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## **Expert in Women's Financial Issues Joins Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors**

**Scottsdale, Ariz. (June 23, 2008)**...Phil Stoker and Creg Ostler, co-managing partners of Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors, are pleased to welcome Kimberly Bridges as a Senior Financial Planner. Bridges will work closely with clients providing personalized plans with emphasis on estate planning, tax consequences and unique client objectives.

In addition, Bridges has extensive knowledge in women's issues in financial planning and will utilize her expertise to help develop the Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors "Women and Wealth" seminar series. The series addresses financial issues specific to women at all stages of life to promote a healthy financial lifestyle and future.

"We are pleased with the path of progress our firm has taken the past decade," said Stoker. "We are honored to welcome Kim to our team and hope to leverage her unique expertise in financial planning and women's issues to help develop new services for our clients and prospects."

Bridges, a **Mesa** resident, is a candidate for CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification. In addition, later this year she will complete her doctorate in personal financial planning, with emphasis on financial issues affecting women, from Texas Tech University.

"Through a combination of education and life experiences I have developed a passion for financial planning and a keen desire to work on financial issues affecting women and seniors. Stoker Ostler is the perfect environment for me to work with those who are in greatest need of a trusted advisor."

Kim received her bachelor's degree in Human Ecology and her Master of Science in Family Studies and Human Services with an Emphasis in Family Financial Planning from Kansas State University. Kim is a member of the Financial Planning Association (FPA), the Academy of Financial Services (AFS), South Plains Estate and Trust Council, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Kim is a former U.S. Marine and is married to a retired Marine officer. Her hobbies include bike riding, reading, and spending time with family.

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**About Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors**

Founded in 1997, Stoker Ostler Wealth Advisors, formerly Private Wealth Management, is a fee-only wealth management firm that specializes in managing investments and providing financial planning for private individuals and families, small-to-medium-sized institutions and nonprofit organizations with investment assets greater than \$500,000. In addition, the firm provides reporting, periodic rebalancing and active tax management services for its clients.

As of April 2008, Stoker Ostler manages over \$770,000,000 in total assets. Additional areas of expertise include: retirement planning, 401(k)/IRA distribution and issues related to the death of a spouse, divorce, inheritance and stock options.

The firm's founders, Philip Stoker and Creg Ostler, have more than 50 years of combined experience in wealth management. Stoker Ostler is employee-owned, allowing the company to steer clear of conflicts of interest that can arise when wealth managers are aligned with a product-based financial service company. Stoker Ostler's independence, combined with the long-standing relationships cultivated with other financial professionals, allows the firm to provide successful, unbiased financial guidance, based solely on the needs and expectations of each client.

Stoker Ostler is headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz. with an additional office in Utah. For more information, call (480) 890-8088 or visit [www.StokerOstler.com](http://www.StokerOstler.com).

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