

**MAPLE LIFE FINANCIAL INC. AND MLF LEXSERV L.P. RETAINED AS EXCLUSIVE  
MARKETING AND SALE AGENT AND SERVICER**

BETHESDA, MD, May 29, 2008—Maple Life Financial Inc. and its affiliate MLF LexServ L.P. have been retained by the current owner of the former Ritchie Risk Linked Trading Strategies (Ireland) Ltd. life settlement portfolio to provide services with respect to the \$2.3 billion face amount of life insurance policies purchased in February 2008 pursuant to a bankruptcy sale auction.

Maple Life Financial Inc. has been retained as the exclusive marketing and sales agent for the disposition of a significant portion of the portfolio. It is anticipated that the assets will be sold in a series of portfolio transactions over the next nine months.

MLF LexServ L.P. has been hired to provide servicing and asset management services for the almost 900 acquired policies. The addition of the assets raises MLF LexServ L.P.'s face value serviced to nearly \$6.5 billion.