

## **H&R Block Names New Head of Government Relations**

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KANSAS CITY, MO, Jun 02, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE: HRB) today announced that Kathryn (Kate) Fulton has been named senior vice president of government relations and public policy, effective immediately. Fulton joins the company from Barclays Capital, where she was director in government relations and public policy, managing U.S. legislative and regulatory issues, as well as critical policy developments.

"Kate brings to H&R Block the leadership we need for national legislative advocacy and public policy work in the financial services industry. We're fortunate to have her spearhead our efforts moving forward," said Russ Smyth, CEO and President of H&R Block.

At Barclays, Fulton managed several U.S. government relations issues for Barclays Capital, BarclaycardUS and Barclays Global Investors, including the U.S. government response to the financial crisis, tax policy, mortgage finance, credit card practices, energy policy and derivatives regulation.

Prior to joining Barclays, Fulton oversaw government relations efforts for General Electric's financial services businesses. Fulton also served as director of the Office of Legislative Affairs at the US Securities and Exchange Commission. Prior to joining the SEC, Fulton was a vice president in the government relations group of Morgan Stanley in New York.

Fulton holds a BA, magna cum laude, from Amherst College.

### About H&R Block

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