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New Commissioners Appointed

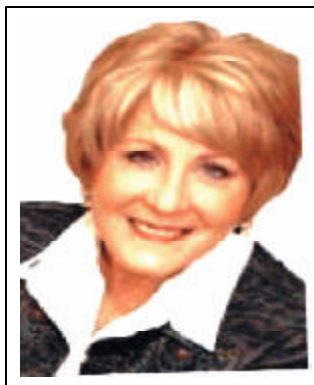
Karen Crowson of Benton and **Jim Newell** of Little Rock were appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to serve three-year terms on the Arkansas Real Estate Commission.

KAREN CROWSON has been active in real estate sales since first licensed in 1987. In 2003, she opened the Crye-Leike Bryant office and then the Crye-Leike Benton office in 2004. She is currently Designated Executive Broker for the Crye-Leike Benton office. Karen holds the ABR and GRI designations from the National Association of REALTORS.

Karen has served on the state level with the Arkansas REALTORS Association as past President in 2006, on the Board of Directors, and chaired and served on numerous committees. Karen was also recently appointed as member of the Individual Sewage Disposal Advisory Committee.

On the national level Karen is currently serving as a National Association of Realtors Director and a member of the Professional Standards Committee.

Karen has been active in her community and served as President of the Benton/Bryant REALTOR'S Association and was selected by the Association as its Realtor of the Year twice. She is actively involved with First Baptist Church of Benton, Benton Area Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity and Saline Homebuilders Association. Karen also previously served as a Director and then



Karen Crowson

President of the Cooperative Arkansas Regional Multiple Listing Service in Little Rock.

She is married to Michael Crowson and their family includes two daughters, Angie Johnson and son-in-law Mike and Chelsea Jones and son-in-law Matt. Angie is also a Realtor with Crye-Leike and Chelsea and Matt reside in Batesville, Mississippi.

JIM NEWELL has been in the life and employee benefit business for over 40 years, beginning as a home group trainee for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. After 13 years in home office work, he started his own agency in Little Rock in 1979.

He is a member of several insurance organizations and was state president of the Life Underwriters Association and the CLU Society. In addition to his background in pensions and group insurance, he has been active in estate planning. He is a 30 year member of the Central Arkansas Estate Planning Council, and he has taught estate planning at UALR.



Jim Newell

He graduated from Little Rock University (UALR) in 1963. He and his wife Sandra have been active in university fund raising and other activities. They have endowed two (2) permanent scholarships at UALR. Jim's scholarship benefits insurance and finance students and Sandra's scholarship is the College of Education.

Jim and Sandra have two children and three grandchildren. Their son Chris is president of The Newell Agency and has worked with his father since graduating from college in 1987. Their daughter Paige is in project management at Acxiom.

New Chairman and Vice Chairman

The Commission at its April 2007 meeting elected **Roy Rainey**, Principal Broker of Rainey Realty, Inc., Little Rock as Chairman, and **Cliff Goodin**, Executive Broker, Cliff Goodin and Associates, Russellville as Vice Chairman. Other members of the Commission are Sylvester L. Smith III of North Little Rock, and new Commissioners Karen Crowson and Jim Newell.