the money management and primary investment arm of Western & Southern Financial Group® with more than \$26.7 billion in assets.\*\* Fort Washington is a registered investment advisor with expertise in Fixed Income, Public Equity and Private Equity. Clients include institutions and high-net-worth individuals throughout the country. For more information, visit [www.fortwashington.com](http://www.fortwashington.com).

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