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Dear Fellow Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend our annual meeting of shareholders at 2:00 p.m., Pacific time, on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the executive offices of The First American Corporation, located at 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707.

With this letter, we are including the notice for the annual meeting, the proxy statement and the proxy card. Unless you have received our 2008 annual report earlier in the year, we are also including that report. A map and directions to our executive offices can be found on the inside back cover of the proxy statement.

We have made arrangements for you to vote your proxy over the Internet or by telephone, as well as by mail with the traditional proxy card. The proxy card contains instructions on these methods of voting.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan on attending the annual meeting on December 8, 2009, we hope you will vote as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support of and continued interest in The First American Corporation.

Parker S. Kennedy

Chairman of the Board and

Chief Executive Officer

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To be Held on December 8, 2009

The annual meeting of shareholders of The First American Corporation, a California corporation (our Company), will be held at 2:00 p.m., Pacific time, on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the executive offices of the Company, located at 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707, for the following purposes:

1. To elect 18 persons to serve on our board of directors until the next annual meeting or as soon as their successors are duly elected and qualified.
2. To approve the reincorporation of the Company under the laws of Delaware.
3. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on October 12, 2009, are entitled to notice of the meeting and an opportunity to vote.

The First American Corporation's Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at www.firstam.com/proxymaterials.

It is hoped that you will be present at the meeting to vote in person. However, if you are unable to attend the meeting and vote in person, please submit a proxy as soon as possible, so that your shares can be voted at the meeting in accordance with your instructions. You may submit your proxy (1) over the Internet, (2) by telephone, or (3) by mail. For specific instructions, please refer to the questions and answers commencing on page 2 of the proxy statement and the instructions on the proxy card.

Kenneth D. DeGiorgio

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Senior Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

Santa Ana, California

October [], 2009

PROXY STATEMENT

Solicitation of Proxies by the Board of Directors

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Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at

www.firstam.com/proxymaterials

Our board of directors (our Board) is soliciting proxies from holders of our common shares for use at the annual meeting of our shareholders to be held on December 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., Pacific time. The meeting will be held at the executive offices of The First American Corporation, a California corporation (our Company or First American), located at 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707. We have included a map and directions to our executive offices on the inside back cover of the proxy statement for your convenience.

The approximate date on which this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card, notice of annual meeting, chairman's letter and, unless previously received, 2008 annual report, will be first mailed to our shareholders is October [], 2009.

The remainder of this proxy statement has been divided into three sections. You should read all three sections.

- I. Questions and answers: This section provides answers to a number of frequently asked questions.
- II. Proposals to be voted on: This section provides information relating to the proposals to be voted on at the shareholders' meeting.
- III. Required information: This section contains information that is required by law to be included in this proxy statement and which has not been included in Sections I or II.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why have I been sent these proxy materials?

Our Board has sent you this proxy statement and the accompanying proxy card to ask for your vote, as a shareholder of our Company, on certain matters that will be voted on at the annual meeting.

What matters will be voted on at the meeting?

- the election of 18 persons to serve on the Board until the next annual meeting or as soon as their successors are duly elected and qualified;
- the reincorporation of the Company under the laws of Delaware;
- the ratification of the Company's selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as its independent registered public accounting firm for the 2009 fiscal year; and
- any other business properly raised at the meeting.

At the time this proxy statement was mailed, our Board was not aware of any other matters to be voted on at the annual meeting.

Who may attend the annual meeting?

All shareholders of First American.

Who is entitled to vote?

Shareholders of record as of the close of business on October 12, 2009, the record date, or those with a valid proxy from a bank, brokerage firm or similar organization that held our shares on the record date are entitled to vote on the matters to be considered at the annual meeting.

Who is a shareholder of record?

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A shareholder of record is a person or entity whose name appears as an owner of one or more shares of our common stock on the records of our transfer agent as of its close of business on the record date.

How many shares are entitled to vote at the meeting?

As of the record date, 93,579,532 of our common shares, par value \$1.00 per share, were issued, outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting.

How many votes do I have?

Each common share is entitled to one vote on each proposal. However, if cumulative voting applies for the election of directors, you will be entitled to cast more than one vote for each nominee. See [What does it mean to cumulate a vote?](#) below on this page.

How many votes are needed to elect each director?

Those candidates receiving the highest number of affirmative votes, up to the number of directors to be elected, will be elected directors.

What does it mean to cumulate a vote?

In elections for directors, California law provides that a shareholder, or his or her proxy, may cumulate votes. That is, each shareholder has a number of votes equal to the number of shares owned, multiplied by the number of directors to be elected, and the shareholder may cumulate such votes for a single candidate, or distribute such votes among as many candidates as he or she deems appropriate. However, a shareholder may cumulate votes only for a candidate or candidates whose names have been properly placed in nomination prior to the voting, and only if the shareholder has given notice at the meeting, prior to the voting, of his or her intention to cumulate votes for the candidates in nomination. If one shareholder provides such notice, all shareholders may then vote cumulatively. Unless you give different instructions, your proxy gives discretionary authority to the appointees to vote your shares cumulatively. Cumulative voting does not apply to any proposal other than the election of directors.

Who are the director nominees?

The 18 nominees are:

Hon. George L. Argyros
Bruce S. Bennett
Matthew B. Botein
J. David Chatham
Glenn C. Christenson

Hon. William G. Davis
James L. Doti
Lewis W. Douglas, Jr.
Christopher V. Greetham
Parker S. Kennedy

Thomas C. O'Brien
Frank E. O'Brien
Roslyn B. Payne
John W. Peace
D. Van Skilling

Herbert B. Tasker
Virginia M. Ueberroth
Mary Lee Widener

See pages 8 through 10 for biographical information regarding the nominees.

Why does the Board believe the Company should reincorporate in Delaware?

Our Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to change the Company's state of incorporation from California to Delaware. Our Board believes Delaware's corporate laws will better meet the business needs of the Company. Because of Delaware's prominence as the state of incorporation for many major corporations, both the legislature and courts in Delaware have demonstrated an ability and a willingness to act quickly and effectively to meet changing business needs. The Delaware courts have developed considerable expertise in dealing with corporate issues, and a substantial body of case law has developed construing Delaware law and establishing public policies relating to corporate legal matters. Thus, our Board believes that the Company would benefit from greater predictability and certainty in its legal affairs as a result of the proposed reincorporation.

How many votes are needed to approve the reincorporation?

The affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common shares of the Company is required to approve the reincorporation.

What will happen if the reincorporation is not approved?

If the shareholders do not approve the reincorporation, our Company will remain a California corporation; however, our Board may further consider the possibility of our Company reincorporating in Delaware and may advance a similar proposal in the future.

How many votes are needed to ratify PwC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm?

A majority of the shares present and voting at the annual meeting are needed to ratify PwC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

What happens if the Company's choice of PwC as its independent registered public accounting firm is not ratified by the shareholders?

If the shareholders do not ratify PwC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2009 fiscal year, the audit committee of the Board (the Audit Committee) will reconsider its choice of PwC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and may retain a different independent registered public accounting firm; however, the Audit Committee may nonetheless determine that it is in the Company's, and its shareholders', best interests to retain PwC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. Additionally, even if shareholders ratify the Audit Committee's selection of PwC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee may at any time determine that it is in the Company's, and its shareholders', best interests to retain a different firm.

How do I vote?

You can vote on matters that properly come before the meeting in one of four ways:

You may vote by mail.

You do this by signing and dating the proxy card and mailing it in the enclosed, prepaid and addressed envelope within the required time. If you mark your voting instructions on the proxy card, your shares will be voted as you instruct.

You may vote by telephone.

You do this by following the instructions accompanying the proxy card. If you vote your proxy by telephone, you do not have to mail in your proxy card. Some shareholders may not be able to vote their proxy by telephone.

You may vote on the Internet.

You do this by following the instructions accompanying the proxy card. If you vote your proxy on the Internet, you do not have to mail in your proxy card. Some shareholders may not be able to vote their proxy on the Internet.

You may vote in person at the meeting.

You can vote in person at the meeting. However, if you hold your shares in street name (in the name of a bank, broker or some other nominee), you must request and receive a legal proxy from the record owner prior to the meeting in order to vote at the meeting.

What happens if I sign and return my proxy card, but don't mark my votes?

Parker S. Kennedy or Kenneth D. DeGiorgio, chairman of the board of directors and general counsel, respectively, will vote your shares in their discretion as proxies.

Can I revoke my proxy?

You have the power to revoke your proxy at any time before the polls close at the meeting. You may do this by:

- signing and returning another proxy with a later date;
- submitting written notice of your revocation to our general counsel at our mailing address on the cover page of this proxy statement;

- voting your proxy by telephone or on the Internet (only your latest proxy is counted); or
- voting in person at the meeting.

What happens if my shares are held under the name of a brokerage firm?

If your shares are held in street name, your brokerage firm, under certain circumstances, may vote your shares. Brokerage firms have authority under New York Stock Exchange rules to vote customers' unvoted shares on certain routine matters, including the election of directors. If you do not vote your proxy, your brokerage firm may either:

- vote your shares on routine matters; or
- leave your shares unvoted.

We encourage you to provide instructions to your brokerage firm by voting your proxy. This ensures that your shares will be voted at the meeting. You may have granted to your stockbroker discretionary voting authority over your account. Your stockbroker may be able to vote your shares depending on the terms of the agreement you have with your stockbroker.

Who will count the votes?

An employee of the Company's transfer agent will serve as the inspector of elections and count the votes.

What does it mean if I get more than one proxy card?

It means that you have multiple accounts at the transfer agent and/or with stockbrokers. Please sign and return all proxy cards to ensure that all your shares are voted.

What constitutes a quorum?

A quorum refers to the number of shares that must be represented at a meeting in order to lawfully conduct business. A majority of the outstanding common shares entitled to vote at the annual meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum at the meeting. Without a quorum, no business may be transacted at the annual meeting. However, whether or not a quorum exists, a majority of the voting power of those present at the annual meeting may adjourn the annual meeting to another date, time and place. Abstentions and broker nonvotes will be counted for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business.

What is a broker nonvote and how is it treated?

A broker nonvote occurs with respect to a proposal to be voted on if a broker or other nominee does not have the discretionary authority to vote shares and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owners with respect to such proposal. Broker nonvotes are treated as present for purposes of establishing the presence or absence of a quorum. A broker nonvote on the election of directors or the ratification of the choice of PwC as our Company's independent registered public accounting firm will not affect the results of the vote on such matters, since no absolute number of affirmative votes is required for passage of such proposals. A broker nonvote on the reincorporation proposal will act like a no vote, since the affirmative vote of the majority of *all outstanding shares* is required to approve the reincorporation.

How are abstentions treated?

Abstentions are equivalent to no votes for all proposals other than the election of directors, since they are counted as present and voting. Because directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast, abstentions have no effect on the election of directors.

What percentage of stock do the directors and executive officers own?

Together, they owned approximately 6.1% of our common shares as of the record date. See pages 23 through 26 for more details.

When are shareholder proposals for our next annual meeting due in order to be included in the proxy statement?

We will consider proposals submitted by shareholders for inclusion in the proxy statement for the annual meeting to be held in 2010 if they are received no later than [], 2010. This date assumes that the date of our next annual meeting will not be advanced or delayed by more than 30 calendar days from the one year anniversary of the date of the current annual meeting. See page 73 for more details.

Who is paying the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing the notice of the annual meeting of shareholders, proxy statement and form of proxy, and the solicitation of the proxies?

The Company. We will also pay brokers and other nominees for the reasonable expenses of forwarding solicitation materials to their customers who own our common shares.

Who may solicit proxies?

In addition to this proxy statement, our directors, officers and other regular administrative employees may solicit proxies. None of them will receive any additional compensation for such solicitation. MacKenzie Partners, Inc., 105 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016, has been engaged by the Company to solicit proxies at an estimated cost of \$12,500 plus reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

How will solicitors contact me?

People soliciting proxies may contact you in person, by mail, by telephone, by e-mail or by facsimile.

Does our Board have any recommendations with respect to the listed proposals?

Our Board recommends you vote **FOR** : (1) all of its nominees for director; (2) reincorporation of the Company as a Delaware corporation; and (3) the ratification of PwC as our Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2009 fiscal year.

Who are the largest principal shareholders outside of management?

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The following table lists as of the record date the persons or groups of shareholders who are known to us to be the beneficial owners of 5% or more of our common shares. The information regarding beneficial owners of 5% or more of our common shares was gathered by us from the filings made by such owners with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) or from informal sources. Shares that may be acquired within 60 days are treated as outstanding for purposes of determining the amount and percentage beneficially owned. This table does not include shares beneficially owned by our directors and officers and entities controlled by them. See the table headed Security Ownership of Management on pages 23 through 26 for that information.

<u>Name of Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership</u>	<u>Percent of Class</u>
Fidelity Management Trust Company	6,592,502(1)	7.0%
Highfields Capital Management LP	8,787,879(2)	9.4%

- (1) The shares set forth in the table are held as of October 12, 2009 by Fidelity Management Trust Company as trustee pursuant to The First American Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan. The investment options available to participants in the plan include a Company Stock Fund, which invests in Company common shares, as

well as amounts previously held under the Company's Employee Profit Sharing and Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), which has been merged into the 401(k) Savings Plan. Thus, the table reflects the ESOP accounts as well as accounts in the Company Stock Fund. The governing documents require the trustee to vote the shares as directed by the plan participants for whose benefit the shares are held. The transfer agent will tabulate the voting directions of all participants who wish to provide such directions to Fidelity. Neither the transfer agent nor Fidelity will provide the individual or aggregate participant voting directions to the Company, unless otherwise required by law. Shares for which no direction is received by the trustee from the participants are voted in the same proportion as are the shares for which directions are received. The trustee's address is 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109.

- (2) According to the Schedule 13D/A filed on April 14, 2008 by Highfields Capital Management LP, each of Highfields Capital Management LP, Highfields GP LLC, Highfields Associates LLC, Jonathan S. Jacobson, and Richard L. Grubman may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 8,787,879 shares, and Highfields Capital III L.P. may be deemed the beneficial owner of 6,056,042 shares. The address of the principal business office of each of these entities and individuals is John Hancock Tower, 200 Clarendon Street, 59th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

II. PROPOSALS

Item 1. Election of Directors

The Company's articles of incorporation and bylaws require that directors be elected annually, and currently fix the range of directors between 10 and 18. The bylaws permit the Board of Directors to specify the exact number of directors within the range provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws. The Board has specified the exact number at 18 directors. The Board has nominated the 18 individuals below for election at the meeting. The 18 nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the Board, to serve until the next annual meeting or as soon thereafter as their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Votes by the Company's proxy holders will be cast in such a way as to effect the election of all nominees listed below or as many as possible under the rules of cumulative voting. **Unless otherwise specified by you in your proxy card, the proxies solicited by our Board will be voted FOR the election of these nominees.** If any nominee should become unable or unwilling to serve as a director, the proxies will be voted for such substitute nominee(s) as shall be designated by our Board. Our Board presently has no knowledge that any of the nominees will be unable or unwilling to serve.

The following list provides information with respect to each person nominated and recommended to be elected by our Board. See the section entitled "Security Ownership of Management," which begins on page 23, for information pertaining to stock ownership of the nominees. There are no family relationships among any of the nominees or any of the executive officers of the Company. The Company has appointed Messrs. Bruce S. Bennett, Matthew B. Botein, Glenn C. Christenson, Christopher V. Greetham and Thomas C. O'Brien for election to the Board pursuant to an agreement with Highfields Capital Management LP dated April 10, 2008, as discussed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 10, 2008. Also, pursuant to a contract, the Company is required to recommend one nominee of Experian Information Solutions, Inc. to the nominating committee as a candidate for election to the Board. Director D. Van Skilling was appointed to the Board in 1998 as Experian's nominee. There are no other arrangements or understandings between any director and any other person pursuant to which any director was or is to be selected as a director.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES:

Name	Age	Principal Occupation(s) Since 2003 (arranged by title, company & industry)	Director Since	Directorships Held in Other Public Companies(1)
Hon. George L. Argyros	72	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Arnel & Affiliates diversified investment company	2005(2)	DST Systems, Inc.
Bruce S. Bennett	51	Founding Partner Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman, LLP legal services	2008	None
Matthew B. Botein	36	Chairman (2009-present) Botein & Company, LLC private investment firm	2009	PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust
		Managing Director (2006-2009)		Aspen Insurance Holdings Limited

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Analyst (2003-2006)
Highfields Capital Management LP
investment management

J. David Chatham

59 President and Chief Executive Officer
Chatham Holdings Corporation
real estate development and
associated industries

1989

First Advantage Corporation

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Name	Age	Principal Occupation(s) Since 2003 (arranged by title, company & industry)	Director Since	Directorships Held in Other Public Companies(1)
Glenn C. Christenson	60	Managing Director (2007-present) Velstand Investments, LLC	2008	NV Energy, Inc.
		Executive Vice President and Chief		
		Financial Officer (1989-2007) Station Casinos, Inc. gaming and entertainment		
Hon. William G. Davis	80	Counsel Torys LLP legal services	1992	None
James L. Doti	63	President and Donald Bren Distinguished Chair of Business and Economics Chapman University education	1993	Standard Pacific Corp.
Lewis W. Douglas, Jr.	85	Chairman Stanley Energy, Inc. oil exploration	1971(3)	None
Christopher V. Greetham	64	Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer (1996-2006) XL Capital Ltd. property and casualty reinsurance	2008	Axis Capital Holding Limited
Parker S. Kennedy	61	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (2003-present) President (1993-2004) The First American Corporation business information and related products and services	1987	First Advantage Corporation
Thomas C. O Brien	55	Chief Executive Officer and President Insurance Auto Auctions Inc. specialized services for automobile insurance	2008	KAR Holdings, Inc.
Frank E. O Bryan	76	Private Investor (2004-present) Chairman of the Board (1997-2003) WMC Mortgage Corporation mortgage lending	1994	Ares Capital Corporation
Roslyn B. Payne	63	President Jackson Street Partners, Ltd. real estate venture capital and investments	1988	None
John W. Peace	60	Chairman (2009-present) Deputy Chairman (2007-2009) Standard Chartered PLC banking and financial services	2009	None

Chairman (2006-present)
Experian plc
information, analytical and marketing services

Chairman (2002-present)
Burberry Group plc
apparel and accessories

Chief Executive Officer (2000-2006)
GUS plc
retail and business services

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D. Van Skilling	76	President (1999-present) Skilling Enterprises private investments	1998	First Advantage Corporation and ONVIA, Inc.
Herbert B. Tasker	73	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (2005-present) Mason McDuffie Mortgage Corporation mortgage banking Mortgage Industry Consultant (2004-2005) Vice Chairman and Managing Director (1999-2004) Centre Capital Group, Inc. mortgage conduit	2002	None
Virginia M. Ueberroth	69	Chairman Ueberroth Family Foundation philanthropy	1988	None
Mary Lee Widener	71	President and Chief Executive Officer (1974-present) Neighborhood Housing Services of America, Inc. nonprofit housing agency	2006	The PMI Group, Inc.

- (1) For these purposes, "Public Company" refers to a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of such Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (2) Mr. Argyros was a director of the Company from 1988 to 2001 and was the United States Ambassador to Spain and Andorra from 2001 to 2004.
- (3) Mr. Douglas also was a director of the Company from 1961 to 1967.

Item 2. Reincorporation Under the laws of Delaware

OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE REINCORPORATION PROPOSAL, WHICH IS DESCRIBED BELOW.

Our Board believes that the best interests of the Company and its shareholders would be served by the Company's reincorporating under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Reincorporation"). For purposes of the discussion of the Reincorporation, the term "First American California" refers to our Company, as it is currently incorporated, and the term "First American Delaware" refers to First American Holding Corporation, the new Delaware corporation that will be the successor to First American California if our shareholders approve the Reincorporation, the conditions to the Reincorporation are satisfied or waived and the Reincorporation is not abandoned.

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In order to change the Company's state of incorporation from California to Delaware, First American California and First American Delaware plan to enter into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A (the "Merger Agreement"). The Merger Agreement was approved by the boards of directors of both First American California and First American Delaware. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, subject to the conditions in the Merger Agreement, First American California will merge with and into First American Delaware, and First American Delaware will continue as the surviving corporation. Generally, if the Reincorporation is completed, the assets and liabilities of First American California will become the assets and

liabilities of First American Delaware. Each outstanding share of the common stock of First American California will automatically be converted into one share of common stock of First American Delaware, par value \$0.00001 per share, upon the effective date of the merger.

Each certificate representing shares of First American California common stock will continue to represent the same number of shares of First American Delaware's common stock. It will not be necessary for shareholders to exchange their existing share certificates for share certificates of First American Delaware, but shareholders may exchange their certificates if they so choose. New certificates for shares of First American Delaware's common stock may be obtained by surrendering certificates representing shares of presently outstanding common stock to the Company's transfer agent, Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, a division of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., together with any documentation required to permit the exchange. Once the merger is consummated, Wells Fargo Shareowner Services will also be the transfer agent for First American Delaware.

The Reincorporation has been unanimously approved by our Board (the board of directors of First American California). California law does not grant shareholders appraisal rights in connection with mergers where the pre-merger shareholders of the corporation retain their same ownership interest in the surviving corporation. Accordingly, shareholders of First American California will have no dissenters' rights of appraisal with respect to the Reincorporation. See also [Comparison Between the Corporation Laws of California and Delaware Appraisal or Dissenters' Rights](#).

CONDITIONS TO THE REINCORPORATION

The Reincorporation will not be completed unless, among other requirements, each of the following conditions are satisfied or, if allowed by law, waived:

- *The stockholders of the Company approve the Reincorporation by the requisite vote.* Under California law, the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of First American California is required for approval of the Reincorporation, the Merger Agreement and the other terms of the Reincorporation.
- *The Company completes its Separation into two independent, publicly traded companies.* On January 15, 2008, the Company announced that its Board had approved a plan to effect a separation (the [Separation](#)) of the Company into two independent, publicly traded companies: one comprised of the Company's financial services businesses and one comprised of its information solutions businesses. Under the terms of the Separation, the Company is expected to retain its information solutions businesses and distribute to its stockholders all of the common stock of a subsidiary that will own, directly or indirectly, the Company's financial services businesses. The Company is proceeding with preparations for the Separation and currently expects the separation to occur during the first half of 2010.
- *Consents Received.* The Company receives all necessary third-party consents to the Reincorporation.

The Company's Board may waive the preceding conditions, other than the shareholder approval condition, in whole or in part at any time and from time to time in its sole discretion. The Company's Board also may abandon the Reincorporation for any reason at any time.

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REINCORPORATION

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If all conditions to the Reincorporation are satisfied or waived and the Reincorporation is not abandoned, the Reincorporation will be effective upon the filing of Certificates of Merger with the Secretaries of State of Delaware and California on or after December 8, 2009 (the Effective Date). The Reincorporation may, however, be abandoned or delayed pursuant to the Merger Agreement at any time prior to the Reincorporation becoming effective, even though the Reincorporation may have been approved by the Company's stockholders and all conditions to the Reincorporation may have been satisfied or waived. The Merger Agreement may also be

amended by our Board and the board of directors of First American Delaware at any time before the Effective Date, provided that the principal terms of the Merger Agreement may not be amended without shareholder approval. If the Reincorporation is not approved by shareholders or is otherwise abandoned, the Company will remain a California corporation. In addition, if the Reincorporation is not completed on or before December 8, 2010, the Board will not proceed with the Reincorporation without again seeking the approval of the Company's stockholders.

The discussion below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, the restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware and the bylaws of First American Delaware, copies of which are attached hereto as Appendices A, B and C, respectively.

PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR THE REINCORPORATION

Our Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to change the Company's state of incorporation from California to Delaware. Our Board believes Delaware's corporate laws will meet the business needs of the Company. Because of Delaware's prominence as the state of incorporation for many major corporations, both the legislature and courts in Delaware have demonstrated the ability and a willingness to act quickly and effectively to meet changing business needs. The Delaware courts have developed considerable expertise in dealing with corporate issues, and a substantial body of case law has developed construing Delaware law and establishing public policies relating to corporate legal matters. Thus, the Board believes that the Company would benefit from greater predictability and certainty in its legal affairs as a result of the Reincorporation.

In addition, because many companies are incorporated in Delaware, many potential director candidates are familiar with Delaware law. The Board believes that greater familiarity of potential candidates with the laws of the Company's state of incorporation may help in recruiting new directors in the future.

ANTI-TAKEOVER IMPLICATIONS

In performing its fiduciary obligations to its shareholders, our Board has evaluated the Company's vulnerability to potential unsolicited bidders. In the course of such evaluation, our Board has considered, and may consider in the future, defensive strategies designed to enhance the Board's ability to negotiate with an unsolicited bidder. In consideration of the potential for a coercive bid for our Company, First American California has, over the years, entered into severance agreements with key members of its management. The Board anticipates that such severance agreements that are in effect immediately prior to the Reincorporation will remain in place, with appropriate modifications owing to the Reincorporation.

Delaware, like many other states, permits a domestic corporation to adopt various measures designed to reduce a corporation's vulnerability to unsolicited takeover attempts through provisions in the corporate charter or bylaws or otherwise, and provides default legal provisions in the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") that apply to certain publicly held corporations that have not affirmatively opted out, which further limits such vulnerability. The Reincorporation was not proposed to prevent such a change in control; nor is it a response to any attempt to acquire control known to our Board.

Nevertheless, the Reincorporation may have certain anti-takeover effects by virtue of the Company being subject to Delaware law instead of California law. For example, Section 203 of the DGCL, from which First American Delaware does not intend to opt out, restricts certain business combinations with interested stockholders for three years following the date that a person becomes an interested stockholder, unless: (a) before such stockholder becomes an interested stockholder, the board of directors approves the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder; (b) upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder

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becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the outstanding stock of the corporation at the time of the transaction (excluding stock owned by

certain persons); or (c) at the time or after the stockholder became an interested stockholder, the board of directors and at least 66 2/3% of the disinterested outstanding voting stock of the corporation approves the transaction. See Comparison Between the Corporation Laws of California and Delaware Business Combinations below.

Our Board believes that unsolicited takeover attempts may be unfair or disadvantageous to the Company and its shareholders because a non-negotiated takeover bid may: (a) be timed to take advantage of temporarily depressed stock prices; (b) be designed to foreclose or minimize the possibility of more favorable competing bids; or (c) involve the acquisition of only a controlling interest in our Company's stock or a two-tiered bid, without affording all shareholders the opportunity to receive the same economic benefits.

By contrast, in a transaction in which an acquirer must negotiate with our Company, our Board would evaluate our Company's assets and business prospects to force the bidder to offer consideration equal to the true value of our Company, or to withdraw the bid.

Although our Board believes the advantages of the Reincorporation outweigh the disadvantages, our Board has carefully considered the detriments of the Reincorporation proposal. These include the possibility that future takeover attempts that are not approved by our Board, but which a majority of our shareholders may nonetheless deem to be in its best interests, may be discouraged. In addition, to the extent that the provisions of the DGCL would enable the board of directors of First American Delaware to resist a takeover or a change in control, it could become more difficult to remove existing directors and management.

NO CHANGE IN THE DIRECTORS, BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL FACILITIES OF THE COMPANY, EMPLOYEE PLANS, OR EXCHANGE LISTING

The Reincorporation will change the legal domicile and name of our Company but will not result in any change in the business, management, fiscal year, assets or liabilities, or location of the principal facilities of our Company. The directors of First American California immediately prior to the Reincorporation will continue as the directors of First American Delaware, and the officers who are officers of First American California immediately prior to the Reincorporation will become the officers of First American Delaware on the Effective Date of the merger. All employee benefit and incentive compensation plans of First American California immediately prior to the Reincorporation will be continued by First American Delaware and each outstanding option to purchase shares of First American California stock will be converted into an option to purchase an equivalent number of shares of First American Delaware stock on the same terms and subject to the same conditions. The name of the Company will become First American Holding Corporation. The registration statements of First American California on file with the SEC immediately prior to the Reincorporation will be assumed by First American Delaware, and the shares of First American Delaware will continue to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF FIRST AMERICAN CALIFORNIA AND FIRST AMERICAN DELAWARE

The restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws of First American Delaware will be the restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the surviving corporation after the merger. The material changes that have been made in First American Delaware's restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws as compared with those of First American California are described below in this section or under Comparison Between the Corporation Laws of California and Delaware. The restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws of First American Delaware are attached hereto as Appendices B and C, respectively. The following summary of the applicable provisions of the restated certificate of incorporation and the bylaws of First American Delaware does not purport to be complete, and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to such documents. Shareholders are encouraged to read the restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws of First American Delaware in their entirety.

Authorized Stock

The restated articles of incorporation of First American California authorize 180,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and 500,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share. The restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware authorizes 180,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share, and 500,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share. The restated articles of incorporation of First American California and the restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware both authorize the board of directors to issue preferred stock with such rights, designations, preferences, powers or other attributes as the board may deem in the corporation's best interest.

Monetary Liability of Directors

The restated articles of incorporation of First American California and the restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware both provide for the elimination or limitation of personal monetary liability of directors to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of each corporation's respective state of incorporation. Delaware law permits liability to be limited to a greater extent than does California law. See [Comparison Between the Corporation Laws of California and Delaware](#) - [Limitation of Liability](#) below.

Indemnification

The indemnification provisions of First American California's restated articles of incorporation and bylaws provide that First American California has the power to indemnify any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to a proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the Company, and that the Company is authorized to provide indemnification in excess of that expressly permitted by California law, subject to certain limitations with respect to actions for breach of duty to the Company and its shareholders. The Company must indemnify its officers and directors in such circumstances. The bylaws of First American California further provide that First American California must advance expenses incurred in defending any proceeding before the final disposition of such proceeding, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the officer or director to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined that the agent is not entitled to indemnification, and it may make some advances upon the same undertaking to other agents.

First American Delaware's bylaws provide that the Company shall indemnify directors and officers in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law for acts as directors or officers of First American Delaware, or as a director, officer or trustee of another enterprise at the request of First American Delaware. They also provide that First American Delaware shall advance the expenses of directors and officers of First American Delaware or persons serving as directors, officers or trustees of another entity at the request of the board of directors before the final disposition of any action, suit, or proceeding, provided that, if Delaware law so requires, the indemnitee undertakes to repay the amount advanced if a court ultimately determines that the director or officer (or the director, officer or trustee of such other entity) is not entitled to indemnification. See [Comparison Between the Corporation Laws of California and Delaware](#) - [Indemnification](#) below.

Advance Notice Provision

The bylaws of First American Delaware provide that, in order for nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a shareholder, the shareholder must comply with certain requirements, including giving timely advance notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of First American Delaware. To be timely, a shareholder's notice must be delivered to the Secretary at First American Delaware's principal executive offices not less than 90 or more than 120 days prior to the anniversary of the prior year's annual meeting of shareholders. If

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the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than 30 days prior to or delayed by more than 70 days after the anniversary of the prior year's annual meeting, however, notice by the shareholder must be delivered not earlier than the 120th day prior to the annual meeting date and before the close

of business on the later of (a) the 90th day prior to such annual meeting, or (b) the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. Further, the shareholder's notice must set forth that information required by the bylaws, including, for director nominations, information about the nominee, and for other business, a brief description of such business, the reasons for conducting the business at the meeting, and any material interest of such shareholder in the business being presented. For either nominations of director candidates or proposals for other business, the shareholder must, among other things, disclose any agreements or arrangements that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Schedule 13D promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, disclose derivative contracts and voting agreements, and provide a representation that the shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to propose such nomination or business.

The current bylaws of First American California do not contain a similar advance notice provision.

COMPARISON BETWEEN THE CORPORATION LAWS OF CALIFORNIA AND DELAWARE

The principal differences between the General Corporation Law of California and the Delaware General Corporation Law are discussed below.

Limitation of Liability

California law does not permit the elimination of monetary liability for breaches of a director's duties to the corporation or its shareholders where such liability is based on: (a) intentional misconduct or knowing and culpable violation of law; (b) acts or omissions that a director believes to be contrary to the best interests of the corporation or its shareholders, or that involve the absence of good faith on the part of the director; (c) receipt of an improper personal benefit; (d) acts or omissions that show reckless disregard for the duty to the corporation or its shareholders in circumstances in which the individual was aware, or should have been aware, in the ordinary course of performing his or her duties, of a risk of serious injury to the corporation or its shareholders; (e) acts or omissions that constitute an unexcused pattern of inattention that amounts to an abdication of the individual's duty to the corporation or its shareholders; (f) contracts or transactions between the corporation and another corporation of which the director is a director or in which the director has a financial interest; or (g) liability for improper distributions, loans or guarantees.

In contrast, the DGCL permits limitation of liability where California law would forbid it. Under Delaware law, a corporation may not eliminate or limit director monetary liability for: (a) breaches of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its shareholders; (b) acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (c) unlawful dividends, stock repurchases or redemptions; or (d) transactions from which the director received an improper personal benefit.

Indemnification of Officers and Directors

California law generally permits indemnification of expenses incurred in derivative or third-party actions, except that, with respect to derivative actions: (a) no indemnification may be made when a person is adjudged liable to the corporation in the performance of that person's duty to the corporation and its shareholders, unless a court determines such person is entitled to indemnity for expenses, and then such indemnification may be made only to the extent that such court shall determine; and (b) no indemnification may be made without court approval in respect of amounts paid in settling or otherwise disposing of a pending action, or expenses incurred in defending a pending action that is settled or otherwise disposed of without court approval. Indemnification is permitted by California law only for acts taken in good faith, and which the director or officer believed to be in the best interests of the corporation and its shareholders, as determined by a majority vote of a disinterested quorum of the directors, independent legal counsel (if a quorum of independent directors is not obtainable), a majority vote of a quorum of the shareholders

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(excluding shares owned by the indemnified party), or the court handling the action. California law requires indemnification of expenses when the director or officer has successfully defended an action on the merits.

Delaware law generally permits indemnification of expenses incurred in the defense or settlement of derivative or third-party actions, provided that a determination is made that the person seeking indemnification acted in good faith and in a manner the director or officer reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. In contrast, as noted above, California law requires belief that the act is in the corporation's interests, not merely neutral to its interests. Delaware law further permits indemnification for judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement (other than in a derivative action) if the person is not successful in the defense of such action, provided there is a determination that the person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation. The determinations referred to above (unless ordered by a court) must be made by: (a) a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum; (b) a committee of such directors designated by majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum; (c) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or (d) the stockholders. Without court approval, however, no indemnification may be made in respect of any derivative action in which such person is adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duties to the corporation. Delaware law requires indemnification of expenses when the individual being indemnified has successfully defended any action, claim, issue, or matter therein, whether on the merits *or otherwise*. In contrast, California law requires indemnification only when the individual has successfully defended the action on the merits. Delaware law contains no prohibition similar to California law's ban on indemnification when directors or officers acted, or failed to act, with reckless disregard.

Both California and Delaware permit a corporation to pay in advance expenses incurred by an officer, director, employee or agent in defending an action, provided such person undertakes to repay the advanced amounts if he or she is ultimately determined not to be entitled to indemnification. The restated certificate of incorporation and the bylaws of First American Delaware provide that First American Delaware shall indemnify directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law, and that First American Delaware shall pay all expenses incurred in defending an action in advance of the final disposition upon receipt of an undertaking to repay such amounts if it is determined by a court that such person was not entitled to indemnification.

Delaware law provides that the statutory indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights under the restated certificate of incorporation, any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise. California law similarly permits indemnification in excess of the statutory minimum. The current bylaws of First American California provide that it may enter into indemnification agreements with its directors, officers and agents as are deemed to be in the best interests of the corporation by its board of directors. The bylaws of First American Delaware similarly provide that the rights to indemnification conferred thereby are not exclusive of any other rights that the indemnitee may have or acquire under any statute, bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or otherwise.

Both California and Delaware law permit corporations to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation (or person who is serving in such capacity with another enterprise at the request of the corporation), whether or not the corporation has the authority to indemnify such person against the liability covered by the insurance policy. First American California maintains directors and officers insurance, and such policies will be transferred in the Reincorporation.

Cumulative Voting

California law provides that if any shareholder has given notice of his or her intention to cumulate votes for the election of directors, all other shareholders of the corporation are also entitled to cumulate their votes at such election. California law permits a corporation that is listed on a national securities exchange to amend its articles or bylaws to eliminate cumulative voting by approval of the board of directors and of the outstanding shares voting together as a single class. First American California's current restated articles of incorporation and bylaws have not eliminated cumulative voting.

Under Delaware law, cumulative voting is not mandatory, and cumulative voting rights must be specifically provided for in a corporation's certificate of incorporation if shareholders are to be entitled to cumulative voting rights. The restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware does not provide for cumulative voting. In the absence of cumulative voting, and in the absence of any other specification in the restated certificate of incorporation or bylaws, directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors. The absence of cumulative voting could make it more difficult for a minority shareholder adverse to a majority of the shareholders to obtain representation on the board of directors of First American Delaware.

Business Combinations

A number of states, including Delaware, have adopted special laws designed to make unsolicited (or not-negotiated) corporate takeovers, or other transactions involving a corporation and one or more of its significant shareholders, more difficult. The purpose of these laws is to ensure that current management and shareholders of a Delaware corporation are involved in any potential and material changes to the corporate ownership structure.

Under Section 203 of the DGCL, a Delaware corporation is prohibited from engaging in a business combination with an Interested Stockholder for three years following the date that such person or entity becomes an interested shareholder. With certain exceptions, an Interested Stockholder is a person or entity who or which owns, individually or with or through certain other persons or entities, 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting shares (including any rights to acquire shares pursuant to an option, warrant, agreement, arrangement, or understanding, or upon the exercise of conversion or exchange rights, and shares with respect to which the person or entity has voting rights only), the affiliates and associates of such person and any affiliate or associate of the corporation who was the owner of 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock within the preceding three-year period.

The three-year moratorium on business combinations imposed by Section 203 does not apply if: (a) prior to the date on which such shareholder becomes an Interested Stockholder the board of directors of the subject corporation approves either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the person or entity becoming an Interested Stockholder; (b) upon consummation of the transaction that made the person or entity an Interested Stockholder, the Interested Stockholder owns at least 85% of the corporation's voting shares outstanding at the time the transaction commenced (excluding from the 85% calculation shares owned by directors who are also officers of the subject corporation and shares held by employee stock plans that do not give employee participants the right to decide confidentially whether to accept a tender or exchange offer); or (c) on or after the date such person or entity becomes an Interested Stockholder, the board approves the business combination and it is also approved at a shareholders' meeting by 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting shares not owned by the Interested Stockholder. For purposes of Section 203 of the DGCL, the term "business combination" includes mergers, consolidations and sales, leases, mortgages, transfers and other dispositions of the corporation's assets having a market value equal to 10% or more of either the aggregate market value of all the assets of the corporation determined on a consolidated basis or the aggregate market value of all the outstanding stock of the corporation. Although a Delaware corporation may elect not to be governed by Section 203, the restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware does not exempt First American Delaware from Section 203.

Our Board believes that Section 203 will encourage any potential acquirer to negotiate with First American Delaware's board of directors, which we would generally expect to have the effect of increasing the purchase price. Section 203 might also limit the ability of a potential acquirer to make a two-tiered bid for First American Delaware in which all shareholders would not be treated equally. Shareholders should note, however, that the application of Section 203 to First American Delaware will confer upon its board of directors the power to reject a proposed business combination in certain circumstances, even though a potential acquirer may be offering a substantial premium for the Company's shares over the market price. Section 203 would also discourage certain potential acquirers unwilling to comply with its provisions.

California law does not have a provision analogous to DGCL Section 203; however, it does provide that, in the case of a cash and certain other mergers of a California corporation with another corporation, where the latter corporation or certain of its affiliates own shares having more than 50% but less than 90% of the voting power of that first corporation, the merger must be approved by all of the first corporation's shareholders. This provision of California law may have the effect of making a cash-out merger by a majority shareholder (if there were a majority shareholder) more difficult to accomplish. Although Delaware law does not parallel California law in this respect, under some circumstances Delaware Section 203 does provide protection to shareholders against coercive two-tiered bids for a corporation in which the shareholders are not treated equally.

Size of the Board of Directors

Under California law, changes in the number of directors or, if a range in the number of directors is set forth in the articles of incorporation or bylaws, that range, must in general be approved by a majority of the outstanding shares. The board of directors, however, may fix the exact number of directors within a stated range if authorized in the articles or bylaws. Delaware law allows the number of directors to be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the corporation's bylaws, unless the number is fixed in the certificate of incorporation (in which case an amendment to the certificate of incorporation would be required to change the number of directors).

The restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware provides that the number of directors shall be determined from time to time exclusively by the board of directors, by a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office. The ability of the board of directors under Delaware law and under First American Delaware's restated certificate of incorporation to alter the size of the board of directors without shareholder approval would enable First American Delaware to respond quickly to a potential opportunity to attract the services of a qualified director or to eliminate a vacancy for which a suitable candidate is not available. Upon the Effective Date of the Reincorporation, the directors of First American California then in office will continue as directors of First American Delaware.

Power to Call Special Shareholders Meetings

Under California law, a special meeting of shareholders may be called by: (a) the board of directors, (b) the chairman, (c) the president, (d) the holders of shares entitled to cast not less than 10% of the votes at such meeting, or (e) such additional persons as are authorized by the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. In contrast, the DGCL provides that special meetings of the shareholders may be called by the board of directors or such other person or persons as may be authorized in the corporation's restated certificate of incorporation or bylaws.

The bylaws of First American Delaware provide that special meetings of the shareholders may be called at any time only by: (a) holders of shares entitled to cast not less than 10% of the votes at that meeting, (b) the board of directors, or (c) the chairman of the board of directors or the chief executive officer with the concurrence of a majority of the board of directors. Thus, shareholders' ability to call special meetings will not be affected by the Reincorporation.

Removal of Directors

Under California law, any or all directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote; however, no individual director may be removed (unless the entire board is removed) if the number of votes cast against such removal, or not consenting in writing to removal, would be sufficient to elect the director under cumulative voting. Under Delaware law, any director of a corporation that does not have a classified board may be removed from office by the vote of shareholders representing at least a majority of the voting power of the corporation or the class or series of stock entitled to elect such director, unless the certificate of incorporation

provides for cumulative voting. If a Delaware corporation has a classified board of

directors, then directors may be removed only for cause, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Further, if the certificate of incorporation provides for cumulative voting, a director may not be removed without cause if the votes cast against such director's removal would be sufficient to elect such director if cumulatively voted at an election of the entire board of directors or, if there are classes of directors, at an election of the class of directors of which such director is part.

The restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware currently does not provide for cumulative voting or a classified board of directors; therefore, directors may be removed, with or without cause, by shareholders holding a majority of the shares entitled to vote at an election of directors.

Filling Vacancies on the Board of Directors

Under California law, unless a corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, any vacancy on the board of directors not created by removal of a director may be filled by the board of directors. If the number of directors remaining is less than a quorum, such vacancy may be filled by the unanimous written consent of the directors then in office, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors at a meeting held pursuant to notice or waivers of notice, or by a sole remaining director. Unless the articles of incorporation or bylaws otherwise provide, a vacancy created by removal of a director may be filled only by approval of the shareholders. First American California's bylaws permit a majority of the remaining directors to fill any vacancies not created by removal of a director through shareholder action or court order and allow shareholders to fill any vacancy on the board of directors not filled by the directors.

Under Delaware law, unless a corporation's certificate of incorporation provides otherwise, any vacancy on the board of directors, including one created by removal of a director or an increase in the number of authorized directors, may be filled by the majority of the remaining directors, even if such number constitutes less than a quorum. The restated certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware provides, in accordance with Delaware law, that any vacancy in the board of directors may be filled by the majority of the remaining directors, though less than a quorum, and shall not be filled by the shareholders. Delaware law would thus enable the board of directors of First American Delaware to respond quickly to opportunities to attract the services of qualified directors; but it would also diminish control over the board of directors by the shareholders between annual meetings, as shareholders do not have the right to fill vacancies.

Dividends and Repurchases of Shares

Under California law, a corporation may not make any distributions (including dividends, whether in cash or other property, and repurchases of its shares) unless, immediately prior to the proposed distribution, the corporation's retained earnings equal or exceed the amount of the proposed distribution or, immediately after giving effect to such distribution, the corporation's assets (exclusive of goodwill, capitalized research and development expenses, and deferred charges) would be at least equal to 125% of its liabilities (not including deferred taxes, deferred income, and other deferred credits) and the corporation's current assets would be at least equal to its current liabilities (or 125% of its current liabilities if the average pre-tax and pre-interest expense earnings for the preceding two fiscal years were less than the average interest expense for such years). California also prohibits any distribution if the corporation or subsidiary making the distribution is or would be likely to be unable to meet its liabilities.

Delaware law permits a corporation to declare and pay dividends out of surplus or, if there is no surplus, out of net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared or for the preceding fiscal year as long as the amount of capital of the corporation following the declaration and payment of the dividend is not less than the aggregate amount of the capital represented by the issued and outstanding shares of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets. In addition, Delaware law generally permits a corporation to redeem or repurchase its shares only if (a) the capital of the corporation is not impaired and (b) such redemption or repurchase would not cause an impairment.

Inspection of Shareholder List, Books and Records

California law allows any shareholder to inspect the shareholder list, the accounting books and records, and the minutes of board and shareholder proceedings for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as a shareholder. In addition, California law provides for an absolute right to inspect and copy the corporation's shareholder list by persons who hold an aggregate of five percent or more of a corporation's voting shares or who hold one percent or more of such shares and have filed a Schedule 14A with the SEC.

Like California law, Delaware law permits any shareholder of record to inspect a list of shareholders and the corporation's other books and records for any proper purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as a shareholder, upon written demand under oath stating the purpose of such inspection and completion of certain other procedures. Delaware law, however, contains no provision comparable to the absolute right of inspection provided by California law to certain shareholders, as described above.

Lack of access to shareholder records may impair shareholder's ability to coordinate opposition to management proposals, including proposals with respect to a change in control of the Company. California law, however, provides that California provisions concerning the inspection of shareholder lists apply not only to California corporations but also to corporations organized under the laws of other states that have their principal executive offices in California or customarily hold meetings of the board of directors in California, and that the California provisions concerning accounting books and records and the minutes of board and shareholder proceedings apply to any such foreign corporation that has its principal executive offices in California. Therefore, for so long as First American Delaware continues to have its principal executive offices in California and to hold board of directors meetings in California, and *to the extent such provisions applicable to foreign corporations are enforceable*, First American Delaware will need to comply with California law concerning shareholder inspections.

Appraisal or Dissenters' Rights

Under both California and Delaware law, a shareholder of a corporation participating in certain major corporate transactions may, under varying circumstances, be entitled to appraisal or dissenters' rights pursuant to which such shareholder may receive cash in the amount of the fair market value (in California) or the fair value (in Delaware) of his or her shares in lieu of the consideration he or she would otherwise receive in the transaction.

Under California law, appraisal rights are generally not available to shareholders of a corporation whose shares are listed on a national securities exchange, unless holders of at least 5% of the class of outstanding shares claim the right, or the corporation or any law restricts the transfer of such shares. Appraisal rights are also unavailable to shareholders of a California corporation if the shareholders, the corporation, or both, as constituted immediately prior to the transaction, will own immediately after the transaction equity securities consisting of more than 83.33% of the voting power of the surviving or acquiring corporation or its parent entity. (Accordingly, appraisal rights are not available with respect to the Reincorporation.) Subject to the foregoing exception for more than 83.33% continuing ownership, California generally affords appraisal rights in sales of substantially all of a corporation's assets in a non-cash transaction. Under California law, fair market value is measured as of the day before the first announcement of the terms of a merger, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in stock value resulting from the proposed transaction.

Under Delaware law, appraisal rights are generally not available to shareholders: (a) with respect to a merger or consolidation by a corporation with shares either listed on a national securities exchange (such as the New York Stock Exchange) or held of record by more than 2,000 holders, if such shareholders receive only shares of the surviving corporation or shares that are either listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 holders, plus cash in lieu of fractional shares; or (b) of a corporation surviving a merger if no vote of the shareholders of the surviving corporation is required to approve the merger under

Delaware law. Delaware law also does not provide appraisal rights in connection with the sale of assets. Delaware law provides that fair value is determined exclusive of any element of value arising from the accomplishment or expectation of the merger or consolidation.

Dissolution

Under California law, shareholders holding 50% or more of the total voting power may authorize a corporation's dissolution, with or without the approval of the corporation's board of directors, and this right may not be modified or eliminated by the articles of incorporation. Under Delaware law, dissolution must be approved by the board of directors and shareholders holding a majority of the voting power or, if not approved by the board of directors, the dissolution must be unanimously approved by the shareholders entitled to vote. Thus, dissolution of the Company may be more difficult after the Reincorporation.

Application of the General Corporation Law of California to Delaware Corporations

Under Section 2115 of the California General Corporation Law, foreign corporations (*i.e.*, corporations not organized under California law) are placed in a special category if they have characteristics of ownership and operation indicating that they have certain significant business contacts with California and more than one half of their voting securities are held of record by persons having addresses in California. So long as a Delaware or other foreign corporation is in this category, and it does not qualify for one of the statutory exemptions, it is subject to a number of key provisions of the California General Corporation Law applicable to corporations incorporated in California. Among the more important provisions are those relating to the election and removal of directors, cumulative voting, prohibition of classified boards of directors in privately held corporations, standards of liability and indemnification of directors, distributions, dividends and repurchases of shares, shareholder meetings, approval of certain corporate transactions, dissenters' and appraisal rights, and inspection of corporate records. See *Comparison Between the Corporation Laws of California and Delaware* above. An exemption from Section 2115 is provided for corporations whose shares are listed on a major national securities exchange. As First American Delaware will have its shares listed and publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and as long as its shares remain traded on the New York Stock Exchange, it will be exempt from the provisions of Section 2115 described above.

CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following is a discussion of the material federal income tax consequences to holders of First American California capital stock who receive First American Delaware capital stock in exchange for their First American California capital stock as a result of the Reincorporation. This discussion is based on existing provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"), existing Treasury regulations and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change. Any such change, which may or may not be retroactive, could alter the tax consequences as described herein. This summary only applies to holders of the Company's common stock who are U.S. persons, defined to include any beneficial owners of the Company's common stock that is, for United States federal income tax purposes: (a) an individual a citizen or resident of the United States; (b) a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof (including the District of Columbia); (c) an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; and (d) a trust if either: (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust, or (ii) the trust has a valid election in effect to be treated as a United States person for United States federal income tax purposes. A holder of Company common stock other than a U.S. person as defined above is, for purposes of this discussion a non-U.S. person. If a partnership holds Company common stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership that holds Company stock, you should consult your tax advisor.

Not all U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to you in light of your particular circumstances are discussed herein. Factors that could alter the tax consequences of the Reincorporation to you include: if you are a dealer in securities, a financial institution, mutual fund, regulated investment company, real estate investment trust, insurance company, or tax-exempt entity; if you are subject to the alternative minimum tax; if you hold your Company common stock as part of an integrated investment such as a hedge or as part of a hedging, straddle or other risk reduction strategy; if you are a non-U.S. person; if you do not hold your shares of the Delaware Company's common stock as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the IRC (generally, property held for investment); or if you acquired your shares of the Company's common stock in connection with stock option plans or in other compensatory transactions. In addition, no state, local, or foreign tax consequences are addressed herein. **IN VIEW OF THE VARYING NATURE OF SUCH TAX CONSEQUENCES, SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE SPECIFIC TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE REINCORPORATION, INCLUDING THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OR FOREIGN TAX LAWS.**

The Company has not requested a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of counsel with respect to the federal income tax consequences of the Reincorporation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). The Company believes, however, that: (a) the Reincorporation will constitute a tax-free reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code; (b) no gain or loss will be recognized by holders of capital stock of First American California upon receipt of capital stock of First American Delaware pursuant to the Reincorporation; (c) the aggregate tax basis of the capital stock of First American Delaware received by each shareholder will be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the capital stock of First American California held by such shareholder as a capital asset at the time of the Reincorporation; and (d) the holding period of the capital stock of First American Delaware received by each shareholder of First American California will include the period for which such shareholder held the capital stock of First American California surrendered in exchange therefor.

Item 3. Ratification of Selection of Independent Auditor

The Audit Committee has selected PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. Representatives of PwC are expected to be present at the annual meeting, and, if they do attend the annual meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement and be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Selection of our independent registered public accounting firm is not required to be submitted for shareholder approval, but the Audit Committee is seeking ratification of its selection of PwC from our shareholders as a matter of good corporate governance. If the shareholders do not ratify this selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection of PwC and will either continue to retain this firm or appoint a new independent registered public accounting firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee may, in its discretion, appoint a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in our Company's best interests and those of its shareholders.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the annual meeting will be required to ratify the selection of PwC as our Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2009 fiscal year.

OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE SELECTION OF PwC AS OUR COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM.

III. REQUIRED INFORMATION

Security Ownership of Management

The First American Corporation

The following table sets forth the total number of our common shares beneficially owned and the percentage of the outstanding shares so owned as of the record date by:

- each director (and each nominee for director);
- each named executive officer; and
- all directors and executive officers as a group.

Unless otherwise indicated in the notes following the table, the shareholders listed in the table are the beneficial owners of the listed shares with sole voting and investment power (or, in the case of individual shareholders, shared power with such individual's spouse) over the shares listed. Shares subject to rights exercisable within 60 days after the record date are treated as outstanding when determining the amount and percentage beneficially owned by a person or entity.

Shareholders	Number of Common shares	Percent if greater than 1%
<i>Directors</i>		
George L. Argyros(1)	1,107,021	1.2%
Bruce S. Bennett	6,187	
Matthew B. Botein		
J. David Chatham	33,951	
Glenn C. Christenson	54,587	
Hon. William G. Davis	6,758	
James L. Doti	19,790	
Lewis W. Douglas, Jr.	39,168	
Christopher V. Greetham	14,587	
Parker S. Kennedy(2)	3,333,113	3.6%
Thomas C. O'Brien	3,087	
Frank E. O'Brien(3)	43,528	
Roslyn B. Payne(4)	82,353	
John W. Peace		
D. Van Skilling(5)	34,695	
Herbert B. Tasker	19,587	
Virginia M. Ueberroth(6)	111,308	
Mary Lee Widener	1,508	
<i>Named executive officers who are not directors</i>		
Dennis J. Gilmore	255,933	

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Frank V. McMahon	221,092	
Barry M. Sando	189,313	
Max O. Valdes	22,640	
<i>All directors, named executive officers and other executive officers as a group (26 persons)</i>	5,768,423	6.1%

The shares set forth in the table above include shares that the following individuals have the right to acquire within 60 days of the record date in the amounts set forth below:

Individuals	Shares
George L. Argyros	5,000
J. David Chatham	5,000
Hon. William G. Davis	5,000
James L. Doti	5,000
Lewis W. Douglas, Jr.	5,000
Parker S. Kennedy	408,000
Frank E. O Bryan	5,000
Roslyn B. Payne	5,000
D. Van Skilling	5,000
Herbert B. Tasker	5,000
Virginia M. Ueberroth	5,000
Dennis J. Gilmore	230,000
Frank V. McMahan	180,000
Barry M. Sando	184,000
Max O. Valdes	16,000

- (1) Includes 235,534 shares held in the Argyros Family Trust, for the benefit of Mr. Argyros and his family members and over which Mr. Argyros has voting and dispositive power; 3,400 shares held by Mr. Argyros as trustee, with investment power over such securities, of a trust for the benefit of a family member; 125 shares held in a Uniform Transfers to Minors Act custodial account for which Mr. Argyros serves as the custodian; 7,513 shares held by a trust for which Mr. Argyros is not a trustee, over which Mr. Argyros may be deemed to have investment power; 720,041 shares are held by a nonprofit corporation whose six-member board of directors includes Mr. Argyros and his wife, which board directs the voting and disposition of such shares; 18,800 shares held by another nonprofit corporation with a five-member board, including Mr. Argyros, having similar voting and dispositive power; and an aggregate of 114,700 shares held by two companies of which Mr. Argyros is the sole shareholder, chief executive officer and a director. Mr. Argyros disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares included in the table which are held by a nonprofit corporation or by a trust for which Mr. Argyros is not the beneficiary.
- (2) Of the shares credited to Parker S. Kennedy, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Company, 17,317 shares are held directly and 2,896,086 shares are held by Kennedy Enterprises, L.P., a California limited partnership of which Mr. Kennedy is the sole general partner. The limited partnership agreement pursuant to which the partnership was formed provides that the general partner has all powers of a general partner as provided in the California Uniform Limited Partnership Act, including the power to vote securities held by the partnership, provided that the general partner is not permitted to cause the partnership to sell, exchange or hypothecate any of its shares of stock of the Company without the prior written consent of all of the limited partners. Of the shares held by the partnership, 463,799 are allocated to the capital accounts of Mr. Kennedy. The balance of the shares held by the partnership is allocated to the capital accounts of the other limited partners, who are relatives of Mr. Kennedy. Except to the extent of his voting power over the shares allocated to the capital accounts of the limited partners, Mr. Kennedy disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares held by the partnership other than those allocated to his own capital accounts.
- (3) Of the shares held by Mr. O Bryan, 37,941 are pledged as security.
- (4) Includes 7,500 shares held by a nonprofit corporation for which Ms. Payne and her spouse serve as officers and directors. In her capacity as an officer of that corporation, Ms. Payne has the power, as do certain other officers, to direct the voting and disposition of the shares.
- (5) Includes 2,365 shares held by a nonprofit corporation for which Mr. Skilling serves as a director and officer. In his capacity as an officer, Mr. Skilling has the power, acting alone, to direct the voting and

disposition of the shares. Also includes 2,698 shares held in three trusts for which Mr. Skilling serves as the trustee. In this position, Mr. Skilling has the power to direct the voting and disposition of the shares.

- (6) Includes 5,000 shares held by a nonprofit corporation of which Ms. Ueberroth is an officer and whose six-member board of directors is composed of Ms. Ueberroth and her husband and children. In her capacity as an officer of that corporation, Ms. Ueberroth has the power, as do certain other officers, to direct the voting and disposition of the shares. Ms. Ueberroth disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

First Advantage Corporation

The following table sets forth the total number of shares of Class A common stock of the Company's subsidiary, First Advantage Corporation, beneficially owned and the percentage of the outstanding shares so owned as of the record date by:

- each director of the Company (and each nominee for director);
- each named executive officer of the Company; and
- all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group.

Unless otherwise indicated in the notes following the table, the shareholders listed in the table are the beneficial owners of the listed shares with sole voting and investment power (or, in the case of individual shareholders, shared power with such individual's spouse) over the shares listed. Shares subject to rights exercisable within 60 days after the record date are treated as outstanding when determining the amount and percentage beneficially owned by a person or entity.

<u>Shareholders</u>	<u>Number of shares of Class A common stock</u>	<u>Percent if greater than 1%</u>
<i>Current Directors</i>		
George L. Argyros		
Bruce S. Bennett		
Matthew B. Botein		
J. David Chatham	16,944	
Glenn C. Christenson		
Hon. William G. Davis		
James L. Doti		
Lewis W. Douglas, Jr.		
Christopher V. Greetham		
Parker S. Kennedy(1)	39,346	
Thomas C. O'Brien		
Frank E. O'Brien		
Roslyn B. Payne		
John W. Peace		
D. Van Skilling	15,444	
Herbert B. Tasker	50	
Virginia M. Ueberroth		
Mary Lee Widener		

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Named executive officers who are not directors

Dennis J. Gilmore		
Frank V. McMahon(1)	11,248	
Barry M. Sando	1,000	
Max O. Valdes		

<i>All directors, named executive officers and other executive officers as a group (26 persons)</i>	576,411	4.6%
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The shares set forth in the table above include shares that the following individuals have the right to acquire within 60 days of the record date in the amounts set forth below:

<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Shares</u>
J. David Chatham	12,500
Parker S. Kennedy	12,500
D. Van Skilling	7,500
Frank V. McMahon	7,500

- (1) Messrs. Kennedy and McMahon have agreed to remit to the Company any after-tax benefit of equity-based grants awarded to them in connection with their service on the First Advantage Corporation board of directors.

Board and Committee Meetings

Our Board held nineteen meetings during 2008. Each director attended 75% or more of the meetings of the Board and the committees (if any) on which the director served, except for Mr. Doti, who attended 66% of his meetings. From time to time, our Board may act by unanimous written consent as permitted by the laws of the State of California.

Audit Committee

The members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Chatham (chairman), Christenson, Doti (currently non-voting) and Skilling and Ms. Payne. The functions performed by this committee include reviewing internal auditing procedures and results, selecting our independent registered public accounting firm, directing and supervising investigations into matters within the scope of its duties, reviewing with the independent registered public accounting firm the plan and results of its audit and determining the nature of other services to be performed by, and fees to be paid to, such firm. During 2008, our Audit Committee met nine times. This committee's charter is posted in the corporate governance section of our Web site at www.firstam.com, and is also available in print to any shareholder who requests it. Such request should be sent to the secretary at our address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement. Our Board of Directors has determined that Messrs. Christenson and Skilling and Ms. Payne are audit committee financial experts within the meaning of the SEC's rules and regulations and that each member of the Audit Committee meets the requirement of independence established in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the New York Stock Exchange Listing Standards.

Compensation Committee

The members of the Compensation Committee are Messrs. Christenson, Chatham, Davis, Douglas (chairman), Greetham, O'Brien, Skilling and Tasker and Ms. Payne. This committee establishes compensation rates and procedures with respect to our executive officers, including bonus awards, monitors our equity compensation plans and makes recommendations to the Board regarding director compensation. During 2008, our Compensation Committee met twelve times. This committee's charter is posted in the corporate governance section of our Web site at www.firstam.com, and is also available in print to any shareholder who requests it. Such request should be sent to the secretary at our address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement. See the section entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," which begins on page 52, for more information on the processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of executive and director compensation.

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Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The members of this committee are Messrs. Bennett, Davis (chairman), Douglas, O'Brien and Skilling and Ms. Ueberroth. This committee is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become directors of our

Company; recommending that the Board select the nominees identified by the committee for all directorships to be filled by the Board or by the shareholders; and developing, recommending to the Board and periodically reviewing the corporate governance principles applicable to our Company. This committee held six meetings during 2008. This committee's charter is posted in the corporate governance section of our Web site at www.firstam.com, and is also available in print to any shareholder who requests it. Such request should be sent to the secretary at our address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement. The committee has adopted procedures by which certain shareholders of the Company may recommend director nominees to the Board. In particular, the committee has established a policy whereby it will accept and consider, in its discretion, director recommendations from any shareholder holding in excess of five percent of the Company's outstanding common shares. Such recommendations must include the name and credentials of the recommended nominee and should be submitted to the secretary of the Company at our address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

As stated in the above-mentioned charter, in identifying candidates for membership on our Board, the committee takes into account all factors it considers appropriate, including some or all of the following: strength of character, an inquiring and independent mind, practical wisdom, mature judgment, career specialization, relevant technical skills, reputation in the community, diversity and the extent to which the candidate would fill a present need on the Board. The committee makes recommendations to the full Board as to whether or not incumbent directors should stand for re-election. However, if our Company is legally required by contract or otherwise to provide third parties with the ability to nominate directors, the selection and nomination of such directors generally is not subject to the committee process for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The committee conducts all necessary and appropriate inquiries into the background and qualifications of possible candidates and may engage a search firm to assist in identifying potential candidates for nomination.

Independence of Directors

The Board has affirmatively determined that each member of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, as well as each other member of the Board, except Parker S. Kennedy, John W. Peace and Mary Lee Widener (who are not independent), is independent as that term is defined in the corporate governance rules of the New York Stock Exchange for listed companies, and that each member of the Audit Committee is independent under the additional standards applicable to that committee. In making these determinations, the Board considered the following relationships between directors and the Company: Messrs. Argyros and Botein and Ms. Payne are affiliated with entities that do business with the Company in the ordinary course from time to time; Mr. Davis is of counsel to a Canadian law firm that has been retained by the Company from time to time, but that did not provide any services to the Company during 2008; and each of Messrs. Argyros, Doti and O Bryan and Ms. Ueberroth is affiliated with a nonprofit organization to which the Company and/or its management has made donations from time to time. Each of the relationships above, while considered by the Board, falls within the Company's categorical independence standards contained in the Board's corporate governance guidelines, which are available on the corporate governance section of the Company's Web site at www.firstam.com. In addition to the relationships described above, Mr. O Bryan continues to occupy space within the building housing the Company's principal office, for which he continues to pay the Company rent at a market rate.

Lead Director

Our Board has elected D. Van Skilling as its lead non-management director. The lead director is responsible for chairing the regularly scheduled executive sessions of the non-management directors, which are those directors who are not officers of our Company.

Director Attendance at Annual Meetings

Our directors are expected to attend the annual meetings of our shareholders. Each of the Company's current directors who were also directors at the time of last year's annual meeting were in attendance at that meeting, with the exception of Mr. Davis and Mr. Douglas.

Shareholder and Interested Party Communications with Directors

Shareholders and other interested parties may communicate directly with any or all of the non-management directors of our Company by writing to such director(s) at the business addresses provided under each director's name in the corporate governance section of our Web site at www.firstam.com. Directors receiving such communications will respond as such directors deem appropriate, including the possibility of referring the matter to management of our Company, to the full Board or to an appropriate committee of the Board.

The Audit Committee has established procedures to receive, retain and address complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and for the submission by our employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. Our 24-hour, toll-free hotline is available for the submission of such concerns or complaints at 1-800-589-3259. To the extent required by applicable law, individuals wishing to remain anonymous or to otherwise express their concerns or complaints confidentially are permitted to do so.

Transactions with Management and Others

On February 27, 2006, the Company loaned \$7,500,000 to NHSA JPS LLC (NHSA), a Delaware limited liability company affiliated with Neighborhood Housing Services of America, Inc., of which Ms. Widener is president and chief executive officer, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a loan agreement between the Company and NHSA. The loan bears interest at a rate of 2% per year, and matures in 2016. On November 3, 2006, the loan amount was increased to \$9,500,000. During each of 2008 and 2009, interest payments totaled \$190,000 annually. No principal payments have been due or made and the outstanding loan balance is \$9,500,000. The loan agreement provides that a portion of the loan proceeds is to be used as a loan loss reserve for two loan pools collectively known as the Anthem Loan Pools, and a portion is to be used as working capital for operation of the Anthem Project. The Anthem Project involves a loan underwriting and funding program administered by NHSA that is designed to make prime grade home loans with prime grade pricing and mortgage insurance available to emerging markets borrowers who are rated as creditworthy through use of the Company's proprietary Anthem credit scoring system as a guide in the loan approval process. The loan is secured by a Collateral Trust Agreement between the Company, NHSA and Union Bank of California, N.A., as trustee, whereby, in the event of a default by NHSA in the performance of obligations specified in the loan agreement or the related promissory note or the Collateral Trust Agreement, interest or other income accruing from certain home loan proceeds and investments of the Anthem Project would be applied toward payment of outstanding amounts due from NHSA to the Company under the promissory note and above-mentioned agreements, after payment of collection and other costs, including the fees and expenses of the trustee.

The Board of directors has adopted a written policy regarding related party transactions, which generally prohibits transactions between the Company and/or its affiliates, on the one hand, and the Company's directors, officers (or officers of affiliates) or shareholders holding in excess of 5% of the Company's common shares, on the other hand, without prior approval. The approving body may be either the Board or the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, or, if the proposed transaction involves \$1,000,000 or less and it is impractical to seek the approval of the Board or that committee, then the chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may review and pre-approve of the transaction (or the chairman of the Audit Committee if the chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is a party to the transaction). The policy prohibits directors of the Company from entering into any transaction with the Company or any of its affiliates outside of the ordinary course of business, except for transactions previously approved by the Board and in effect on the date the policy took effect.

Certain transactions are excluded from the application of the policy and are therefore permitted without prior approval. For example, compensatory arrangements for service as an officer or director of the Company are excluded from the policy, as are transactions between the Company and its affiliates (other than directors and officers). In cases where the potential transaction would involve the officer, director or large shareholder only in

an indirect fashion, the policy does not apply where such indirect interest results solely from ownership less than 10% of, or being a director of, the entity entering into the transaction with the Company. In addition, arms length ordinary course transactions involving annual payments of \$100,000 or less are permitted without prior approval.

Since January 1, 2008, Highfields Capital Management LP purchased approximately \$621,000 of data and analytic products and title search services from the Company. Such purchases occurred on an arms-length basis.

Executive Officers

The following provides information regarding the Company's executive officers.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position(s) Held</u>	<u>Age</u>
Parker S. Kennedy	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer	61
Dennis J. Gilmore	Chief Executive Officer, Financial Services Company	51
Frank V. McMahon	Chief Executive Officer, Information Solutions Company	49
Anthony S. Pizsel	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	54
George S. Livermore	President of Data and Analytic Solutions Segment	49
Anand K. Nallathambi	Chief Executive Officer of First Advantage Corporation	48
Barry M. Sando	President of Information and Outsourcing Solutions Segment	50
Kenneth D. DeGiorgio	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	38
Max O. Valdes	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer	54

All officers of the Company are appointed annually by the Board on the day of its election.

- Parker S. Kennedy was named chairman and chief executive officer of the Company in 2003. He served as its president from 1993 to 2004 and was an executive vice president of the Company from 1986 to 1993. He has been employed by the Company's subsidiary, First American Title Insurance Company, since 1977 and became a vice president of that company in 1979 and a director in 1981. During 1983, he was appointed executive vice president of First American Title Insurance Company, and in 1989 was appointed its president. He now serves as its chairman, a position to which he was appointed in 1999.
- Dennis J. Gilmore has been serving as chief executive officer of the Company's financial services group since April 2008. Previously, Mr. Gilmore served as the Company's chief operating officer from 2004 to 2008. He served as an executive vice president of the Company from 2003 to 2004 and served as president of the property information business segment (now known as the data and analytic solutions segment) from 1998 to 2005. Prior to that time, he established and managed the Lenders Advantage division of the Company's subsidiary, First American Title Insurance Company, from 1993 to 1998 and was employed by the Company's tax service subsidiary from 1988 to 1993.
- Frank V. McMahon has been serving as chief executive officer of the Company's information solutions group since April 2008. He served as the Company's vice chairman and chief financial officer from March 2006 to April 2008. Mr. McMahon has also served as a director of the Company's subsidiary, First Advantage Corporation, since 2006. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. McMahon was a managing director of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., from 1999 to 2006.

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Anthony S. Pizel has been serving as chief financial officer and treasurer of the Company since January 2009. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Pizel was executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), from 2006 to 2008. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Pizel served as chief financial officer of Health Net, Inc., a publicly traded managed health care company. Mr. Pizel served as corporate controller of financial services company, Prudential Financial, Inc., from 1999 to 2004, after holding various positions with Prudential beginning in 1993. Mr. Pizel also serves as a director of RehabCare Group, Inc., a position he has held since 2005, and is chairman of its Audit Committee.

- George S. Livermore serves as president of the Company's data and analytic solutions business segment, a position he has held since September, 2005. He was president of First American Real Estate Solutions L.P. since its formation in 1998.
- Anand K. Nallathambi was appointed to serve as chief executive officer of First Advantage Corporation in March 2007 and president of First Advantage in September 2005 following First Advantage's acquisition of the Company's credit information group. Prior to joining First Advantage, Mr. Nallathambi served as president of the Company's credit information group and as president of First American Appraisal Services from 1996 to 1998.
- Barry M. Sando serves as president of the Company's information and outsourcing solutions business segment, a position he has held since 1997. He was president of the Company's flood zone certification subsidiary during 1997, served as its executive vice president from 1995 to 1997, and was employed by the Company's tax service subsidiary from 1991 to 1995.
- Kenneth D. DeGiorgio was named senior vice president and general counsel of the Company in 2004. In 2006, he also became the Company's secretary. Mr. DeGiorgio was vice president and associate general counsel of the Company from 2001 to 2004, and served as regulatory and acquisition counsel from 1999 to 2001.
- Max O. Valdes has served as the Company's senior vice president and chief accounting officer since 2006. He served as chief financial officer from April 2008 to January 2009 and also performed chief financial officer functions from January to March 2006. Mr. Valdes served as vice president and chief accounting officer from 2002 to 2006. Prior to that time, he served as the Company's controller. Mr. Valdes has been employed by the Company since 1988.

Executive Compensation

Compensation Tables

The following tables set forth compensation information for the Company's named executive officers pursuant to the specific requirements of applicable regulations. The Company believes that the Summary Compensation Table below does not completely reflect its perspective on compensation for its named executive officers. Rather, the Company believes that its perspective is more completely reflected in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section which follows the tables.

Pursuant to applicable rules, the Company's named executive officers consist of the individuals serving as the chief executive officer and chief financial officer at any time during 2008 and the Company's three other most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers as of December 31, 2008.

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus(1) (\$)	Stock Awards(2) (\$)	Option Awards(3) (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compen- sation(1) (\$)	Change in	All Other Compen- sation (\$)	Total (\$)
							Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings(4) (\$)		
Parker S. Kennedy Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2008	\$ 695,480	\$ 0	\$ 875,372	\$ 395,325	\$ 0	\$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 6,750 ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 1,972,928
	2007	\$ 750,000	\$ 0	\$ 882,334	\$ 712,716	\$ 0	\$ 1,135,626	\$ 18,836 ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 3,499,512
	2006	\$ 750,000	\$ 912,500 ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 0	\$ 1,251,105	\$ 0	\$ 1,340,037	\$ 54,038 ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 4,307,682
Max O. Valdes ⁽⁸⁾ Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer	2008	\$ 300,000	\$ 0	\$ 211,279	\$ 55,755	\$ 309,532	\$ 253,895	\$ 6,750 ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 1,137,212
	2007	\$ 300,000	\$ 0	\$ 137,146	\$ 98,119	\$ 160,000	\$ 30,794	\$ 17,640 ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 743,699
	2006	\$ 300,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 0	\$ 180,821	\$ 0	\$ 260,174	\$ 30,980 ⁽⁹⁾	\$ 1,031,975
Frank V. McMahon Chief Executive Officer, Information Solutions Company	2008	\$ 445,577	\$ 0	\$ 1,259,132	\$ 614,022	\$ 1,136,362	\$ 357,509	\$ 6,750 ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$ 3,819,352
	2007	\$ 698,629	\$ 0 \$ 875,000	\$ 867,915	\$ 592,320	\$ 800,000	\$ 372,001	\$ 28,316 ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$ 3,359,181
	2006	\$ 550,000		\$ 197,604	\$ 441,963	\$ 0	\$ 81,608	\$ 21,900 ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$ 2,168,085
Dennis J. Gilmore Chief Executive Officer, Financial Services Company	2008	\$ 602,750	\$ 0	\$ 903,822	\$ 280,147	\$ 805,500	\$ 556,123	\$ 7,009 ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 3,155,352
	2007	\$ 647,885	\$ 0	\$ 555,322	\$ 503,426	\$ 750,000	\$ 187,026	\$ 42,075 ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 2,685,734
	2006	\$ 600,000	\$ 890,000	\$ 0	\$ 890,159	\$ 0	\$ 660,278	\$ 38,022 ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 3,078,460
Barry M. Sando President, Information and Outsourcing Solutions Segment	2008	\$ 397,788	\$ 0	\$ 496,951	\$ 239,091	\$ 599,986	\$ 252,951	\$ 11,268 ⁽¹²⁾	\$ 1,998,036
	2007	\$ 525,000	\$ 0	\$ 272,940	\$ 435,117	\$ 540,000	\$ 91,281	\$ 10,655 ⁽¹²⁾	\$ 1,874,993
	2006	\$ 525,000	\$ 865,000	\$ 0	\$ 771,672	\$ 0	\$ 340,487	\$ 47,788 ⁽¹²⁾	\$ 2,549,947

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Notes:

- (1) Cash portions of bonus amounts that were paid through performance units are included under the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column, as opposed to the Bonus column, pursuant to applicable rules.
- (2) Includes First Advantage Corporation restricted stock unit (RSU) awards during 2008 to Messrs. Kennedy and McMahon in connection with their service on the First Advantage Corporation board of directors. Messrs. Kennedy and McMahon have agreed to remit to the Company any after-tax benefit of such awards.

- (3) The Company did not award options to the named executive officers for 2006 through 2008. Value reflects the FAS 123R fair value of awards amortized over the vesting period. Fair value was determined by using Black-Scholes methodology with the following assumptions:

	2005	2004	2003
Dividend yield	1.5% - 2.3%	2.0% - 2.4%	1.8%
Expected volatility	39.7% - 41.4%	41.9% - 44.2%	45.1%
Risk free average interest rate	3.7% - 4.3%	3.7% - 4.2%	4.2%
Expected term (years)	5.4 - 5.9	5.9 - 6.3	7

The value also reflects option awards to Messrs. Kennedy and McMahon for board service at First Advantage Corporation. Messrs. Kennedy and McMahon have agreed to remit to the Company any after tax benefit they receive as a result of the awards. First Advantage utilized a lattice option pricing model in 2006 with the following assumptions: expected volatility (30%), risk free average interest rate (4.56%-4.81%), and expected term (5 years). Prior to 2006, First Advantage utilized a Black-Scholes methodology with the following assumptions: for 2005, volatility (25%), term (6 years), risk free rate (4.52%); for 2004, volatility (34%), term (9 years), risk free rate (4.13%); and for 2003, volatility (34%), term (9 years), risk free rate (3.24%). All years assumed a 0% dividend yield.

- (4) Reflects the change in the present value of the life annuity from fiscal year end 2007 to fiscal year end 2008 for both the qualified and non-qualified pension plans (entitled The First American Corporation Pension Plan, The First American Corporation Pension Restoration Plan and The First American Corporation Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan). See Pension Benefits table on page 37 for assumptions. It does not include earnings under the deferred compensation plan as such earnings are neither above market nor preferential. The Company's deferred compensation plan provides a return based on a number of investment crediting options.
- (5) In 2008, the total change in pension value under the pension plans was -\$258,042.
- (6) In 2008, this amount consists of Company contributions of \$6,750 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan. In 2007, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$6,600 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) use of Company residences valued at \$3,700 and (c) Company-paid club membership dues of \$8,536. In 2006, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$12,600 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) Company car allowance and estimated value of Company-paid gas totaling \$15,440, (c) Company-paid club membership dues of \$18,098, (d) estimated value of personal use of Company-owned residences of \$7,000 and (e) fees for attending board meetings of the Company totaling \$900.
- (7) On February 27, 2007, at Mr. Kennedy's request, the Company's Compensation Committee shifted \$500,000 of his cash bonus for service in 2006 to RSUs which vest over five years and were issued on March 5, 2007. The actual cash payment was therefore reduced to \$412,500.
- (8) Mr. Valdes served as the Company's interim chief financial officer from April 2008 to January 2009, a function he also performed from January to March 2006. Mr. Valdes was not a named executive officer in 2007.
- (9) In 2008, this amount consists of Company contributions of \$6,750 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan. In 2007, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$6,600 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) Company car allowance and estimated value of Company-paid gas totaling \$9,740 and (c) Company-paid club membership dues of \$1,300. In 2006, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$12,600 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) Company car allowance and estimated value of Company-paid gas totaling \$13,080, (c) Company-paid club membership dues of \$1,800 and (d) estimated value of personal use of Company-owned residences of \$3,500.

- (10) In 2008, this amount consists of Company contributions of \$6,750 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan. In 2007, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$6,600 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) Company car allowance of \$10,080 and (c) Company-paid club membership dues of \$10,915. In 2006, this amount consists of (a) Company car allowance of \$9,900, (b) Company-paid club membership dues of \$5,400 and (c) fees for attending board meetings of the Company and its subsidiaries totaling \$6,600.
- (11) In 2008, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$6,750 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan and (b) life insurance premiums of \$259. In 2007, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$6,600 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) life insurance premiums of \$233, (c) Company car allowance of \$10,080 and (d) Company-paid club membership dues of \$25,162. In 2006, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$12,600 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) Company car allowance of \$13,200, (c) Company-paid club membership dues of \$10,584, (d) estimated value of the use of Company-owned season tickets of \$520, (e) life insurance premiums of \$218 and (f) fees for attending board meetings of the Company totaling \$900.
- (12) In 2008, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$6,750 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan and (b) life insurance premiums of \$4,518. In 2007, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$6,750 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan and (b) life insurance premiums of \$4,055. In 2006, this amount consists of (a) Company contributions of \$12,600 to his account in the Company's tax qualified 401(k) Savings Plan, (b) Company car allowance and estimated value of Company-paid gas totaling \$10,900, (c) Company-paid club membership dues of \$19,440, (d) estimated value of the use of Company-owned season tickets of \$1,200 and (e) life insurance premiums of \$3,648.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table contains information concerning awards of RSUs and performance units made to each of the named executive officers during fiscal year 2008.

Name	Grant Date	Approval Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)		
Parker S. Kennedy	4/29/08	4/29/08(1)							3,116	64,998
	3/31/08	3/20/08(4)			1,825,000					
Max O. Valdes	3/4/08	2/5/08(2)					1,212			39,996
	3/4/08	2/5/08(3)					6,818			
	3/31/08	3/20/08(4)			320,000					
Frank V. McMahon	4/29/08	4/29/08(1)							3,116	64,998
	3/4/08	2/5/08(2)					24,242			
	3/4/08	2/5/08(3)					15,909			
	3/31/08	3/20/08(4)			1,600,000					
Dennis J. Gilmore	3/4/08	2/5/08(2)					22,727			749,991
	3/4/08	2/5/08(3)					15,151			
	3/31/08	3/20/08(4)			1,500,000					
Barry M. Sando	3/4/08	2/5/08(2)					10,909			359,997
	3/4/08	2/5/08(3)					11,939			
	3/31/08	3/20/08(4)			1,080,000					

- (1) Grants represent RSUs that convert to full-value shares of First Advantage Corporation Class A common stock, granted for service as a director of First Advantage. These awards vest over a three-year period commencing on the first anniversary date of grant. Messrs.

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Kennedy and McMahon have agreed to remit to the Company any after-tax benefit they receive as a result of the award.

- (2) Grants represent the portion of the 2007 annual bonus, paid in 2008, in the form of RSUs, referred to as Bonus RSUs. Vesting of Bonus RSUs generally occurs at a rate of 20% per year on each anniversary of the date of grant, and would not occur unless, as was the case, the net income of the Company for 2008 was at least \$50 million, excluding (a) asset write-downs, (b) litigation or claim judgments or settlements, (c) the effect of changes in tax laws, accounting principles, or other laws or provisions affecting reported results, (d) any reorganization and restructuring programs, (e) extraordinary, unusual and/or nonrecurring items of gain or loss and (f) foreign exchange gains and losses (Extraordinary Items).

- (3) Grants represent Long-Term Incentive RSUs which were issued to the named executive officers for 2007 performance. Vesting of Long-Term Incentive RSUs generally occurs at a rate of 20% per year on each anniversary of the date of grant, and would not occur unless, as was the case, the net income of the Company for 2008 was at least \$50 million, excluding Extraordinary Items.

- (4) Awards represent the maximum amount payable with respect to performance units awarded under the Company's incentive compensation plan for 2008. None of the awards were payable unless, as was the case, the net income of the Company for 2008 was at least \$50 million, excluding Extraordinary Items. The Compensation Committee had the discretion to reduce the amount of the performance units, and, for 2008, exercised this discretion by reducing the amount of performance units to the amount of the cash portion of the named executive's annual incentive bonus and paying the cash bonus amount through the performance units. These performance units were awarded to permit the Company to deduct, for tax purposes, the entire amount of bonuses paid to named executive officers. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Annual Incentive Bonus commencing on page 54. The amounts identified in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table for 2008 are the actual amounts paid under the plan.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table shows outstanding equity awards of the Company and (in the table below on page 32) its publicly traded subsidiary, First Advantage Corporation, held by the named executive officers as of December 31, 2008.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date(1)	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(2) (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(3) (\$)
Parker S. Kennedy	40,000		13.13	2/24/2010		
	40,000		30.80	12/14/2010		
	40,000		18.08	12/13/2011		
	80,000		22.85	2/27/2013		
	64,000	16,000	30.56	2/26/2014		
	48,000	32,000	36.55	2/28/2015		
	48,000	32,000	47.49	12/8/2015		
				38,073(4)	1,099,929	
Max O. Valdes	12,000	8,000	47.49	12/8/2015		
					6,407(4)	185,098
					8,242(6)	238,111
Frank V. McMahon	120,000	180,000	39.16	3/31/2016		
					21,352(5)	616,859
					27,720(4)	800,831
				41,226(6)	1,191,019	
Dennis J. Gilmore	20,000		30.80	12/14/2010		
	8,000		19.20	12/13/2011		
	6,000		19.10	7/23/2012		
	50,000		22.85	2/27/2013		
	40,000	10,000	30.56	2/26/2014		
	36,000	24,000	36.55	2/28/2015		
	36,000	24,000	47.49	12/8/2015		
				25,961(4)	750,013	
				38,891(6)	1,123,561	
Barry M. Sando	4,000		30.80	12/14/2010		
	20,000		19.20	12/13/2011		
	10,000		19.10	7/23/2012		
	50,000		22.85	2/27/2013		
	40,000	10,000	30.56	2/26/2014		
	30,000	20,000	36.55	2/28/2015		
	30,000	20,000	47.49	12/8/2015		
				12,747(4)	368,261	
				23,458(6)	677,702	

(1) The options disclosed in the table have a ten-year life. Options vest in five equal annual increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant.

Remaining vesting dates for each grant that is not fully vested include:

<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Remaining Vesting Dates</u>
3/31/2016	3/31/2009, 3/31/2010, 3/31/2011
12/8/2015	12/8/2009, 12/8/2010
2/28/2015	2/28/2009, 2/28/2010
2/26/2014	2/26/2009

- (2) RSUs vest in 20% equal annual increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant.
- (3) Represents the in-the-money value of unvested RSUs based on a stock price of \$28.89 as of December 31, 2008.
- (4) Remaining vesting dates include: 3/5/2009, 3/5/2010, 3/5/2011, 3/5/2012.
- (5) Remaining vesting dates include: 3/31/2009, 3/31/2010, 3/31/2011.
- (6) Remaining vesting dates include: 3/4/2009, 3/4/2010, 3/4/2011, 3/4/2012, 3/4/2013.

First Advantage Corporation Awards

<u>Name</u>	<u>Option Awards</u>				<u>Stock Awards</u>	
	<u>Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable</u>	<u>Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable</u>	<u>Option Exercise Price (\$)</u>	<u>Option Expiration Date(1)</u>	<u>Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(2) (#)</u>	<u>Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(3) (\$)</u>
Parker S. Kennedy	5,000		20.58	6/19/2013		
	2,500		20.90	6/21/2014		
	2,500		27.93	9/13/2015		
	1,667	833	25.13	5/11/2016		
					1,893(4)	26,786
				3,166(5)	44,799	
Frank V. McMahon	1,665	3,335	24.13	4/3/2016		
	1,667	833	25.13	5/11/2016		
					1,893(4)	26,786
					3,166(5)	44,799

- (1) Stock options vest cumulatively in three installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant. The first and second year vesting installments are 33.3%. The third year installment is at 33.4%.

Remaining vesting dates for each grant that is not fully vested include:

<u>Option Expiration Date</u>	<u>Remaining Vesting Dates</u>
5/11/2016	5/11/2009
4/3/2016	4/3/2009

- (2) RSUs vest cumulatively in three installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant. The first and second year vesting installments are 33.3%. The third year installment is at 33.4%.
- (3) Represents the in-the-money value of unvested RSUs based on a stock price of \$14.15 as of December 31, 2008.
- (4) Remaining vesting dates include: 4/26/2009, 4/26/2010.
- (5) Remaining vesting dates include: 4/29/2009, 4/29/2010, 4/29/2011.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table sets forth information concerning value realized by each of the named executive officers upon exercise of stock options and vesting of stock during 2008.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized Upon Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (#)
Parker S. Kennedy	30,000	200,315	9,270	302,573
Max O. Valdes	3,000	28,668	1,559	50,886
Frank V. McMahon	0	0	13,720	479,822
Dennis J. Gilmore	0	0	6,321	206,317
Barry M. Sando	0	0	3,104	101,315

Pension Benefits

The following table shows the actuarial present value of the accumulated retirement benefits payable upon normal retirement age to each of the named executive officers, computed as of December 31, 2008. The amounts disclosed are based upon benefits provided to the named executive officers under the tax-qualified The First American Corporation Pension Plan (Pension Plan), The First American Corporation Pension Restoration Plan (Pension Restoration Plan) and The First American Corporation Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan (Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan).

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service(1) (#)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefits(2)(3) (\$)	Payments During Last Fiscal Year (\$)
Parker S. Kennedy(4)	Pension Plan	31.7	406,522	
	Pension Restoration Plan	31.7	279,578	
	Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	31.7	8,539,676	
Max O. Valdes	Pension Plan	20.0	139,768	
	Pension Restoration Plan	20.0	22,384	
	Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	20.0	1,143,120	
Frank V. McMahon	Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	2.8	811,118	
Dennis J. Gilmore(5)	Pension Plan	15.6	77,073	
	Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	15.6	2,764,995	
Barry M. Sando	Pension Plan	16.1	76,544	
	Pension Restoration Plan	16.1	45,047	

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Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan
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- (1) Credited years of service for both the Pension Plan and Pension Restoration Plan is the time between the participant's deemed participation date under the plan and December 31, 2008. Credited years of service for the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan is generally equal to credited years of service under the Pension Plan, and does not affect the benefit to the executive after minimum service requirements are met.
 - (2) Pension Plan and the Pension Restoration Plan benefits accrue from hire date through age 65. The following assumptions were used for calculating present values: interest rate of 6.30%, pre- and post-retirement mortality

per RP2000 mortality tables for males and females, benefit is payable as a 50% joint and survivor annuity and spouse is assumed to be three years younger than participant.

Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan eligibility requires 10 years of service and 5 years of participation in the plan with the benefit dependent on age at retirement between 55 and 62, rather than credited years of service. The following assumptions were used for calculating present values: interest rate of 6.30%, pre- and post retirement mortality per RP2000 mortality tables for males and females, benefit is payable as a 50% joint and survivor annuity and spouse is assumed to be the same age as participant.

- (3) The present values under the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan for Mr. Kennedy were calculated using a retirement age of 60 because he was vested on November 1, 2007, the effective date of the plan amendment, and as a result is entitled to receive the higher of the benefit as calculated under the amended plan at normal retirement age (as defined in the plan) or what he would have otherwise received had he retired on October 31, 2007.
- (4) Mr. Kennedy is eligible for early retirement due to his age and meeting certain service requirements, as described further below.
- (5) Due to an administrative error, Mr. Gilmore was incorrectly identified as a participant in the Pension Restoration Plan in the prior years tables.

(1) Pension Plan

Subject to certain conditions of age and tenure, all regular employees of the Company and participating subsidiaries were eligible to join the Pension Plan until December 31, 2001. No employees have been eligible to join the Pension Plan after that date. In order to participate, during plan years ending on or prior to December 31, 1994, an employee was required to contribute 1.5 % of pay (*i.e.*, base salary plus cash bonuses, commissions and other pay) to the plan. As a result of amendments that were adopted in 1994, during plan years commencing after December 31, 1994, an employee was not required to contribute to the plan in order to participate.

A participant generally vests in his accrued benefit attributable to the Company's contributions upon employment through normal retirement age. Normal retirement age is defined under the Pension Plan as the later of the employee's attainment of age 65 or three years of service with the Company. Upon retirement at normal retirement age, an employee receives full monthly benefits which are equal, when calculated as a life annuity: (i) for years of credited service with the Company and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 1994, to 1% of the first \$1,000 and 1.25 % of remaining final average pay (*i.e.*, the average of the monthly pay, as defined above, during the five highest paid consecutive calendar years out of the last 10 years prior to retirement) times the number of years of credited service as of December 31, 1994; and (ii) for years of credited service with the Company and its subsidiaries after December 31, 1994, to 0.75% of the first \$1,000 and 1% of the remaining final average pay times the number of years of credited service subsequent to December 31, 1994.

Effective December 31, 2000, the Pension Plan was amended to exclude from the calculation of benefits (i) any pay earned after December 31, 2001, and (ii) any service earned after December 31, 2005. Effective December 31, 2002, the Pension Plan was amended to reduce the rate at which future benefits accrue for participants who had not yet attained age 50 by spreading the accrual of the benefit that would have accrued during 2003 to 2005 over extended periods ranging from 5 to 20 years, depending on the participant's age as of December 31, 2002. The Pension Plan was amended in February 2008 to eliminate benefit accruals for service after April 30, 2008.

A participant with at least three years of service with the company may elect to retire after attaining age 55, but prior to age 65, and receive reduced benefits. Benefits are reduced 1/180th for each of the first 60 months and by 1/360th for each of any additional months by which the benefit commencement date precedes the participant's normal retirement date. Benefit payment options include various annuity options, a form of benefit that is reduced prior to the commencement of the participant's Social Security benefits, a lump sum in the case of certain terminations

prior to age 55 and upon disability.

Federal tax law limits the maximum amount of pay that may be considered in determining benefits under the Pension Plan. The limit on pay that could be recognized by tax-qualified retirement plans was \$200,000 in 1989. This amount was adjusted for inflation for each year through 1993, when the limit was \$235,840. In 1993, this limit was decreased to \$150,000 for plan years beginning in 1994. The \$150,000 limit has been adjusted for inflation and was increased to \$160,000 as of January 1, 1997, and to \$170,000 as of January 1, 2000. The highest final average pay that could be considered in determining benefits accruing under the Pension Plan before 1994 is \$219,224, and since the plan does not consider pay earned after December 31, 2001, the highest final average pay that can be considered in determining benefits accruing after 1993 is \$164,000.

(2) Pension Restoration Plan

During 1996, the Company adopted the Pension Restoration Plan. This plan is an unfunded, non-qualified plan designed to make up for the benefit accruals that are restricted by the indexed \$150,000 pay limit discussed above. However, in order to limit its expense, the Pension Restoration Plan does not make up for benefit accruals on compensation exceeding \$275,000. The Pension Restoration Plan also makes up for benefits that cannot be paid from the Company's Pension Plan because of limitations imposed by the federal tax laws. Vesting of benefits payable to an employee under the Company's Pension Restoration Plan occurs at the same time that vesting occurs for that employee in his or her Pension Plan benefits. The Pension Restoration Plan is effective as of January 1, 1994, but only covers selected Pension Plan participants who were participants on that date. As noted above, January 1, 1994, is the date as of which the pay limit for the Pension Plan was reduced from \$235,840 to \$150,000. The Pension Restoration Plan excludes pay earned after December 31, 2001, as does the Pension Plan. The Pension Restoration Plan was amended in February 2008 to eliminate benefit accruals for service after April 30, 2008.

Effective January 1, 2009, to comply with Internal Revenue Code Section 409A, payment of benefits under the Pension Restoration Plan commences the first of the month following a participant's separation from service or six months following a participant's separation from service if he is considered a specified employee. Also, benefit options under the Pension Restoration Plan include various actuarial equivalent annuity options. The factors for early retirement are the same as those under the Pension Plan.

(3) Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan

The Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan provides retirement benefits for, and pre-retirement death benefits with respect to, certain key management personnel. The plan was originally adopted in 1985 and has been amended a number of times since then. Under the plan, as originally adopted, upon retirement at normal retirement date (the later of age 65 or completion of 10 years of service) the participant received a joint life and 50% survivor annuity benefit equal to 35% of final average compensation. Final average compensation was determined for those three calendar years out of the last 10 years of employment preceding retirement in which final average compensation is the highest. Final average compensation includes base salary and commissions, cash bonuses and stock bonuses that are granted to compensate for past services (such as Bonus RSUs, as described below).

Under the original plan, the benefit was reduced by 5% for each year prior to normal retirement date in which retirement occurs and, until age 70, increased by 5% (compounded in order to approximate the annuitized value of the benefit had retirement occurred at age 65) for each year after such date in which retirement occurs. With respect to such postponed retirement, the plan took into account covered compensation received until age 70, so that the retirement benefit of an executive who retires after normal retirement date is determined as the greater of the annuitized benefit or the benefit calculated using final average compensation until age 70.

To be eligible to receive benefits under the plan, a participant must be at least age 55, have been an employee of the Company or one of its subsidiaries for at least 10 years and covered by the plan for at least five years. A pre-retirement death benefit is provided consisting of 10 annual payments, each of which equals 50% of

final average compensation. Subject to applicable legal rules, the Board of Directors can, in its discretion, pay the participant or beneficiary in an actuarial equivalent lump sum or other form of benefit. In the event of a change-in-control (as defined in the plan) of the Company, a participant who retires after the change-in-control shall receive the same benefits as if he were retiring upon the attainment of normal retirement date.

The Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan was amended in September 2005 to provide that participants who thereafter engage in competition with the Company, either during their employment with or following their departure from the Company, forfeit their right to receive any vested benefits under the plan. Competition is defined to include involvement with a competing business, the misappropriation, sale, use or disclosure of the Company's trade secrets, confidential or proprietary information and solicitation of Company employees or customers.

To reduce the costs of the plan to the Company, the plan was further amended in October 2007. Among other changes, this amendment (i) reduced the normal retirement date to the latest of age 62, the date on which the participant completes 10 years of service with the Company and the date on which the participant was covered, in combination, by the plan or the Company's Management Supplemental Benefit Plan for five years; (ii) changed the period over which final average compensation is determined to the five calendar years preceding retirement; (iii) reduced the maximum benefit payable to a joint life and 50% survivor annuity benefit equal to 30% of final average compensation; (iv) eliminated any increased benefit for postponed retirement beyond the normal retirement date; and (v) provided for accelerated vesting only upon a change-in-control that is not approved by the Company's incumbent Board of Directors. The benefit is reduced by 5.952% for each year prior to age 62 in which retirement actually occurs. Participants who were vested as of the effective date of the amendment, November 1, 2007, are entitled to receive the higher of the benefit as calculated under the amended plan and the benefit to which the participant would have been entitled had he retired on October 31, 2007.

As of December 31, 2008, 28 active employees, including Messrs. Kennedy, Valdes, McMahon, Gilmore, and Sando have been selected to participate in the plan. The plan is unfunded and unsecured. The Company has previously purchased insurance, of which the Company is the owner and beneficiary, on the lives of certain plan participants. This insurance is designed to offset, over the life of the plan, a portion of the Company's costs incurred with respect to the plan.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan

As reflected in the following table, certain of the Company's named executive officers have elected to participate in The First American Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Deferred Compensation Plan"):

Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY(1) (\$)	Registrant Contributions in Last FY (\$)	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY(2) (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE(3) (\$)
Parker S. Kennedy	0	0	0	0	0
Max O. Valdes	0	0	0	0	0
Frank V. McMahon	400,000	0	(215,487)	0	392,028
Dennis J. Gilmore	150,000	0	(281,908)	0	640,807
Barry M. Sando	7,500	0	(160,154)	0	287,894

(1) The entire amount of contributions is reported in the Summary Compensation Table in the Salary or Non-Equity Incentive Plan column for 2008.

(2)

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Represents earnings or losses on participant-selected investment options. None of the amounts are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table as the return on deferred amounts are calculated in a similar manner and at a similar rate as earnings on externally managed mutual funds.

- (3) Includes amounts contributed since the plan's inception in 1998. Contributions made by the named executive officers since 2003 are as follows: Mr. McMahon contributed \$130,000 and \$70,000 in 2007 and

2006, respectively; Mr. Gilmore contributed \$150,000, \$150,000, \$150,000, \$50,000 and \$50,000 in 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively; and Mr. Sando contributed \$22,600, \$34,050, \$33,900, \$33,900 and \$33,600 in 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

The Company's Deferred Compensation Plan offers to a select group of management and highly compensated employees the opportunity to elect to defer portions of their base salary, commissions and cash bonuses. A committee appointed by the Board of Directors is responsible for administering the plan. The Company maintains a deferral account for each participating employee on a fully vested basis for all deferrals. Participants can choose to have their cash benefits paid in one lump sum or in quarterly payments upon termination of employment or death. Subject to the terms and conditions of the plan, participants also may elect scheduled and nonscheduled in-service withdrawals of compensation deferred prior to January 1, 2005, and the earnings and losses attributable thereto. Withdrawals of compensation deferred after December 31, 2004, and the earnings and losses attributable thereto, must be scheduled by the participant at the time the participant elects to defer such compensation.

Participants allocate their deferrals among a variety of investment crediting options offered under the plan. The investment crediting rates are based upon the rates of return available under certain separate accounts offered through variable insurance products.

For all participants who joined the Deferred Compensation Plan prior to December 31, 2001, the plan provides a pre-retirement life insurance benefit equal to the lesser of 15 times the amount deferred in the participant's first year of participation or \$2 million. The life insurance benefit is reduced beginning at age 61 by 20% per year. Participants who join the plan after December 31, 2001 are not eligible for this insurance benefit. The Company pays a portion of the cost of such life insurance benefits. The plan is unfunded and unsecured.

Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-in-Control

The following tables describe payments and other benefits that would be provided to the Company's named executive officers under the specified circumstances upon a change-in-control of the Company or their termination. For further discussion, see "Employment Agreements and Change-in-Control Agreements" in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section which precedes the tables, commencing on page 52, and see "Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan" above on page 35.

Parker S. Kennedy

Executive Payments and Benefits Upon Termination	Voluntary Termination(1)	Involuntary Termination		Change-in-Control		Death	Disability	
		For Cause	Without Cause	Without Termination	With Termination for Good Reason/without Cause			
Compensation:								
Severance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,225,000(2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Bonus	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,400,000(3)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Long-Term Incentives								
- Accelerated Vesting of Stock Options(4)(5)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
- Vested Stock Options(4)(6)	\$ 1,546,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,546,000	\$ 1,546,000	\$ 1,546,000	\$ 1,546,000	\$ 1,546,000	
- Accelerated Vesting of RSUs(7)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,099,929	\$ 1,099,929	\$ 1,099,929	\$ 1,099,929	\$ 1,099,929	
Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Director Compensation from Subsidiary Organizations(8)								
- FADV Accelerated Vesting of Stock Options	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
- FADV Vested Stock Options	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
- FADV Accelerated Vesting of RSUs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Benefits & Perquisites								
Vested 401(k) Savings Plan Balance	\$ 503,184	\$ 503,184	\$ 503,184	\$ 0	\$ 503,184	\$ 503,184	\$ 503,184	
Vested Pension Plan	\$ 432,601	\$ 432,601	\$ 432,601	\$ 0	\$ 432,601	\$ 213,650(9)	\$ 432,601	
Vested Pension Restoration Plan	\$ 297,513	\$ 297,513	\$ 297,513	\$ 0	\$ 297,513	\$ 146,934(9)	\$ 297,513	
Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan(10)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0(11)	\$ 0(11)	\$ 309,862(12)	\$ 0	
Vested Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	\$ 8,539,678(13)	\$ 0	\$ 8,539,678(13)	\$ 0	\$ 8,539,678(13)	\$ 8,539,678	\$ 8,539,678(13)	
Benefit Continuation(14)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 179,604	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Accrued PTO	\$ 75,288	\$ 75,288	\$ 75,288	\$ 0	\$ 75,288	\$ 75,288	\$ 75,288	
280G Tax Gross-up	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0(15)	\$ 4,245,460(15)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Total	\$ 11,394,264	\$ 1,308,586	\$ 12,494,193	\$ 2,645,929	\$ 28,544,257	\$ 12,434,525	\$ 12,494,193	

- (1) Voluntary termination would qualify as early retirement under the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan. Under the plan, early retirement is defined as retirement at age 55 and satisfaction of the other vesting requirements.
- (2) Represents three times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination by the Company and three times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years. In the event the executive's employment is not terminated by the Company, but the executive voluntarily terminates employment for any reason during the 30-day period following the first anniversary of the change-in-control, the executive would receive severance equal to two times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination and two times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years.

- (3) Represents the pro rata portion of the executive's deemed annual bonus for the year of termination (the applicable agreement provides for the payment of the highest bonus over last four fiscal years). Also assumes that, while any outstanding performance units would vest in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, the Compensation Committee would exercise its discretion to reduce the payout to zero.
- (4) Represents the intrinsic value of stock options based on the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89.
- (5) The 1996 Stock Option Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested options in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death or disability.
- (6) Options granted under the 1996 Stock Option Plan are exercisable within: 5 days of voluntary termination or termination without cause; 90 days of retirement; and one year of death or disability.
- (7) The 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested RSUs in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death, or disability. In the event of involuntary termination without cause, absent a change-in-control, unvested RSUs granted prior to 2008 and unvested Bonus RSUs granted in 2008 vest one year after termination.
- (8) Per First Advantage Corporation's Incentive Compensation Plan, options and RSUs accelerate in the event of a change-in-control of First Advantage Corporation. Mr. Kennedy has agreed to remit to the Company any after-tax benefit he receives as a result of accelerated vesting and therefore a zero value is shown.
- (9) Represents the lump sum present value equal to one half of accrued benefit, converted to a qualified joint and survivor form and payable to female spouse three years younger than participant at the later of participant's current age or age 55.
- (10) Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan refers to any payments which accrue to the participant in addition to his current vested benefit amount under the various scenarios for the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan.
- (11) Upon a change-in-control of the Company the executive becomes 100% vested in the benefit in the amount the executive would have been entitled to receive had he attained his normal retirement date. However, payments do not commence until employment terminates. Mr. Kennedy's benefit at retirement as of December 31, 2008 exceeds his benefit upon a change-in-control as of the same date and therefore the benefit represented under the "With Termination for Good Reason/without Cause" column is zero.
- (12) Represents the increase of the death benefit over the vested amount, as calculated based on 10 year certain payments at a 6.30% discount rate equal to 50% of participant's final average compensation.
- (13) Represents the present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables and a discount rate of 6.30%.
- (14) Represents cash payment to the executive to cover the cost of purchasing the benefits, including a gross-up payment to cover income taxes. Amount assumes the cost of health and welfare benefits of \$1,564.60 per month will increase 10% in 2010.
- (15) Under the applicable agreement, if payments are subject to excise taxes the Company will pay to the executive an additional gross-up amount so that his after-tax benefits are the same as though no excise tax had applied. The following assumptions were used to calculate payments under Internal Revenue Code Section 280G:
 - Equity valued at the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89, less option exercise prices.

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- Stock options and RSUs valued using Treasury Regulation Section 1.280G-1 Q&A 24(c).

Max O. Valdes

Executive Payments and Benefits Upon Termination	Involuntary Termination			Change-in-Control				
	Voluntary Termination	For Cause	Without Cause	Without Termination	With Termination for Good Reason/without Cause	Death	Disability	
Compensation:								
Severance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,250,000(1)	\$ 0	\$ 2,100,000(2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Bonus	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	\$ 400,000(3)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Long-Term Incentives								
- Accelerated Vesting of Stock Options(4)(5)	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
- Vested Stock Options(4)(6)	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
- Accelerated Vesting of RSUs(7)	\$ 0	\$ 0	221,009	\$ 423,210	\$ 423,210	\$ 423,210	\$ 423,210	
Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Benefits & Perquisites								
Vested 401(k) Savings Plan Balance	\$ 363,838	\$ 363,838	363,838	\$ 0	\$ 363,838	\$ 363,838	\$ 363,838	
Vested Pension Plan	\$ 139,768	\$ 139,768	139,768	\$ 0	\$ 139,768	\$ 83,553(8)	\$ 139,768	
Vested Pension Restoration Plan	\$ 22,384	\$ 22,384	22,384	\$ 0	\$ 22,384	\$ 13,381(8)	\$ 22,384	
Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan(9)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,288,675(10)	\$ 0(11)	\$ 2,236,734(12)	\$ 2,146,351(13)	\$ 1,212,300(14)	
Vested Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Benefit Continuation(15)	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	\$ 123,718	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Accrued PTO	\$ 35,769	\$ 35,769	35,769	\$ 0	\$ 35,769	\$ 35,769	\$ 35,769	
280G Tax Gross-up	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0(16)	\$ 1,599,428(16)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Total	\$ 561,759	\$ 561,759	\$ 3,321,443	\$ 423,210	\$ 7,444,848	\$ 3,066,102	\$ 2,197,269	

- Represents two times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination and two times the median of the executive's last three annual incentive bonuses.
- Represents three times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination by the Company and three times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years. In the event the executive's employment is not terminated by the Company, but the executive voluntarily terminates employment for any reason during the 30-day period following the first anniversary of the change-in-control, the executive would receive severance equal to two times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination and two times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years.
- Represents the pro rata portion of the executive's deemed annual bonus for the year of termination (the applicable agreement provides for the payment of the highest bonus over last four fiscal years). Also assumes that, in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, the Compensation Committee would reduce any performance units awarded to the bonus level.
- Represents the intrinsic value of stock options based on the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89.
- The 1996 Stock Option Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested options in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death or disability.

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- (6) Options granted under the 1996 Stock Option Plan are exercisable within: 5 days of voluntary termination or termination without cause; 90 days of retirement; and one year of death or disability.

- (7) The 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested RSUs in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death, or disability. In the event of involuntary termination without cause, absent a change-in-control, unvested RSUs granted prior to 2008 and unvested Bonus RSUs granted in 2008 vest one year after termination.
- (8) Represents the lump sum present value equal to one half of accrued benefit, converted to a qualified joint and survivor form and payable to female spouse three years younger than participant at the later of participant's current age or age 55.
- (9) Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan refers to any payments which accrue to the participant in addition to his current vested benefit amount under the various scenarios for the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan.
- (10) Upon involuntary termination, executive becomes 100% vested in the benefit he would have received had he reached his early retirement age. However, payment of benefit will not commence until executive reaches early retirement age.
- (11) Upon a change-in-control of the Company the executive becomes 100% vested in the benefit in the amount the executive would have been entitled to receive had he attained his normal retirement date. However, payments do not commence until employment terminates.
- (12) Represents the enhanced present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables and a discount rate of 6.30%.
- (13) Represents the present value of 10 year certain payments at a 6.30% discount rate, equal to 50% of participant's final average compensation.
- (14) Represents the present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables, a discount rate of 6.30%, and participant remains disabled until earliest retirement date at age 55.
- (15) Represents cash payment to the executive to cover the cost of purchasing the benefits, including a gross-up payment to cover income taxes. Amount assumes the cost of health and welfare benefits of \$1,786.15 per month will increase 10% in 2010.
- (16) Under the applicable agreement, if payments are subject to excise taxes the Company will pay to the executive an additional gross-up amount so that his after-tax benefits are the same as though no excise tax had applied. The following assumptions were used to calculate payments under Internal Revenue Code Section 280G:
 - Equity valued at the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89, less option exercise prices.
 - Stock options and RSUs valued using Treasury Regulation Section 1.280G-1 Q&A 24(c).
 - Calculations assume a portion of the 2008 bonus is reasonable compensation for services rendered prior to the change-in-control.

Frank V. McMahon

Executive Payments and Benefits Upon Termination	Involuntary Termination			Change-in-Control			
	Voluntary Termination	For Cause	Without Cause/ Good Reason	Without Termination	With Termination for Good Reason/ without Cause	Death	Disability
Compensation:							
Severance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,937,500(1)	\$ 0	\$ 6,300,000(2)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Bonus	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,750,000(3)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Long-Term Incentives							
- Accelerated Vesting of Stock Options(4)(5)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Vested Stock Options(4)(6)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Accelerated Vesting of RSUs(7)(8)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,136,791	\$ 2,608,709	\$ 2,608,709	\$ 1,991,850	\$ 1,991,850
Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 392,028	\$ 392,028	\$ 392,028	\$ 0	\$ 392,028	\$ 392,028	\$ 392,028
Director Compensation from Subsidiary Organizations(9)							
- FADV Accelerated Vesting of Stock Options	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- FADV Vested Stock Options	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- FADV Accelerated Vesting of RSUs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Benefits & Perquisites							
Vested 401(k) Savings Plan Balance	\$ 38,991	\$ 38,991	\$ 38,991	\$ 0	\$ 38,991	\$ 38,991	\$ 38,991
Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan(10)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0(11)	\$ 7,766,655(12)	\$ 7,074,529(13)	\$ 3,012,145(14)
Vested Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Benefit Continuation(15)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 85,124	\$ 0	\$ 0
Accrued PTO	\$ 18,012	\$ 18,012	\$ 18,012	\$ 0	\$ 18,012	\$ 18,012	\$ 18,012
280G Tax Gross-up	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,029,810(16)	\$ 7,256,101(16)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 449,031	\$ 449,031	\$ 6,523,322	\$ 4,638,519	\$ 26,215,620	\$ 9,515,409	\$ 5,453,025

- (1) Per his employment agreement, Mr. McMahon is entitled to minimum cash compensation equal to \$1,750,000 per year until March 31, 2011.
- (2) Represents three times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination by the Company and three times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years. In the event the executive's employment is not terminated by the Company, but the executive voluntarily terminates employment for any reason during the 30-day period following the first anniversary of the change-in-control, the executive would receive severance equal to two times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination and two times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years.
- (3) Represents the pro rata portion of the executive's deemed annual bonus for the year of termination (the applicable agreement provides for the payment of the highest bonus over last four fiscal years). Also assumes that, in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, the Compensation Committee would reduce any performance units awarded to the bonus level.
- (4) Represents the intrinsic value of stock options based on the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89.

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- (5) Mr. McMahon's employment agreement and option awards provide for acceleration of unvested options in the event of termination without cause or a change-in-control of the Company.
- (6) Options granted under the 1996 Stock Option Plan are exercisable within: 5 days of voluntary termination or termination without cause; 90 days of retirement; and one year of death or disability.

- (7) Mr. McMahon's initial RSU award agreement provides for acceleration of unvested RSUs in the event of termination without cause or a change-in-control of the Company.
- (8) The 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested RSUs in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death, or disability. In the event of involuntary termination without cause, absent a change-in-control, unvested RSUs granted prior to 2008 and unvested Bonus RSUs granted in 2008 vest one year after termination.
- (9) Per First Advantage Corporation's Incentive Compensation Plan, options and RSUs accelerate in the event of a change-in-control of First Advantage Corporation. Mr. McMahon has agreed to remit to the Company any after-tax benefit he receives as a result of accelerated vesting and therefore a zero value is shown.
- (10) Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan refers to any payments which accrue to the participant in addition to his current vested benefit amount under the various scenarios for the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan.
- (11) Upon a change-in-control of the Company the executive becomes 100% vested in the benefit in the amount the executive would have been entitled to receive had he attained his normal retirement date. However, payments do not commence until employment terminates.
- (12) Represents the enhanced present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables and a discount rate of 6.30%.
- (13) Represents the present value of 10 year certain payments at a 6.30% discount rate, equal to 50% of participant's final average compensation.
- (14) Represents the present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables, a discount rate of 6.30%, and participant remains disabled until earliest retirement date at age 55.
- (16) Represents cash payment to the executive to cover the cost of purchasing the benefits, including a gross-up payment to cover income taxes. Amount assumes the cost of health and welfare benefits of \$1,490.75 per month will increase 10% in 2010.
- (17) Under the applicable agreement, if payments are subject to excise taxes the Company will pay to the executive an additional gross-up amount so that his after-tax benefits are the same as though no excise tax had applied. The following assumptions were used to calculate payments under Internal Revenue Code Section 280G:
 - Equity valued at the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89, less option exercise prices.
 - Stock options and RSUs valued using Treasury Regulation Section 1.280G-1 Q&A 24(c).
 - Calculations assume a portion of the 2008 bonus is reasonable compensation for services rendered prior to the change-in-control.

Dennis J. Gilmore

Executive Payments and Benefits Upon Termination	Involuntary Termination			Change-in-Control			Death	Disability
	Voluntary Termination	For Cause	Without Cause	Without Termination	With Termination for Good Reason/ without Cause			
Compensation:								
Severance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,600,000(1)	\$ 0	\$ 7,860,000(2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Bonus	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,035,000(3)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Long-Term Incentives								
- Accelerated Vesting of Stock Options(4)(5)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Vested Stock Options(4)(6)	\$ 438,260	\$ 0	\$ 438,260	\$ 438,260	\$ 438,260	\$ 438,260	\$ 438,260	\$ 438,260
- Accelerated Vesting of RS/RSUs(7)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,424,161	\$ 1,873,574	\$ 1,873,574	\$ 1,873,574	\$ 1,873,574	\$ 1,873,574
Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 640,807	\$ 640,807	\$ 640,807	\$ 0	\$ 640,807	\$ 715,807	\$ 640,807	\$ 640,807
Benefits & Perquisites								
Vested 401(k) Savings Plan								
Balance	\$ 351,267	\$ 351,267	\$ 351,267	\$ 0	\$ 351,267	\$ 351,267	\$ 351,267	\$ 351,267
Vested Pension Plan	\$ 77,073	\$ 77,073	\$ 77,073	\$ 0	\$ 77,073	\$ 44,532(8)	\$ 77,073	\$ 77,073
Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan(9)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0(10)	\$ 8,855,140(11)	\$ 8,140,586(12)	\$ 3,601,063(13)	
Vested Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Benefit Continuation(14)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 105,517	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Accrued PTO	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 0	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000
280G Tax Gross-up	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0(15)	\$ 7,757,582(15)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 1,570,407	\$ 1,132,147	\$ 7,594,569	\$ 2,311,834	\$ 30,057,221	\$ 11,627,027	\$ 7,045,045	

- (1) Represents two times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination and two times the median of the executive's last three annual incentive bonuses.
- (2) Represents three times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination by the Company and three times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years. In the event the executive's employment is not terminated by the Company, but the executive voluntarily terminates employment for any reason during the 30-day period following the first anniversary of the change-in-control, the executive would receive severance equal to two times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination and two times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years.
- (3) Represents the pro rata portion of the executive's deemed annual bonus for the year of termination (the applicable agreement provides for the payment of the highest bonus over last four fiscal years). Also assumes that, in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, the Compensation Committee would reduce any performance units awarded to the bonus level.
- (4) Represents the intrinsic value of stock options based on the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89.
- (5) The 1996 Stock Option Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested options in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death or disability.

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- (6) Options granted under the 1996 Stock Option Plan are exercisable within: 5 days of voluntary termination or termination without cause; 90 days of retirement; and one year of death or disability.

- (7) The 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested RSUs in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death, or disability. In the event of involuntary termination without cause, absent a change-in-control, unvested RSUs granted prior to 2008 and unvested Bonus RSUs granted in 2008 vest one year after termination.
- (8) Represents the lump sum present value equal to one half of accrued benefit, converted to a qualified joint and survivor form and payable to female spouse three years younger than participant at the later of participant's current age or age 55.
- (9) Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan refers to any payments which accrue to the participant in addition to his current vested benefit amount under the various scenarios for the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan.
- (10) Upon a change-in-control of the Company the executive becomes 100% vested in the benefit in the amount the executive would have been entitled to receive had he attained his normal retirement date. However, payments do not commence until employment terminates.
- (11) Represents the enhanced present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables and a discount rate of 6.30%.
- (12) Represents the present value of 10 year certain payments at a 6.30% discount rate, equal to 50% of participant's final average compensation.
- (13) Represents the present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables, a discount rate of 6.30%, and participant remains disabled until earliest retirement date at age 55.
- (14) Represents cash payment to the executive to cover the cost of purchasing the benefits, including a gross-up payment to cover income taxes. Amount assumes the cost of health and welfare benefits of \$1,641.84 per month will increase 10% in 2010.
- (15) Under the applicable agreement, if payments are subject to excise taxes the Company will pay to the executive an additional gross-up amount so that his after-tax benefits are the same as though no excise tax had applied. The following assumptions were used to calculate payments under Internal Revenue Code Section 280G:
 - Equity valued at the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89, less option exercise prices.
 - Stock options and RSUs valued using Treasury Regulation Section 1.280G-1 Q&A 24(c).
 - Calculations assume a portion of the 2008 bonus is reasonable compensation for services rendered prior to the change-in-control.

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Executive Payments and Benefits Upon Termination	Involuntary Termination			Change-in-Control			Death	Disability
	Voluntary Termination	For Cause	Without Cause	Without Termination	With Termination for Good Reason/without Cause	Without Cause		
Compensation:								
Severance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,830,000(1)	\$ 0	\$ 5,055,000(2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Bonus	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,335,000(3)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Long-Term Incentives								
- Accelerated Vesting of Stock Options(4)(5)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
- Vested Stock Options(4)(6)	\$ 593,700	\$ 0	\$ 593,700	\$ 593,700	\$ 593,700	\$ 593,700	\$ 593,700	\$ 593,700
- Accelerated Vesting of RS/RSUs(7)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 691,829	\$ 1,045,962	\$ 1,045,962	\$ 1,045,962	\$ 1,045,962	\$ 1,045,962
Deferred Compensation Plan	\$ 287,894	\$ 287,894	\$ 287,894	\$ 0	\$ 287,894	\$ 1,742,894	\$ 287,894	\$ 287,894
Benefits & Perquisites								
Vested 401(k) Savings Plan Balance	\$ 324,443	\$ 324,443	\$ 324,443	\$ 0	\$ 324,443	\$ 324,443	\$ 324,443	\$ 324,443
Vested Pension Plan	\$ 76,544	\$ 76,544	\$ 76,544	\$ 0	\$ 76,544	\$ 44,386(8)	\$ 76,544	\$ 76,544
Vested Pension Restoration Plan	\$ 45,047	\$ 45,047	\$ 45,047	\$ 0	\$ 45,047	\$ 26,122(8)	\$ 45,047	\$ 45,047
Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan(9)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0(10)	\$ 6,861,461(11)	\$ 6,250,001(12)	\$ 2,600,891(13)	\$ 2,600,891(13)
Vested Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Benefit Continuation(14)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 131,603	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Accrued PTO	\$ 37,692	\$ 37,692	\$ 37,692	\$ 0	\$ 37,692	\$ 37,692	\$ 37,692	\$ 37,692
280G Tax Gross-up	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0(15)	\$ 4,267,224(15)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 1,365,320	\$ 771,620	\$ 4,887,148	\$ 1,639,662	\$ 20,061,569	\$ 10,065,200	\$ 5,012,173	

- Represents two times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination and two times the median of the executive's last three annual incentive bonuses.
- Represents three times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination by the Company and three times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years. In the event the executive's employment is not terminated by the Company, but the executive voluntarily terminates employment for any reason during the 30-day period following the first anniversary of the change-in-control, the executive would receive severance equal to two times the executive's base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination and two times the executive's highest annual incentive bonus during the preceding four fiscal years.
- Represents the pro rata portion of the executive's deemed annual bonus for the year of termination (the applicable agreement provides for the payment of the highest bonus over last four fiscal years). Also assumes that, in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, the Compensation Committee would reduce any performance units awarded to the bonus level.
- Represents the intrinsic value of stock options based on the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89.
- The 1996 Stock Option Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested options in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death or disability.

- (6) Options granted under the 1996 Stock Option Plan are exercisable within: 5 days of voluntary termination or termination without cause; 90 days of retirement; and one year of death or disability.
- (7) The 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan and related agreements provide for acceleration of unvested RSUs in the event of a change-in-control of the Company, death, or disability. In the event of involuntary termination without cause, absent a change-in-control, unvested RSUs granted prior to 2008 and unvested Bonus RSUs granted in 2008 vest one year after termination.
- (8) Represents the lump sum present value equal to one half of accrued benefit, converted to a qualified joint and survivor form and payable to female spouse three years younger than participant at the later of participant's current age or age 55.
- (9) Enhanced Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan refers to any payments which accrue to the participant in addition to his current vested benefit amount under the various scenarios for the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan.
- (10) Upon a change-in-control of the Company the executive becomes 100% vested in the benefit in the amount the executive would have been entitled to receive had he attained his normal retirement date. However, payments do not commence until employment terminates.
- (11) Represents the enhanced present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables and a discount rate of 6.30%.
- (12) Represents the present value of 10 year certain payments at a 6.30% discount rate, equal to 50% of participant's final average compensation.
- (13) Represents the present value of the benefit calculated using the following assumptions: RP-2000M mortality tables, a discount rate of 6.30%, and participant remains disabled until earliest retirement date at age 55.
- (14) Represents cash payment to the executive to cover the cost of purchasing the benefits, including a gross-up payment to cover income taxes. Amount assumes the cost of health and welfare benefits of \$1,785.55 per month will increase 10% in 2010.
- (15) Under the applicable agreement, if payments are subject to excise taxes the Company will pay to the executive an additional gross-up amount so that his after-tax benefits are the same as though no excise tax had applied. The following assumptions were used to calculate payments under Internal Revenue Code Section 280G:
 - Equity valued at the Company's closing stock price on December 31, 2008, of \$28.89, less option exercise prices.
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THE FOLLOWING COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS SECTION (PAGES 52 TO 68) WAS APPROVED BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON APRIL 6, 2009, AND ORIGINALLY FILED AS PART OF THE COMPANY'S AMENDMENT TO FORM 10-K DATED APRIL 24, 2009. THIS SECTION SHOULD BE READ ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UPDATE TO COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON PAGE 68, WHICH UPDATES CERTAIN MATTERS DISCLOSED IN THE COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS.

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

I. The Company's Compensation Philosophy & Objectives

The Company's annual executive officer compensation program, which has been endorsed by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee), is designed to enhance shareholder value by providing that a large part of executive officer compensation be related to the Company's overall performance, the performance of the business unit or function for which the executive officer is responsible, and a subjective analysis of the contribution of each individual executive officer to the Company. The Company's policy is further designed to develop and administer programs that will:

- attract and retain key executives critical to the Company's long-term vision and success;
- provide compensation levels that are competitive with others in the Company's peer group, as that peer group is identified by the Committee from time to time;
- motivate executive officers to enhance long-term shareholder value; and
- encourage the identification and implementation of best business practices.

II. Role of the Compensation Committee

A. General

The Committee is comprised of independent members of the Company's Board of Directors and during most of 2008 had seven members. The Committee reviews and approves the base salaries of the executive officers of the Company and their annual incentive bonus programs, other incentive plans and executive benefit plans. It also reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding director compensation. The Committee, in consultation with the compensation consultants that it retains, analyzes the reasonableness of the compensation paid to the executive officers. In discharging its functions, and as described in more detail below, the Committee reviews compensation data from comparable companies and from relevant surveys, which it utilizes to assess the reasonableness of compensation for the Company's executive officers. Page 29 contains a list of the Company's executive officers.

The Committee's function is more fully described in its charter which has been approved by the Company's Board of Directors. The charter is available in the corporate governance section of the Company's Web site at www.firstam.com.

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The Committee meets with the chief executive officer to discuss his own compensation package, but ultimately decisions regarding his package are made solely based upon the Committee's deliberations with input from its compensation consultant. Decisions regarding other executive officers are made by the Committee after considering recommendations from the chief executive officer and certain other executive officers, as appropriate, as well as input from its compensation consultants.

The Company's chief executive officer and, as appropriate, its general counsel and the chief financial officer, may attend the portion of the Committee's meetings where individual executive officer performance is discussed. Only Committee members are allowed to vote on decisions regarding executive officer compensation.

B. Interaction with Compensation Consultants

In making its determinations with respect to executive officer compensation, the Committee engages the services of a compensation consultant. The Committee has retained the services of a compensation consultant to assist with its review of the compensation package of the chief executive officer and other executive officers. In addition, the compensation consultant has assisted the Committee with related projects, such as evaluating non-employee director pay levels, advice with respect to the design of executive compensation programs, review of annual management incentive bonus plans, preparation of the Company's compensation-related disclosures and related tasks.

The Committee retains the compensation consultant directly, although in carrying out assignments, the compensation consultant also interacts with Company management to the extent necessary and appropriate.

III. Compensation Structure

A. Pay Elements Overview

The Company utilizes three main components of compensation:

- **Base Salary:** fixed pay that takes into account an individual's role and responsibilities, experience, expertise and individual performance;
- **Annual Incentive Bonus:** variable pay that is designed to reward executive officers primarily based on Company performance and/or the performance of the business unit or function for which the executive officer is responsible. The annual incentive bonus may be paid in cash, equity or a combination thereof;
- **Long-Term Incentives:** stock-based awards, which currently consist solely of RSUs. RSUs also may be awarded as a component of the annual incentive bonus.

B. Pay Elements Details

(1) Base Salary

The Committee sets base salaries for executive officers based on the individual's position within the Company and his current and sustained performance results. The Committee reviews executive officer base salaries each year and makes any adjustments it deems necessary based on, among other factors, the overall performance of the Company, new roles and/or responsibilities assumed by the executive officer, the performance of the executive officer's business unit or area of responsibility, the executive officer's significant impact on strategic goals, the executive officer's length of service with the Company and the executive officer's base salary relative to the base salaries of similar individuals in peer companies. The Committee gives no specific weighting to any one factor in setting the level of base salary, and the process ultimately relies on the subjective exercise of the Committee's judgment. Although base salaries generally are targeted at market median or below, based on the Company's peer group and relevant compensation survey data (discussed further below), the Committee also takes into account the factors described above, as well as the executive officer's potential as a key contributor and amounts that may be required to recruit new executive officers.

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Other than in the case of new hires, the Committee generally determines base salaries for executive officers around the end of each calendar year. As described below under VII.A. Employment Agreements, all of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Kennedy, have employment agreements that specify their base salaries. Mr. McMahon, who served as the Company's chief financial officer until April 10, 2008, entered into an employment agreement at the time of his original employment in 2006 that provides for a minimum base salary of \$600,000. At Mr. McMahon's request, on March 5, 2008, the Committee lowered his salary to \$350,000. Messrs. Gilmore, Valdes, and Sando entered into employment agreements with the Company in December 2008. These agreements provide for a right to a minimum base salary equal to the amounts listed below under Reduced 2008 Base Salary, which amount may be increased at the discretion of the Committee.

With respect to 2008 base salaries, management and the Committee initially concluded that, in light of the difficult economic conditions faced by the Company in 2007 and the equally uncertain economy in 2008, it was most appropriate to make no adjustments to base salaries for the named executive officers. Subsequently, the Committee imposed a general freeze on certain salaries, which freeze covered the named executive officers. Messrs. Kennedy, McMahon, Gilmore and Sando also requested that their base salaries be reduced from the levels originally determined by the Committee as part of the Company's expense reduction initiative. Messrs. McMahon and Sando requested that their base salaries be reduced to \$350,000, which the Company's Information Solutions Group (ISG) established as its general maximum base salary, to reflect an ISG compensation goal to increase the variability of compensation. The requested reductions were approved by the Committee on March 5, 2008, effective April 1, 2008. The 2007 base salaries, original 2008 base salaries and reduced 2008 base salaries for the named executive officers are as follows:

<u>Individual</u>	<u>2007 base salary</u>	<u>Original 2008 base salary</u>	<u>Reduced 2008 base salary</u>
P.S. Kennedy	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 675,000
F.V. McMahon	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 350,000
D.J. Gilmore	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 585,000
M.O. Valdes	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
B.M. Sando	\$ 525,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 350,000

On March 12, 2009, the Committee evaluated 2009 base salaries for the executive officers. Taking into account the continuing uncertain conditions in the economy as well as certain of the other factors described above, the Committee determined that base salaries would remain at their 2008 levels for the named executive officers with the exception of Mr. Valdes, whose base salary the Committee increased to \$350,000 in recognition of the unique perspective and talents he brings to the Company after having served as its interim chief financial officer.

(2) Annual Incentive Bonus

The Company and the Committee consider the annual incentive bonus to be a critical component of the executive officer compensation program. In recent years the annual incentive bonus has accounted for the majority of the compensation paid to the named executive officers. This emphasis on annual incentive bonuses, as opposed to long-term incentive compensation, reflects the view that key components of the Company's business operations are cyclical in nature. As described further below, the Company pays a significant portion of the annual incentive bonus in RSUs that vest over five years, which the Committee believes focuses executive officers on enhancing long-term shareholder value. Accordingly, the Company believes that an incentive structure tied to annual performance is a more effective means of motivating and rewarding executive officers to enhance long-term shareholder value.

Prior to 2008 the Committee structured the annual incentive bonus program to take into account Company-wide and business unit performance and a subjective evaluation of individual performance. During 2008 the Committee extensively reviewed the prior methodology and determined that a more objective annual incentive bonus program, based on measurable performance against financial targets, should be implemented because it would increase the focus of executive officers on key drivers of shareholder value and would put the Company's compensation practices more in line with current executive compensation trends. On July 29, 2008, in implementation of this concept, the Committee established target bonus awards for each of the named executive officers. The percentage of the target bonus to be earned by each officer would be determined by measuring performance against pre-established metrics. The financial targets varied, depending on whether the officer's responsibilities extended throughout the Company or were limited to one of the Company's two operating units, the Financial Services Group (FSG) and the ISG:

Mr. Gilmore - Chief Executive Officer of the FSG. For Mr. Gilmore, half of his annual incentive bonus was determined by adjusting 50% of his target annual incentive bonus based on the title insurance segment's pretax margins for 2008, as follows: if the segment's pretax margins were less than 1%, then Mr. Gilmore would receive

0% of this portion of the target bonus amount; if pretax margins were between 1% and 2%, then Mr. Gilmore would receive between 25% and 50% of such amount, on a sliding scale; if pretax margins were between 2% and 3%, then Mr. Gilmore would receive between 50% and 100% of such amount; if pretax margins were between 3% and 4%, then Mr. Gilmore would receive between 100% and 150% of such amount; and if pretax margins were 4% or greater, then Mr. Gilmore would receive 150% of such amount.

The remaining half of Mr. Gilmore's annual incentive bonus was determined by adjusting the remaining 50% of his target annual incentive bonus based on the extent to which the title insurance segment reduces the gap between its pretax margins and the pretax margins of its leading competitors (as determined by the Committee), as follows: if the gap was reduced by 25% or less, then Mr. Gilmore would receive 50% of this portion of the target bonus amount; if the gap was reduced by between 25% and 50%, then Mr. Gilmore would receive between 50% and 100% of such amount, on a sliding scale; if the gap was reduced by between 50% and 75%, then Mr. Gilmore would receive between 100% and 150% of such amount; and if the gap was reduced by 75% or more, then Mr. Gilmore would receive 150% of such amount.

Mr. McMahon - Chief Executive Officer of the ISG. Mr. McMahon's annual incentive bonus was determined by multiplying the annual incentive target bonus by 150% of the weighted year over year (2008 over 2007) percentage change in the ISG's specified financial measurements, as defined and adjusted by the Committee. Those measurements were (i) earnings before interest, taxes depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) margin (35% weight), (ii) EBITDA (20% weight), (iii) revenue (15% weight), and (iv) free cash flow (30% weight).

Mr. Sando - President of the Information and Outsourcing Solutions Segment. Twenty-five percent of Mr. Sando's annual incentive bonus was determined in the identical fashion as Mr. McMahon, multiplying 25% of the annual incentive target bonus by 150% of the weighted year over year (2008 over 2007) percentage change in the ISG's EBITDA margins, EBITDA, revenue and free cash flow. The remaining 75% of the annual incentive bonus adjusted in a similar fashion, multiplying 75% of the target annual incentive bonus by 150% of the weighted average year over year (2008 over 2007) percentage change in the EBITDA margins, EBITDA and revenue of the information and outsourcing solutions segment and the free cash flow of ISG.

Mr. Kennedy - Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Valdes - Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer. Messrs. Kennedy's and Valdes' annual incentive bonuses were determined by multiplying their target annual incentive bonuses by the average percentage of bonus achieved by Messrs. Gilmore and McMahon.

The following table illustrates the computation of the 2008 annual incentive bonuses and the amount paid in cash and RSUs to each named executive officer. As indicated in the table, Mr. Kennedy was entitled to receive an annual incentive bonus of \$1,849,143, however, Mr. Kennedy asked that the Committee not award him a bonus. As also indicated, Mr. McMahon was entitled to receive a bonus of \$1,823,250, however, Mr. McMahon requested that his bonus be reduced by \$75,000 so that the amount could be awarded to another individual. Because the cash portion of the annual incentive bonuses are paid through the conversion of performance units, as described further below, the amounts in the table below are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table under the column entitled "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation."

Executive	2008 Target Annual Incentive Bonus	2008 Metric Result	2008 Annual Incentive Bonus Amount(1)	2008 Actual Bonus		2007 Actual Bonus	
				Cash	RSUs	Cash	RSUs
P.S. Kennedy	\$ 2,300,000	80.4%	\$ 1,849,143	\$ 0(2)	\$ 0(2)	\$ 0(4)	\$ 0(4)
F.V. McMahon	\$ 2,125,000	85.8%	\$ 1,823,250	\$ 1,136,362(3)	\$ 611,888	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
D.J. Gilmore	\$ 1,790,000	75.0%	\$ 1,342,500	\$ 805,500	\$ 537,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
M.O. Valdes	\$ 550,000	80.4%	\$ 442,189	\$ 309,532	\$ 132,657	\$ 160,000	\$ 40,000
B.M. Sando	\$ 1,050,000	87.9%	\$ 923,055	\$ 599,986	\$ 323,069	\$ 540,000	\$ 360,000

- (1) Product of 2008 Target Annual Incentive Bonus and 2008 Metric Result not precise due to rounding.

- (2) Though entitled to receive a bonus of \$1,849,143, Mr. Kennedy requested that the Committee not award him a bonus.
- (3) Though entitled to receive a bonus of \$1,823,250, Mr. McMahon requested that his bonus be reduced by \$75,000 so that the amount could be awarded to another individual.
- (4) Mr. Kennedy requested that he not receive a bonus for 2007.

With respect to the percentages reflected in the column entitled "2008 Metric Result" in the table immediately above, the amount for Mr. Gilmore reflects the failure of the title insurance segment to reach a pre-tax margin for 2008 of at least 1%, resulting in no payout for that portion of the bonus, and the success of the title insurance segment in closing more than 75% of the gap between it and its leading competitors, resulting in a payout of 150% with respect to that portion of the annual incentive bonus. The amount for Mr. McMahon reflects 150% of the weighted average negative growth percentage of -9.47% for the ISG with respect to the four metrics described above. Twenty-five percent of the amount for Mr. Sando reflects the amount calculated for Mr. McMahon and 75% reflects 150% of the weighted average negative growth percentage of -7.6% for the four metrics described above.

In the recent years prior to 2006, the Company generally paid annual incentive bonuses entirely in cash. Starting in 2006 the Committee concluded that the alignment of executive officer efforts with long-term increases in shareholder value would be advanced by paying a portion of the annual bonus in the form of RSUs. Because these RSUs vest over a five year period, this practice also discourages executive officers from taking excessive risks for short term gains. RSUs granted as part of the annual incentive bonus program will sometimes be referred to as "Bonus RSUs" for purposes of clarity. Pursuant to schedules previously approved by the Committee, for 2008 (1) 40% of Mr. Gilmore's bonus was paid in RSUs, (2) 35% of Messrs. McMahon and Sando's bonuses were paid in RSUs and (3) 30% of Mr. Valdes' bonus was paid in RSUs.

RSUs are denominated in units of the Company's common shares. In accordance with Company policy, the number of units granted to a named executive officer was determined by dividing the dollar amount of the annual incentive bonus that the Committee determines to be paid in RSUs by the closing price of the Company's stock on March 4, 2009, the second day on which the New York Stock Exchange was open for trading following the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Company's common shares are not actually issued to the participant on the grant date. Instead, when an RSU vests, the participant is entitled to receive shares of common stock. Dividends paid on the Company's common shares are treated as if they were paid at the same time with respect to the RSUs and immediately reinvested in additional RSUs which are subject to the same restrictions as the underlying RSUs.

As a general rule (which rule applies to the Bonus RSUs issued in 2008 in partial payment of the annual incentive bonuses earned for 2007 and the Bonus RSUs issued in 2009 in partial payment of the annual incentive bonuses for 2008), Bonus RSUs vest at a rate of 20% on each anniversary of the date of grant. Vesting accelerates in certain circumstances, including upon the death or disability of the recipient and upon the one year anniversary of the early retirement or normal retirement of the recipient or the date on which the recipient is terminated without cause. Early retirement means the termination of the recipient's employment, other than for cause, after having reached age 55 and 10 years of service. Normal retirement means the termination of the recipient's employment, other than for cause, after having reached age 62, irrespective of the number of years of service. It is a condition of early vesting in the event of disability, termination without cause or retirement that the recipient sign a separation agreement in a form satisfactory to the Company. An RSU holder has none of the rights of a shareholder unless and until shares are actually delivered to the holder.

The Bonus RSUs issued in 2008 (for 2007 performance) and 2009 (for 2008 performance) to the Company's named executive officers provide that, except in the case of death, disability or certain changes-in-control, none of the Bonus RSUs shall vest unless the net income of the Company for the year of issuance is at least \$50 million, excluding (a) asset write-downs, (b) litigation or claim judgments or settlements, (c) the effect of

changes in tax laws, accounting principles, or other laws or provisions affecting reported results, (d) any reorganization and restructuring programs, (e) extraordinary, unusual and/or nonrecurring items of gain or loss and (f) foreign exchange gains and losses (Extraordinary Items). The Committee decided to place such a condition on the vesting of Bonus RSUs so that they could be deducted by the Company for tax purposes under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In 2008 the Committee established a performance unit arrangement for named executive officers designed to permit the Company to deduct for tax purposes under Section 162(m) the entire amount of the cash portion of the annual incentive bonus awarded for 2008 performance. On February 26, 2008, the Company issued to each of the executive officers performance units with a cash value equal to twice the cash bonus that the individual received for 2007 performance, with the exception of Mr. Kennedy, who received \$1,825,000 in performance units. These performance units, which were issued under the Company's 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan, provided that they would not convert into cash unless the net income of the Company for 2008 was at least \$50 million, excluding Extraordinary Items. The award agreements gave the Committee complete discretion to reduce the performance units to any lesser amount and the Committee did elect to make such reductions. The Committee determined that the net income target with respect to these performance units was met for 2008, with the result that the named executive officers (other than Mr. Kennedy) ultimately received performance units for 2008, which the Committee subsequently converted into cash in the amount shown in the preceding table in the column labeled 2008 Actual Bonuses Cash .

For 2009, the Committee again established a performance arrangement for executive officers, also designed to allow the Company to deduct for tax purposes under Section 162(m) the entire amount of the cash portion of the annual incentive bonuses that will be paid to its named executive officers in 2010 for 2009 performance. On March 12, 2009, the Committee granted to each of the named executive officers performance units with a cash value equal to twice the expected cash portion of the 2009 target annual incentive bonus (except for Mr. Valdes, who was granted 552,000 performance units). These performance units, which were issued under the Company's 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan, provided that they would not be payable unless the net income of the Company for 2009 was at least \$50 million, excluding Extraordinary Items. As in 2008, the award agreements give the Committee complete discretion to reduce the actual amount of bonus payable to any lesser amount. The Committee expects to make such a reduction when it determines actual 2009 annual incentive bonus amounts.

On March 12, 2009, the Committee established target annual incentive bonus amounts for 2009 (which it modified, with respect to Mr. Valdes, on March 24, 2009). After taking into account the continuing economic uncertainties of the economy and comparative compensation data presented by the compensation consultant, the Committee determined that it was appropriate to reduce target annual incentive bonus amounts as follows:

<u>Named Executive Officer</u>	<u>2009 Target Annual Incentive Bonus</u>	<u>2008 Target Annual Incentive Bonus</u>
P.S. Kennedy	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 2,300,000
F.V. McMahon	\$ 1,925,000	\$ 2,125,000
D. J. Gilmore	\$ 1,690,000	\$ 1,790,000
M.O. Valdes	\$ 500,000	\$ 550,000
B.M Sando	\$ 950,000	\$ 1,050,000

In the case of Bonus RSUs issued in 2008 in connection with the 2007 annual incentive bonuses, it should be noted that as required by applicable rules these Bonus RSU grants were not reflected in the Company's 2007 Summary Compensation table, the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table, or the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End table, but are reported in the corresponding tables contained herein. Similarly, in the case of the Bonus RSUs issued in 2009 in connection with the 2008 annual incentive bonuses, these Bonus RSU grants are not shown in the Summary Compensation table, the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table or the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End table contained herein. As required by applicable rules, these tables only show equity awards issued in 2008.

(3) Long-Term Incentives

Historically, the Company provided named executive officers with long-term incentive compensation through the issuance of stock options. In 2006, the Committee determined that RSUs provided a superior means of aligning the interests of named executive officers with those of its long-term shareholders. In making this determination, the Committee considered, among others factors, the significant accounting charges that result from stock option issuances and, in light of the cyclical nature of some of the Company's core businesses, the tendency for some executive officers to assign a value to stock options that is lower than the actual accounting expense for those options. The practice of awarding RSUs as long-term incentive compensation continued in 2008 and 2009. RSUs issued as part of the Company's long-term incentive program will sometimes be referred to as Long-Term Incentive RSUs, to distinguish them from the previously described Bonus RSUs awarded to the named executive officers as a portion of their annual incentive bonus.

The Long-Term Incentive RSUs awarded by the Committee in 2007 in connection with performance in 2006 generally had a value equal to the base salary of the named executive officers. With respect to Long-Term Incentive RSUs issued in 2008 in connection with performance in 2007, as a result of the decline in the performance of the Company, Mr. Kennedy recommended, and the Committee agreed, that the Long-Term Incentive RSU grants to named executive officers should be reduced. Though the Committee believed that Mr. Kennedy should have received a Long-Term Incentive RSU grant in 2008, Mr. Kennedy requested that he not receive a grant; to which request the Committee agreed. Among other reasons, Mr. Kennedy requested the elimination of his grant, and the Committee accepted this request, because his refusal resulted in an overall decline in the amount of Long-Term Incentive RSUs issued to executive officers by approximately 40 percent.

With respect to the Long-Term Incentive RSUs issued in 2009 in connection with performance in 2008, on July 29, 2008, based on an analysis of long-term incentive awards made by comparable companies and the recommendations of its compensation consultant, the Committee established a schedule of the maximum amount of Long-Term Incentive RSUs that could be potentially awarded to each of the named executive officers. The Committee determined that the amount of Long-Term Incentive RSUs to be awarded for 2008 would be based on its and Mr. Kennedy's subjective evaluation of each named executive officer's performance and on the overall performance of the Company. Based on this evaluation, the Committee on March 3, 2009, approved of the granting of the Long-Term Incentive RSUs set forth in the column entitled Long-Term Incentive RSUs Granted in 2009 in the following table. In light of the Company's performance in 2008, Mr. Kennedy requested that he not receive a Long-Term Incentive RSU grant. The Committee assented to this request.

The terms and conditions of Long-Term Incentive RSUs are identical to the Bonus RSUs issued to the named executive officer except that vesting does not accelerate upon early retirement or termination without cause and their value is not included in determining the amount of the benefit under the Company's Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan (SERP).

The approximate dollar values of the Long-Term Incentive RSUs issued to each of the named executive officers and, for awards made in 2009, the maximum potential value of the awards, are described in the following table:

Executive	Long-Term Incentive RSUs Granted in 2007(1)	Long-Term Incentive RSUs Granted in 2008(1)	Maximum Potential 2009 Long-Term Incentive RSUs	Long-Term Incentive RSUs Granted in 2009(1)
P.S. Kennedy	\$ 750,000	\$ 0	\$ 850,000	\$ 0
F.V. McMahon	\$ 600,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 100,000
D.J. Gilmore	\$ 600,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 850,000	\$ 342,000
M.O. Valdes	\$ 300,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 100,000

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B.M. Sando	\$ 525,000	\$ 394,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 200,000
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- (1) The actual dollar value of the RSUs may differ slightly from these dollar amounts in the table due to rounding. Pursuant to Company policy, the Long-Term Incentive RSUs (1) granted in 2007 were issued on March 5, 2007, (2) granted in 2008 were issued on March 4, 2008 and (3) granted in 2009 were issued on March 4, 2009, in each case the second day on which the New York Stock Exchange was open for trading following the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the applicable year.

As indicated above with respect to Bonus RSUs, it should be noted that as required by applicable rules, Long-Term Incentive RSUs granted in 2009 in connection with 2008 performance are not reflected in the Summary Compensation table, the Grants of Plan-Based Awards table, or the Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End table contained herein. Those tables reflect Long-Term Incentive RSUs granted in 2008 in connection with 2007 performance.

On March 12, 2009 the Committee determined the maximum amount of Long-Term Incentive RSUs that it may award to named executive officers in 2010 in connection with 2009 performance. Given that the Committee retains the complete discretion to determine the amount of the final award, the Committee determined that the maximum amount of such awards should remain at the level established for 2009.

Summary of Compensation Paid for 2008. The following table summarizes the total compensation paid to each named executive officer for performance in 2008, including the total base salary paid in 2008, the annual incentive bonus paid in 2009 for 2008 performance and long-term incentive RSUs granted in 2009 in connection with 2008 performance:

Executive	Base Salary	Total Annual Incentive Bonus		Long-Term Incentive RSUs	Total
		Cash	RSUs		
P.S. Kennedy	\$ 693,750	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 693,750
F.V. McMahon	\$ 437,500	\$ 1,136,362	\$ 611,888	\$ 100,000	\$ 2,285,750
D.J. Gilmore	\$ 601,250	\$ 805,500	\$ 537,000	\$ 342,000	\$ 2,285,750
M.O. Valdes	\$ 300,000	\$ 309,532	\$ 132,657	\$ 100,000	\$ 842,189
B.M. Sando	\$ 393,750	\$ 599,986	\$ 323,069	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,516,805

This table is presented to represent the Committee's perspective on compensation for the named executive officers for 2008. This table, however, differs substantially from the Summary Compensation Table presented above. In particular, though this table reflects the dollar value of equity compensation granted for 2008 (in each case actually granted in 2009), applicable rules require that the Summary Compensation Table reflect equity compensation expense recognized in each reported year for financial statement reporting purposes, which includes expense from equity awards made in prior years.

(4) Other Executive Officer Benefits, including Perquisites and Retirement Benefits

Executive officers are entitled to employee benefits generally available to all full-time employees (subject to fulfilling any minimum service requirement). This would include elements such as the vacation and health and welfare benefits generally available to all employees. In designing these elements the Company seeks to provide an overall level of benefits that are competitive with those offered by similar companies in the markets in which the Company operates.

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In addition, certain perquisites have historically been made available to named executive officers. The Company, however, in 2007 determined to discontinue significant perquisites for executive officers, including country club memberships and car allowances. Further details regarding perquisites are found in the Summary Compensation table and accompanying footnotes.

Named executive officers may participate in several benefit plans that provide benefits upon retirement. Such retirement benefits include: The First American Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan, The First American

Corporation Pension Plan, The First American Corporation Pension Restoration Plan, the SERP and The First American Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan. The first two plans are generally available to employees (except that the Pension Plan is limited to individuals who became participants before 2002 and the Restoration Plan is limited to individuals who became participants before 1995), while the remaining three plans are limited to a select group of management. The First American Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan is a tax-qualified profit-sharing plan, which authorizes Company matching contributions based on the amount of employee pre-tax contributions and a schedule that ties the amount of matching contributions to the Company's profitability. Because the Company did not meet required levels of profitability in 2008, the Company did not match employee contributions made in 2008. Further explanation of the other four plans can be found in connection with the Pension Benefits and Deferred Compensation tables in the Executive Compensation section. The Company believes that these plans provide a valuable recruiting and retention mechanism for its executive officers and enable the Company to compete more successfully for qualified executive talent.

In addition, in 2008 First Advantage Corporation, the Company's publicly traded subsidiary, issued each of Messrs. Kennedy and McMahon 3,116 RSUs with respect to shares of First Advantage's Class A common stock as compensation for their service on its board of directors. Messrs. Kennedy and McMahon have agreed to remit to the Company any after-tax benefit they receive in connection with the vesting of these RSUs.

C. Pay Mix

The Committee utilizes the particular elements of compensation described above because it believes that they represent a well-proportioned mix of stock-based compensation, retention value and at-risk compensation which produces short-term and long-term performance incentives and rewards. By following this portfolio approach, the Committee endeavors to provide the named executive officer with a measure of security with respect to the minimum level of compensation he is entitled to receive, while motivating the named executive officer to focus on the business metrics that will produce a high level of performance for the Company with corresponding increases in shareholder value and long-term wealth creation for the executive officer, as well as reducing the risk of loss of top executive talent to competitors.

For executive officers, the mix of compensation is weighted heavily toward at-risk pay and, in particular, the annual incentive bonus. With respect to the named executive officers, base pay in 2008 comprised less than 33% of the value of their total compensation opportunities (as measured by 2008 base pay plus the annual incentive bonus and long-term incentive RSUs awarded in 2008). This pay mix is consistent with the overall philosophy of maintaining a pay mix that results fundamentally in a pay-for-performance orientation for the Company's executive officers.

D. Pay Levels and Benchmarking

Overall compensation levels for named executive officers are determined based on a number of factors, including each individual's roles and responsibilities within the Company, each individual's experience and expertise, the compensation levels for peers within the Company, compensation levels in the marketplace for similar positions and performance of the individual and the Company as a whole. In determining these compensation levels, the Committee considers all forms of compensation and benefits.

In order to determine competitive compensation practices, the Committee relies upon compensation surveys provided by its independent compensation consultant. The Committee principally relies upon surveys of compensation practices of comparable companies, including general survey data and data developed from public filings by selected companies that it considers appropriate comparators for the purposes of developing executive compensation benchmarks. The selection of comparator companies is continually reviewed by the Committee.

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The Company and the Committee have worked with its compensation consultant to develop a list of comparator companies for the purpose of benchmarking executive compensation. Numerous factors went into the selection of the comparator companies, including similarities of business lines, as well as comparable financial

measures such as assets, revenues and market capitalization. The following companies, along with survey data, were used for benchmarking purposes in early 2008, at the time that the Committee was determining salaries for 2008 and deciding upon annual target incentive bonuses for 2008 and the maximum potential Long-Term Incentive RSUs to be awarded in 2009 for 2008 performance:

Affiliated Computer Services Inc.	MGIC Investment Corporation
Avis Budget Group, Inc	NCR Corporation
Computer Sciences Corp.	Old Republic International Corporation
ChoicePoint Inc.	PHH Corporation
Equifax Inc.	The PMI Group, Inc.
Fair Isaac Corporation	Radian Group Inc.
Fidelity National Financial Inc.	Realogy Corporation
First Advantage Corporation	Reed Elsevier PLC
Fiserv, Inc.	R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company
IAC/InterActiveCorp	SAIC, Inc.
Indymac Bancorp, Inc.	Stewart Information Services Corporation
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.	The Thomson Corporation
LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc.	

During 2008 the Committee continued to consider the appropriate benchmarking methodology for the Company, taking into account the fact that the FSG and the ISG function in many respects as separate companies. The Committee consequently determined that its should construct three groups of comparator groups: one group consisting of companies comparable to the Company and applicable to executive officers, such as Messrs. Kennedy and Valdes, with Company-wide responsibilities, a second group consisting of companies comparable to FSG and applicable to Mr. Gilmore and a third consisting of companies comparable to the ISG and applicable to executive officers, such as Messrs. McMahon and Sando, with responsibilities limited to the ISG.

The three peer groups are as follows:

<u>Company-Wide Peer Group</u>	<u>FSG Peer Group</u>	<u>ISG Peer Group</u>
Affiliated Computer Services, Inc.	Assurant, Inc.	Alliance Data Systems Corporation
Assurant, Inc.	Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	ChoicePoint Inc.
ChoicePoint, Inc.	Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	Crawford & Company
The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation	HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc.	The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation
Equifax, Inc.	LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc.	Equifax, Inc.
Fair Isaac Corporation	MGIC Investment Corporation	Fair Isaac Corporation
Fidelity National Financial, Inc.	Old Republic International Corporation	Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.
Fidelity National Information Services	The PMI Group, Inc.	Fiserv, Inc.
Fiserv, Inc.	Radian Group Inc.	Global Payments Inc.
LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc.	Stewart Information Services Corp.	infoGroup Inc.
MGIC Investment Corporation	White Mountain Insurance Group Ltd.	Total System Services, Inc.
Old Republic International Corporation		
The PMI Group, Inc.		
Radian Group Inc.		
Stewart Information Services Corp.		

After consideration of the data collected on competitive compensation levels and relative compensation within the executive officer group, the Committee determines each individual executive officer's target total compensation opportunities based on Company and individual performance and the need to attract, motivate and retain an experienced and effective management team. The Committee examines the relationship of each executive officer's base salary, target annual incentive bonus opportunity and long-term incentive opportunity to market median data. The Committee does not believe, however, that compensation opportunities should be structured toward a uniform relationship to median market data, especially in light of the different financial characteristics of the Company's business units (such as the relationship of revenues to net income). Accordingly, total compensation for specific individuals will vary based on a number of factors in addition to Company and individual performance, including scope of duties, tenure, institutional knowledge and/or difficulty in recruiting a replacement executive officer.

E. Conclusion

The final level and mix of compensation determined by the Committee is considered within the context of both the objective data from a competitive assessment of compensation and performance, as well as discussion of the subjective factors as outlined above. The Committee believes that each of the compensation packages for the named executive officers is within the competitive range of practices when compared to the objective comparative data even where subjective factors have influenced the compensation decisions.

IV. Timing of Equity Grants

The Company's current policy with respect to equity awards to executive officers is, after Committee approval, to issue the awards on the second day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading following the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the case of RSUs denominated in dollars and stock options, pricing (that is, the number of shares or units issued for each dollar denominated RSU award or the strike price with respect to stock options) is determined as of that date. The price of the Company common stock used for these purposes is the last sale price reported for a share of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on that date. With respect to employees other than executive officers, the methodology is the same as that for executive officers, except that prior to February 2008 the policy was to issue awards on the last day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading during the quarter in which the Committee approved the award and the current policy is to issue awards on the 20th day of the third month of the calendar quarter that follows approval of the award by the Committee.

V. Adjustment or Recovery of Awards

The Company has no specific policies to adjust or recoup prior awards. However, under Section 304 of Sarbanes-Oxley, if the Company is required to restate its financials due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirements as a result of misconduct, the chief executive officer and chief financial officer may be required to reimburse the Company for any bonus or other incentive-based or equity-based compensation received during the 12 months following the first public issuance of the non-complying document and any profits realized from the sale of securities of the Company during that twelve month period.

VI. Consideration of Prior Amounts Realized

The Company's philosophy is to incentivize and reward executive officers for future performance. Accordingly, prior stock compensation gains (option gains or restricted stock awarded in prior years) are not considered in setting future compensation levels.

VII. Employment Agreements and Post-Termination Payments

A. Employment Agreements and Severance Arrangements

Each named executive officer, with the exception of Mr. Kennedy, has an employment agreement.

Mr. McMahon. Mr. McMahon's agreement provides that he will serve as vice chairman and chief financial officer of the Company until March 31, 2011, after which time he will be employed as an at-will employee. In addition to the customary duties for such position, Mr. McMahon's agreement also provides that he is responsible for the operations of the Company's trust and thrift operation. In early 2008 the Company offered Mr. McMahon the position of chief executive officer of the ISG, which offer he accepted. Effective April 10, 2008, Mr. McMahon resigned as the Company's chief financial officer so he could focus on his duties at ISG. At his request, in December 2008 the Company did not reappoint him as the Company's vice chairman. The Company also has agreed to elect Mr. McMahon to the board of directors of First Advantage Corporation.

During each year of the term of the agreement, Mr. McMahon is guaranteed a base salary and bonus at least equal to \$1.75 million. For 2006, however, Mr. McMahon was guaranteed a minimum annual cash bonus of \$1.150 million and a minimum total base salary of \$550,000. For 2006, Mr. McMahon waived his right to receive the minimum bonus in cash. Beginning in 2007, Mr. McMahon's minimum base salary required under the agreement increased to \$600,000. At Mr. McMahon's request, on March 5, 2008, the Committee lowered his base salary to \$350,000. Additionally, though the agreement requires that the specified bonus amount be paid in cash, for the years 2007 and 2008 Mr. McMahon waived his right to receive the minimum cash bonus and agreed that a portion of his bonus be paid in RSUs in accordance with the Company's compensation plans. The agreement generally provides for Mr. McMahon's participation in other executive benefit plans on the same terms applicable to other executive officers.

Mr. McMahon's agreement further provided for a grant on commencement of employment of an option to purchase 300,000 of the Company's common shares and 33,334 RSUs. Both the options and RSUs vest at the rate of 20% per year at the end of each year of his employment, provided that Mr. McMahon is employed through that time. Under the agreement, the Company also agreed to make future equity grants to Mr. McMahon in amounts similar to those granted to other executive officers who are performing at similar levels. Dividends on the RSUs are deemed reinvested in additional RSUs as of the date of the dividend.

If Mr. McMahon is terminated without cause or quits for good reason during the five-year term of the agreement, he will be entitled to receive the base salary and bonus that had been guaranteed to be paid through the remainder of the employment term, immediate vesting of his stock options and RSUs and the right to exercise his options for the remainder of their original ten-year term. Cause is generally defined as willful misconduct material to his employment or gross negligence in the performance of duties. Good Reason is generally defined to include material adverse changes in the terms of Mr. McMahon's employment.

Mr. McMahon's agreement is attached as an exhibit to the Form 8-K filed by the Company on February 24, 2006.

Messrs. Gilmore, Valdes and Sando. On November 18, 2008, the Committee authorized the Company to enter into an employment agreement with each of Messrs. Gilmore, Valdes and Sando, which agreements were subsequently executed in December 2008. Mr. Kennedy requested that he not receive an employment agreement and Mr. McMahon indicated that he wished to continue under the terms of his existing agreement. Given the uncertainties in the general economy, the challenges facing the Company and the industries in which it operates, the Company's reliance on its key executives while it restructures its operations and the practice of certain of the Company's peers to give employment agreements to its key executives, the Committee believed that the offering of employment agreements to its key executives would be an effective retention tool. The Committee concluded that any potential additional costs of the employment agreements were compensated for by the

retention incentives provided by the contracts and the post-termination covenants that applied to the executive officers.

The agreements, which expire on December 31, 2011, specify initial base salaries at the levels then in effect with respect to these executive officers. Base salaries may be increased at the discretion of the Committee. Determinations regarding bonus amounts, long term incentive awards and any increases in base salary remain at the discretion of the Committee. The agreements further provide that if the Company terminates the executive officer's employment without cause, he is entitled to an amount representing twice the sum of the executive officer's base salary and the second largest of the prior three years' annual incentive bonuses. Half of this sum would be paid over the first year following termination in twelve equal monthly installments, and the other half would be paid at the end of this one-year period. The executive officer's receipt of these amounts would be contingent on the Company's receipt of a release from the executive officer as well as his compliance with certain non-compete, non-solicitation and confidentiality provisions contained within the agreement. In addition, if the executive officer's employment is terminated without cause and the executive would otherwise, during the term of the agreement, have reached his early retirement date under the SERP, then the executive officer's benefit under the plan will be deemed vested on his early retirement date notwithstanding the termination, provided that the executive's final average compensation used to determine the amount of the benefit would be determined as of his actual termination date. No additional benefits are payable in the event that the executive voluntarily terminates or termination is on account of death, disability or for cause.

Under the agreements, cause is defined to include (1) the executive officer's physical or mental inability to perform the essential functions of his job, (2) willful breach of any fiduciary duties owed the Company, (3) willful failure to comply with applicable rules and regulations, (4) gross incompetence in the performance of job duties, (5) commission of crimes involving moral turpitude, fraud, or misrepresentation, (6) the failure to perform duties consistent with a commercially reasonable standard of care, (7) refusal to perform job duties or reasonable directives from his superior or the Board of Directors and (8) any gross negligence or willful misconduct resulting in loss or damage to the reputation of the Company.

Messrs. Gilmore's, Valdes' and Sando's agreements are attached as an exhibit to the Form 10-K filed by the Company on March 2, 2009.

Mr. Pizsel. On January 28, 2009, the Company announced the conclusion of its search for a new chief financial officer with the hiring of Anthony Buddy Pizsel. It was a condition to Mr. Pizsel's acceptance of the position that he receive a employment agreement substantially on the terms ultimately agreed to by Mr. Pizsel and the Company, including the payment of severance during a specified period following a change-in-control of the Company. Given the Company's desire for a highly qualified chief financial officer and given Mr. Pizsel's extensive experience as a chief financial officer, the Committee decided to agree to this request.

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, which expires on January 26, 2011, Mr. Pizsel will receive an annual salary of \$500,000, which may be increased at the discretion of the Committee, and a target annual incentive bonus of \$1 million, as determined pursuant to criteria established by the Committee, subject to a minimum of \$500,000 for calendar year 2009 and a maximum of \$1.5 million for each calendar year during the term. The annual incentive bonus is to be paid in a combination of cash and RSUs as determined by the Committee. In the event of any termination without cause by the Company, or if Mr. Pizsel were to terminate his employment during the thirty day period following the six month anniversary of a change-in-control of the Company, Mr. Pizsel would receive an amount equal to his base salary for the remainder of the term and an amount equal to his annual performance bonus for 2009, if such termination were to occur after such bonus is payable, or \$1 million, if such termination were to occur prior to such bonus being payable. Fifty percent of such severance amount would be paid in twelve equal monthly installments during the year following termination and fifty percent would be paid on the one year anniversary of the termination date. Mr. Pizsel's receipt of these amounts would be contingent on the Company's receipt of a release from him as well as his compliance with certain non-compete, non-solicitation and confidentiality provisions contained within the agreement. Cause is defined in substantially the same manner as in Messrs. Gilmore's Valdes' and Sando's agreements, as described above.

Pursuant to the agreement, the Company issued to Mr. Pizel \$500,000 in long-term incentive RSUs vesting in five equal installments over a period of five years. Mr. Pizel also will be eligible to receive additional long-term incentive RSUs in such amount as determined by the Committee, subject to a minimum of \$250,000 for calendar year 2009 and a maximum of \$500,000 for each calendar year during the term, and subject to terms determined by the Committee that are substantially similar to those applicable to grants made to similarly situated executives.

Upon commencement of his employment, Mr. Pizel received a \$250,000 cash bonus, which, if Mr. Pizel terminates his employment for any reason or if the Company terminates Mr. Pizel's employment for cause, will be one hundred percent recoverable by the Company if such termination occurs prior to the first anniversary of his employment and fifty percent recoverable by the Company if such termination occurs between the first and second anniversaries of his employment. Mr. Pizel also will receive reimbursement for up to \$250,000 in relocation expenses.

Mr. Pizel's agreement is attached as an exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

B. Change-in-Control Agreements

The Company's 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan (except as otherwise provided in an award agreement), 1996 Stock Option Plan, 1997 Directors' Stock Plan (except as otherwise directed by the Company's Board of Directors) and the SERP generally provide for the accelerated vesting of award or benefits, as the case may be, in the event of a change-in-control of the Company. Award agreements evidencing RSUs issued in 2007 through 2009 provide that vesting will not accelerate as a result of a change-in-control that has been approved by the Company's incumbent Board of Directors prior to the change-in-control. In addition, the SERP provides that, when a participant terminates subsequent to a change-in-control, payment of benefits will commence in the same manner and in the same amount as if the participant had attained his normal retirement age on the date of termination.

As part of the Company's efforts to retain key employees, several years ago (or on February 27, 2007, in the case of Mr. McMahon) the Company entered into agreements with each of the named executive officers, as well as other designated individuals, to provide for certain benefits in the event the executive officer is terminated within three years following a change-in-control of the Company. During 2008 these agreements were amended and restated to meet the operational and documentary compliance requirements under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the agreement a "change-in-control" means any one of the following:

- a merger or consolidation of the Company in which the Company's shareholders end up owning less than 50% of the voting securities of the surviving entity;
- the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or the complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company;
- a change in the composition of the Company's Board of Directors over a two-year period as a result of which fewer than a majority of the directors are incumbent directors, as defined in the agreement; or
- the acquisition or accumulation by any person or group, subject to certain limited exceptions, of at least 25% of the Company's voting securities.

If the termination of the named executive officer's employment occurs without cause or if the executive officer terminates his employment for good reason or for any reason within 30 days following the first anniversary of a change-in-control, the Company will pay the following benefits

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in one lump sum within ten business days:

- the executive officer's base salary through and including the date of termination and any accrued but unpaid annual incentive bonus;

- an annual incentive bonus for the year in which the termination occurs in an amount equal to the highest annual incentive bonus paid to the executive during the last four completed fiscal years of the Company, prorated through the date of termination;
- accrued and unpaid vacation pay;
- unreimbursed business expenses;
- three times (or two times in the case of a termination by the executive officer for any reason during the 30 day period following the first anniversary of a change-in-control) the executive officer's annual base salary in effect immediately prior to the date of termination; and
- three times (or two times in the case of a termination by the executive officer for any reason during the 30 day period following the first anniversary of a change-in-control) the highest annual incentive bonus paid to the executive officer during the last four completed fiscal years of the Company.

In addition, for a period of 24 months following the date on which the executive officer's employment terminates, the Company will provide the same level of benefits and perquisites that the executive officer received at the time of termination or, if more favorable to the executive officer, at the time at which the change-in-control occurred. These benefits include tax-qualified and nonqualified savings plan benefits, medical insurance, disability income protection, life insurance coverage and death benefits. To the extent that the executive officer cannot participate in the plans previously available, the Company will provide such benefits on the same after-tax basis as if they had been available. These obligations are reduced by any welfare benefits made available to the executive officer from subsequent employers.

The change-in-control agreements provide that if any excise tax applies to the benefit payable under the agreement, whether imposed by the Internal Revenue Code or by any taxing authority, the Company will reimburse the executive officer for any such excise taxes, plus any additional excise or income taxes resulting from that payment.

The change-in-control agreements had an initial term of three years (except for Mr. McMahon's agreement, which had an initial term of one year) and are automatically extended for additional one-year periods unless either party notifies the other not later than the preceding January 1 that it does not wish to extend the term.

A current form of the amended and restated agreement is attached as an exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

C. Retirement Programs

As noted above, the Company maintains five programs that provide retirement benefits: The First American Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan, The First American Corporation Pension Plan, The First American Corporation Pension Restoration Plan, the SERP and The First American Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan. The First American Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan is described above on page 54. Explanation of the other four plans can be found in connection with the Pension Benefits and Deferred Compensation Plan tables in the Executive Compensation section.

D. Payments due Upon Terminations and/or a Change-in-Control

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Calculations and further explanation of the payments due the named executive officers upon termination of employment and/or a change-in-control are found under the portion of the Executive Compensation section of this document entitled Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control commencing on page 41.

VIII. Stock Ownership Guidelines and Hedging Policies

The Company has adopted neither stock ownership guidelines for executive officers nor any policies prohibiting executive officers from holding Company securities in a margin account or pledging Company securities as collateral for a loan.

IX. Impact of Tax and Accounting

As a general matter, the Committee takes into account the various tax and accounting implications of compensation vehicles employed by the Company.

When determining amounts of long-term incentive grants to executive officers and employees, the Committee examines the accounting cost associated with the grants. Under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 123 (revised 2004) (FAS 123R), grants of stock options and RSUs result in an accounting charge for the Company. The accounting charge is equal to the fair value of the instruments being issued. For RSUs the cost is generally equal to the fair value of the stock on the date of grant times the number of shares granted. This expense is amortized over the requisite service period. With respect to stock options, the Company calculates the fair value of the option and takes that value into account as an expense over the vesting period, after adjusting for possible forfeitures.

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally prohibits any publicly held corporation from taking a federal income tax deduction for compensation paid in excess of \$1 million in any taxable year to the chief executive officer and certain of the other most highly compensated officers. Exceptions are made for qualified performance-based compensation, among other things. RSUs granted to executive officers and performance units issued in 2007, 2008, and 2009 have been structured in a manner intended to qualify under this exception for performance-based compensation.

X. Impact of Proposed Spin-off

In January 2008, the Company announced its intention to separate its financial services companies, consisting primarily of the FSG (FinCo), from its information solutions companies, which consist primarily of the ISG (ISCo).

It is presently anticipated that after the separation Messrs. McMahon and Sando will become full-time employees of ISCo and Messrs. Gilmore and Valdes, along with Mr. Pizsel, will become full-time employees of FinCo. Messrs. McMahon and Gilmore are expected to become the chief executive officers of ISCo and FinCo, respectively. Mr. Kennedy will become the executive chairman of both companies.

In connection with the spinoff certain changes will be made to the outstanding performance units and equity compensation of the executive officers who hold such units and long-term incentives. With respect to the performance units, the determination of whether the net income target for 2009 is met will be made by adding together the net income of both entities.

It is anticipated that in connection with the separation options and RSUs will be exchanged or adjusted based on the percentage that the fair market value of the spun-off entity bears to the fair market value of the combined entity.

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At this point in time, no determination has been made with respect to how Mr. Kennedy's outstanding equity awards will be modified.

On July 31, 2008, the Company announced that it would delay the separation of the companies until there is greater stability in the Company's markets and the outlook for those markets is clearer. Circumstances may arise prior to the date on which the spin-off occurs which may result in a change in the structure of the transaction, the treatment of performance units and equity compensation and other matters affected by or related to the spin-off.

Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management. Based on its review and discussion with management, the Compensation Committee on April 6, 2009, as constituted at such time, recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Compensation Committee

Lewis W. Douglas, Jr., Chairman

George L. Argyros

Hon. William G. Davis

James L. Doti

Christopher V. Greetham

Thomas C. O'Brien

Herbert B. Tasker

Update to Compensation Discussion and Analysis

As indicated above, the Compensation Committee approved the Compensation Discussion and Analysis on April 6, 2009, which the Company originally filed as part of its Amendment to Form 10-K dated April 24, 2009. The description below of certain subsequent events updates certain matters discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

With respect to the anticipated timing of the spin-off referenced in Section X of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis on page 67, the Company continues to proceed with preparations for the anticipated separation and to monitor market conditions, and currently expects the separation to occur during the first half of 2010. The transaction remains subject to customary conditions, including final approval by the Board of Directors, filing and effectiveness of a Form 10 Registration Statement with the SEC, receipt of a tax ruling from the Internal Revenue Service and the approval of applicable regulatory authorities.

The Compensation Committee approved the reinstatement of the annual base salary of Mr. Gilmore to \$650,000 effective October 11, 2009. Mr. Gilmore's salary was reduced by ten percent as part of the Company's cost reduction efforts on April 1, 2008.

2008 Director Compensation

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (1)(\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
D.P. Kennedy(2)	0	0	0	0
George L. Argyros	128,000	49,998	0	177,998
Gary J. Beban(3)	42,795	0	0	42,795
Bruce S. Bennett	75,353	49,998	0	125,351
J. David Chatham(4)	179,000	49,998	74,427	303,425
Glenn C. Christenson	99,353	49,998	0	149,351
Hon. William G. Davis(5)	140,000	49,998	48,857	239,096
James L. Doti	100,000	49,998	0	149,998
Lewis W. Douglas, Jr.	134,000	49,998	0	183,998
Christopher V. Greetham	69,353	49,998	0	119,351
Thomas C. O Brien	75,353	49,998	0	125,351
Frank E. O Bryan(6)	130,000	49,998	7,000	186,998
Roslyn B. Payne	65,000	49,998	0	114,998
D. Van Skilling(4)	184,000	74,170	59,467	364,116
Patrick F. Stone	99,353	49,998	0	149,351
Herbert B. Tasker	116,000	66,694	0	182,694
Virginia M. Ueberroth	98,000	49,998	0	147,998
Mary Lee Widener	88,000	66,694	0	154,694

- (1) Amounts shown reflect the dollar value recognized, before forfeiture assumptions, by the Company for financial statement reporting purposes in accordance with SFAS 123R, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, for an award to each director of 1,707 RSUs made on June 20, 2008, whose grant date fair value of the equity award computed in accordance with SFAS 123R, was \$49,998. The Company did not award options to its directors in 2008.

The aggregate numbers of stock options and RSUs of the Company held by each non-employee director as of December 31, 2008 were as follows:

Name	Stock Options (#)	Restricted Stock Units (#)
George L. Argyros	5,000	2,471
Bruce S. Bennett	0	1,741
J. David Chatham(7)	11,750	2,471
Glenn C. Christenson	0	1,741
Hon. William G. Davis	5,000	2,471
James L. Doti	5,000	2,471
Lewis W. Douglas, Jr.	11,750	2,471
Christopher V. Greetham	0	1,741
Thomas C. O Brien	0	1,741
Frank E. O Bryan	11,750	2,471
Roslyn B. Payne	11,750	2,471
D. Van Skilling(7)	11,750	2,471
Patrick F. Stone	0	1,741
Herbert B. Tasker	5,000	2,471
Virginia M. Ueberroth	5,000	2,471
Mary Lee Widener	0	2,471

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- (2) Mr. D.P. Kennedy, who retired from the Board in April 2008, elected to forego director compensation in 2008.

- (3) Mr. Beban retired from the Board in April 2008.
- (4) Messrs. Chatham and Skilling each received from First Advantage Corporation RSU awards during 2008 in the amount of \$36,071 in connection with their service on the First Advantage Corporation board of directors. All Other Compensation also reflects the FAS 123R fair value, amortized over the vesting period, of First Advantage Corporation option awards to Messrs. Chatham and Skilling in previous years for board service at First Advantage Corporation. First Advantage utilized a lattice option pricing model in 2006 with the following assumptions: expected volatility (30%), risk free average interest rate (4.56%-4.81%), and expected term (5 years). Prior to 2006, First Advantage utilized a Black-Scholes methodology with the following assumptions: for 2005, volatility (25%), term (6 years), risk free rate (4.52%); for 2004, volatility (34%), term (9 years), risk free rate (4.13%); and for 2003, volatility (34%), term (9 years), risk free rate (3.24%). All years assumed a 0% dividend yield.
- (5) Mr. Davis also received 60,000 Canadian dollars for service on the board of directors of FCT Insurance Company Ltd., a Canadian subsidiary of the Company (converted using the Interbank rate as of December 31, 2008, of 0.81830 Canadian dollars to 1 US dollar).
- (6) Mr. O Bryan received an additional \$7,000 for serving on the board of directors of First American Trust F.S.B., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.
- (7) As of December 31, 2008, Mr. Chatham also held 12,500 stock options and 5,059 RSUs of First Advantage Corporation and Mr. Skilling also held 7,500 stock options and 5,059 RSUs of First Advantage Corporation.

For 2008 the compensation of non-employee directors consisted of several components. The Board of Directors determined in February 2008 that the annual retainer for each non-employee director should be reduced from \$60,000 (the amount paid in 2007) to \$54,000. The fee paid for attending each Board and committee meeting was \$2,000. The annual compensation of the chair of the Audit Committee was \$25,000, and the annual compensation for each of the chairs of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Compensation Committee was \$10,000. The lead independent director of the Company received \$10,000. Directors may also receive additional compensation for serving on the board of directors of certain of the Company's subsidiaries (payments are described in footnotes 4 through 6 to the table above).

In addition to cash compensation, on June 20, 2008 the Company granted to each non-management director \$50,000 worth of RSUs, which vest over three years, subject to accelerated vesting at retirement for any director with at least ten years of cumulative service on the Board.

In December 2008 the Board of Directors determined that the annual cash retainer for 2009 should be decreased by 10% to \$48,600 and that the annual RSU grant be increased by the same amount to \$55,400. The cash retainer for 2009 will be paid at the final Board meeting for 2009 and paid pro rata to any directors retiring during 2009. In May 2009, the Board of Directors also determined that the annual compensation for each of the chair of the Compensation Committee and lead independent director of the Company for 2009 should be increased to \$15,000. The RSU grant for 2009 was issued on the second business day following the filing of the Company's 10-K. On October 6, 2009, the Board of Directors approved RSU grants for each of Matthew B. Botein and John W. Peace in the amounts of \$19,580 and \$42,954, respectively, which amounts represent their pro rata portions of the \$55,400 annual RSU grant based on the respective dates on which they were appointed to the Board.

The Board has established a stock ownership guideline for directors whereby directors are expected to own at least five times their base annual retainer in Company common stock. Restricted stock and RSUs issued to directors are included for purposes of meeting the guideline. Current directors have five years to satisfy the guideline. Directors elected to the Board in the future will have five years from commencement of their service to satisfy the guideline.

Mr. D.P. Kennedy, who retired as an officer of the Company on June 30, 2003, and retired as a director on April 10, 2008, elected to receive none of the fees that would typically be paid to a non-employee director.

During 2008, Mr. D.P. Kennedy also received compensation attributable to his prior service as an officer of the Company, including \$146,223 in distributions from the Pension Plan and Pension Restoration Plan, which were required to be made under provisions of the federal tax laws, and \$40,589 distributed from his account in the 401(k) Savings Plan attributable to contributions made by the Company and its participating subsidiaries in years during which Mr. D.P. Kennedy was an officer of the Company. These distributions were similarly required to be made under provisions of the federal tax laws. In addition, during 2008, Mr. D.P. Kennedy received \$108,936 pursuant to the Executive Supplemental Benefit Plan. Since his retirement as an officer of the Company on June 30, 2003, Mr. D.P. Kennedy has been rendering services to the Company and its subsidiaries in the capacity of a consultant, and received \$375,000 for such services during 2005. Although the consulting arrangement terminated on December 31, 2005, Mr. D.P. Kennedy has continued as an informal advisor to the Company and continues to receive office space and administrative assistance from the Company.

Code of Ethics

The Board of Directors has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, and persons performing similar functions. A copy of this code of ethics is posted in the corporate governance section of the Company's Web site at www.firstam.com. To the extent the Company waives or amends any provisions of this code of ethics, it will disclose such waivers or amendments on the above Web site. The Board also has adopted a broader code of ethics and conduct, applying to all employees, officers and directors, which also has been posted to the Web site at the address stated above. Each of these codes is available in print to any shareholder who requests it. Such request should be sent to the Company's secretary at 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines which have been posted in the corporate governance section of the Web site at www.firstam.com and are available in print to any shareholder who requests them. Such request should be sent to the secretary at our address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement. In addition to stating the standards that the Board applies in determining whether or not its members are independent, these guidelines state the qualifications and responsibilities of our directors and describe fundamental aspects of our Board and certain of its committees.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Through April of 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board consisted of Messrs. Douglas, Argyros, Davis and Doti, as well as Gary J. Beban, who retired from the Board. Beginning in April 2008 and through the remainder of the year, the Compensation Committee consisted of Messrs. Douglas, Argyros, Davis, Doti, Greetham, O'Brien and Tasker. Each member was a non-employee director and there are no compensation committee interlocks involving any of the members of the Compensation Committee.

Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors reviews the Company's accounting policies and financial reporting and disclosure practices, system of internal controls, audit process and the process for monitoring compliance with laws, regulations and corporate policies. The Board adopted a revised written charter for the Audit Committee on May 2, 2007. The Audit Committee has reviewed the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and discussed them with management.

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The Audit Committee has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the matters required to be discussed by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communication with Audit Committees), as amended.

The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers its independence.

Based on the review and discussions noted above, the Audit Committee, as then constituted, recommended to the Board that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, and be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Audit Committee

J. David Chatham, Chairman

Glenn C. Christenson

Roslyn B. Payne

D. Van Skilling

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Rules adopted by the SEC require our officers and directors, and persons who own more than ten percent of our issued and outstanding common shares, to file reports of their ownership, and changes in ownership, of our shares with the SEC on prescribed forms. Officers, directors and greater-than-ten-percent shareholders are required by the SEC's rules to furnish us with copies of all such forms they file with the SEC.

Based solely on the review of the copies of the forms received by us, or written representations from reporting persons that they were not required to file a Form 5 to report previously unreported ownership or changes in ownership, we believe that, since January 1, 2008, our officers, directors and greater-than-ten-percent beneficial owners complied with all such filing requirements, except that: (i) the June 20, 2008 restricted stock unit grants to non-employee directors were reported late; (ii) Mr. Stone's sale of shares on June 18, 2008 was reported late; (iii) Mr. O Bryan's option exercise on January 23, 2008 was reported late; (iv) the sale of shares by Ms. Payne's husband on March 3, 2009 was reported late; and (v) Mr. Sando's option exercise on March 6, 2009 was reported late.

Relationship with Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

PwC has been selected by our audit committee as independent accountants to audit our consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2009. This firm has served as our independent accountants since 1954.

A representative of PwC is expected to be present at the meeting. The representative will have the opportunity to make any desired statement and to answer any appropriate questions by the shareholders.

Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the Company's principal independent registered public accounting firm in the four categories of service set forth in the table below are as follows:

Aggregate fees billed in year	2008	2007
Audit Fees	\$ 9,289,346(1)	\$ 9,211,190(2)
Audit-Related Fees(3)	797,268	561,790
Tax Fees(4)	1,268,570(1)	713,728
All Other Fees(5)	21,692	79,454

- (1) Includes transaction-related fees.
- (2) Includes the majority of the fees incurred in connection with the review of the Company's prior stock option granting practices.
- (3) These fees were incurred primarily for employee benefit plan audits, procedures performed for SAS70 reports, and due diligence.
- (4) These fees were incurred for tax advice, compliance and planning.
- (5) These fees were incurred primarily for services related to commissions systems advice, software licensing and structuring of subsidiaries.

Policy on Audit Committee Pre-approval of Audit and Permissible Nonaudit Services of Independent Auditor

The Audit Committee's policy is to pre-approve all engagements of the Company's independent principal registered public accounting firm for audit and nonaudit services. Those engagements for which payment by the Company would exceed \$25,000 for nonaudit services or \$50,000 for audit services must be pre-approved by the Audit Committee or a designated member of that committee on an individual basis. The Audit Committee or its designee has pre-approved all engagements included in the audit-related, tax and other categories in the table above.

Shareholder Proposals

In order for a proposal by you or your fellow shareholders to be included in the proxy statement and form of proxy solicited by our Board for our next annual meeting of shareholders, the proposal must be received no later than [], 2010.

If you or your fellow shareholders wish to submit a proposal for consideration at next year's annual meeting without including the same in the proxy statement and form of proxy solicited by our Board, you should inform our secretary no later than [], 2010, of your intention to do so. If you wait longer, the holders of the proxies solicited by our Board may vote on your proposal at their discretion.

These deadlines assume that the date of our next annual meeting will not be advanced or delayed by more than 30 calendar days from the one year anniversary of the date of the current annual meeting. If such an event occurs, we will provide you with notice in our earliest possible quarterly report on Form 10-Q (or, if impracticable, on Form 8-K) of the respective dates by which such proposals must be received.

Appraisal Rights

You are not entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the approval of the proposals to be voted upon at the meeting.

General Information

We will, upon the written request of any person who is a beneficial owner of our common shares on the record date for the annual meeting, furnish without charge a copy of our annual report filed with the SEC on Form 10-K for the year 2008 and will furnish, at a charge of \$10, a copy of the exhibits thereto. Such request should contain a representation that the person requesting this material was a beneficial owner of our shares on the record date. Such request should be sent to the general counsel at our address indicated on the first page of this proxy statement.

The Board is not aware of any matters to come before the meeting other than those set forth on the notice accompanying this proxy statement. If any other matters come before the meeting, the holders of the proxies will vote thereon in their discretion.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Kenneth D. DeGiorgio

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Santa Ana, California

October [], 2009

FORM OF AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

BY AND BETWEEN

**THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION AND FIRST AMERICAN HOLDING
CORPORATION**

This AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER dated as of [·], 2009 (this *Agreement*) is entered into by and between The First American Corporation, a California corporation (*First American California*) and First American Holding Corporation, a Delaware corporation (*First American Delaware*).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, First American Delaware is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has an authorized capital of 180,500,000 shares, \$0.00001 par value, of which 180,000,000 shares are designated Common Stock, and 500,000 shares are designated Preferred Stock. As of [·], 2009, [100] shares of Common Stock were issued and outstanding, all of which are held by First American California, and no shares of Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding;

WHEREAS, First American California is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California and has an authorized capital of 180,500,000 shares, \$1.00 par value, of which 180,000,000 shares are designated Common Stock, and 500,000 shares are designated Preferred Stock. As of [·], 2009, [·] shares of Common Stock were issued and outstanding, and no shares of Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding;

WHEREAS, First American Delaware is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First American California;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to effect a reorganization in which First American California will be merged with and into First American Delaware (the *Merger*), as a result of which the separate existence of First American California shall cease, and First American Delaware shall be the surviving corporation (sometimes referred to herein as the *Surviving Corporation*) and shall continue its existence under the laws of the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Merger shall be accomplished by the filing of a certificate of merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the *Certificate of Merger*) and the filing of the Certificate of Merger, this Agreement and officers' certificates of First American California and First American Delaware with the Secretary of State of the State of California, each of which contain such provisions as are required by applicable law, consistent with the terms specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Merger is intended to qualify as transaction governed by Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements herein contained, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

THE MERGER AND RELATED MATTERS

1.1 Filing of the Certificate of Merger; Effective Time. The Merger will become effective on [·], 2009 at [·] p.m. (the *Effective Time*) following the filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Delaware Secretary of

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State and the filing of the Certificate of Merger and this Agreement with the California Secretary of State in accordance with applicable Delaware and California law.

1.2 The Merger. At the Effective Time, the separate existence of First American California shall cease and First American Delaware, as the Surviving Corporation, shall (i) continue to possess all assets, rights, powers and property (real, personal and mixed) of First American California as constituted immediately prior to the Effective Time, (ii) be subject to all actions previously taken by the board of directors and officers of First American California, (iii) succeed, without other transfer, to all of the assets, rights, powers and property (real, personal and mixed) of First American California, in the manner more fully set forth in Section 259 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the *DGCL*), and (iv) succeed, without other transfer, to all of the debts, liabilities and obligations of First American California in the same manner as if First American Delaware had itself incurred them, as more fully provided under the applicable provisions of the DGCL. At the Effective Time: (A) the corporate name of the Surviving Corporation shall be First American Holding Corporation, (B) the certificate of incorporation of First American Delaware in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, shall be the certificate of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation following the Merger unless and until the same shall be amended or repealed in accordance with the provisions thereof, (C) the bylaws of First American Delaware in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, which are attached hereto as Exhibit B, shall be the bylaws of the Surviving Corporation following the Merger unless and until the same shall be amended or repealed in accordance with the provisions thereof, and (D) the officers of the Surviving Corporation following the Merger shall be those persons who were the officers of First American California immediately prior to the Effective Time, and such persons shall serve in such offices for the terms provided by law or in the bylaws or until their respective successors are elected or appointed, as applicable.

1.3 Conversion of Shares and Interests. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action by the owners of the outstanding shares of capital stock, or any other person, (i) all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of First American Delaware shall be cancelled, (ii) each issued and outstanding share of capital stock of First American California shall be converted into and become one fully paid and non-assessable share of Common Stock of the Surviving Corporation, and (iii) with respect to securities to acquire, or convertible into, First American California Common Stock, each such option, warrant, purchase right, unit or other security issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be converted into the right to acquire the same number of shares of First American Delaware Common Stock on the same terms as the number of shares of First American California Common Stock that were acquirable pursuant to such security. The same number of shares of the Surviving Corporation's Common Stock shall be reserved for purposes of the exercise of such options, warrants, purchase rights, units or other securities as is equal to the number of shares of First American California Common Stock so reserved immediately prior to the Effective Time.

Each certificate representing Common Stock of the Surviving Corporation issued in the Merger shall bear the same legends, if any, with respect to the restrictions on transferability as the certificates of First American California so converted and given in exchange therefor, unless otherwise determined by the board of directors of the Surviving Corporation in compliance with applicable laws. Each share of Common Stock of First American Delaware owned by First American California shall no longer be outstanding and shall be cancelled and retired and shall cease to exist at the Effective Time.

1.4 Cooperation; Best Efforts. Each of the parties will use its respective best efforts to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Certificate of Merger and will cooperate in any action necessary or advisable to facilitate such consummation including, without limitation, making all filings required in order to obtain any necessary consents or comply with law and providing any information required in connection therewith.

1.5 Change in Structure of Transactions. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if at any time after the date hereof, it shall appear that a change in the structure of the transaction contemplated hereby shall be necessary or desirable in order to comply with applicable law or the requirements of regulatory

authorities having jurisdiction over the transaction or for any other reason, the parties hereto agree to cooperate in making such changes in this Agreement, the Certificate of Merger and other documents contemplated hereby and in taking such other actions as may be required to effectuate such changes.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

OF THE MERGING PARTIES

2.1 First American California Representations and Warranties. First American California represents and warrants to, and covenants with, First American Delaware that the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the Certificate of Merger have been duly and validly authorized and approved by the board of directors and shareholders of First American California.

2.2 First American Delaware Representations and Warranties. First American Delaware represents and warrants to, and covenants with, First American California that the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the Certificate of Merger have been duly and validly authorized and approved by the board of directors and the sole stockholder of First American Delaware.

ARTICLE III

TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

3.1 Termination of Agreement and Abandonment of Merger. Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, this Agreement and the Certificate of Merger may be terminated at any time before the filing of the Certificate of Merger, whether before or after approval by the boards of directors or shareholders of First American California or First American Delaware, upon the written consent of the parties hereto.

ARTICLE IV

GENERAL

4.1 Amendments. Subject to applicable law, this Agreement or the Certificate of Merger may be amended in writing, whether before or after the relevant approvals of the board of directors or shareholders.

4.2 Governing Law. This Agreement and the legal relations between the parties shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Delaware without taking into account provisions regarding choice of law and, as far as applicable, the merger

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provisions of the California General Corporation Law.

4.3 **Notices.** Any notices or other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be sufficiently given if sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed:

If to First American Delaware:

First American Holding Corporation

1 First American Way

Santa Ana, CA 92707

Attn: General Counsel

If to First American California:

The First American Corporation

1 First American Way

Santa Ana, CA 92707

Attn: General Counsel

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or such other address as shall be furnished in writing by any such party, and any such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given two business days after the date of such mailing (except that a notice of change of address shall not be deemed to have been given until received by the addressee). Notices may also be sent by facsimile, telegram, telex or hand delivery and in such event shall be deemed to have been given as of the date received.

4.4 Registered Office. The registered office of the Surviving Corporation in the State of Delaware is located at 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19808 and Corporation Service Company is the registered agent of the Surviving Corporation at such address.

4.5 No Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor the Certificate of Merger may be assigned by the parties hereto, by operation of law or otherwise.

4.6 Headings. The description headings of the Articles and Sections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement.

4.7 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by facsimile in two or more counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to each of the other parties hereto.

4.8 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and certificates required to be delivered hereunder and any amendments hereafter executed and delivered in accordance with Section 4.1, constitute the entire agreement of the parties hereto pertaining to the transaction contemplated hereby. This Agreement is not intended to confer upon any other person any rights or remedies hereunder.

4.9 Waiver. Any party hereto may waive any of the conditions to its obligations. No waiver of a condition shall constitute a waiver of any of such party's other rights or remedies, at law or in equity, or of any other conditions to such party's obligations.

[signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its officers thereunto duly authorized, all as of the date set forth above.

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

By: _____

Name:

Title:

FIRST AMERICAN HOLDING CORPORATION

By: _____

Name:

Title:

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

OF

First American Holding Corporation

(a Delaware corporation)

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation is First American Holding Corporation (the Corporation).

ARTICLE II

AGENT

The address of the Corporation's registered office in the State of Delaware is 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19808. The name of its registered agent at such address is Corporation Service Company.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the DGCL).

ARTICLE IV

STOCK

Section 4.1 Authorized Stock. The aggregate number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 180,500,000, of which 180,000,000 shall be designated as Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share (the Common Stock), and 500,000 shall be designated as Preferred Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share (the Preferred Stock).

Section 4.2 Common Stock.

(a) Voting. Each holder of Common Stock, as such, shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each share of Common Stock held of record by such holder on all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote; provided, however, that, except as otherwise required by law, holders of Common Stock, as such, shall not be entitled to vote on any amendment to this Certificate of Incorporation (including any Certificate of Designations relating to any series of Preferred Stock) that relates solely to the terms of one or more outstanding series of Preferred Stock if the holders of such affected series are entitled, either separately or together with the holders of one or more other such series, to vote thereon pursuant to this Certificate of Incorporation (including any Certificate of Designations relating to any series of Preferred Stock) or pursuant to the DGCL.

(b) Dividends. Subject to the rights, if any, of the holders of any outstanding series of Preferred Stock, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive dividends out of any funds of the Corporation legally available therefor when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors.

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(c) Liquidation. Upon the dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Corporation, subject to the rights, if any, of the holders of any outstanding series of Preferred Stock, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders ratably in proportion to the number of shares held by them.

Section 4.3 Preferred Stock. Subject to limitations prescribed by law and the provisions of this Article IV, the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to provide by resolution for the issuance of the shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series, and to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series, and to fix the designation, powers, privileges, preferences, and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof.

The authority of the Board with respect to each series shall include, but not be limited to, determination of the following:

(i) the number of shares constituting such series, including any increase or decrease in the number of shares of any such series (but not below the number of shares in any such series then outstanding), and the distinctive designation of such series;

(ii) the dividend rate on the shares of such series, if any, whether dividends shall be cumulative, and, if so, from which date or dates, and the relative rights of priority, if any, of payment of dividends on shares of such series;

(iii) whether the shares of such series shall have voting rights (including multiple or fractional votes per share) in addition to the voting rights provided by law, and, if so, the terms of such voting rights;

(iv) whether the shares of such series shall have conversion privileges, and, if so, the terms and conditions of such privileges, including provision for adjustment of the conversion rate in such events as the Board of Directors shall determine;

(v) whether or not the shares of such series shall be redeemable, and if so, the terms and conditions of such redemption, including the date or dates upon or after which they shall be redeemable, and the amount per share payable in case of redemption, which amount may vary under different conditions and at different redemption rates;

(vi) whether a sinking fund shall be provided for the redemption or purchase of shares of such series, and, if so, the terms and the amount of such sinking fund;

(vii) the rights of the shares of such series in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, and the relative rights of priority, if any, of payment of shares of such series; and

(viii) any other relative rights, preferences and limitations of such series.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5.1 Number. Except as otherwise provided for or fixed pursuant to the provisions of Article IV of this Certificate of Incorporation relating to the rights of holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect additional directors in certain circumstances, the Board of Directors shall consist of such number of directors as is determined from time to time exclusively by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of such directors then in office.

Section 5.2 Vacancies; Removal.

(a) Subject to the rights of the holders of any one or more series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors or any vacancies in the

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Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or other cause shall, unless otherwise provided by law or by resolution of the Board of Directors, be filled solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office, even though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. Any director so chosen shall hold office until the next election of the class for which such director shall have been chosen and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. No decrease in the authorized number of directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

(b) During any period when the holders of any series of Preferred Stock have the right to elect additional directors as provided for or fixed pursuant to the provisions of Article IV hereof, then upon commencement and for the duration of the period during which such right continues: (i) the then otherwise total authorized number of directors of the Corporation shall automatically be increased by such specified number of directors, and the holders of such Preferred Stock shall be entitled to elect the additional directors so provided for or fixed pursuant to said provisions and (ii) each such additional director shall serve until such director's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until such director's right to hold such office terminates pursuant to said provisions, whichever occurs earlier, subject to his earlier death, disqualification, resignation or removal. Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Directors in the resolution or resolutions establishing such series, whenever the holders of any series of Preferred Stock having such right to elect additional directors are divested of such right pursuant to the provisions of such stock, the terms of office of all such additional directors elected by the holders of such stock, or elected to fill any vacancies resulting from the death, resignation, disqualification or removal of such additional directors, shall forthwith terminate and the total authorized number of directors of the Corporation shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 5.3 Powers. Except as otherwise expressly provided by the DGCL or this Certificate of Incorporation, the management of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in its Board of Directors.

Section 5.4 Election.

(a) Ballot Not Required. The directors of the Corporation need not be elected by written ballot unless the Bylaws of the Corporation so provide.

(b) Notice. Advance notice of stockholder nominations for the election of directors shall be given in the manner and to the extent provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI

STOCKHOLDER ACTION

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation may be taken without a meeting if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, are signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted.

ARTICLE VII

EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

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ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT

Section 8.1 Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation. The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the laws of the State of Delaware, and all rights conferred herein are granted subject to this reservation.

Section 8.2 Amendment of Bylaws. In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to adopt, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

Section 9.1 No Personal Liability. To the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL as the same exists or as may hereafter be amended, no director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director.

Section 9.2 Amendment or Repeal. Any amendment, alteration or repeal of this Article IX that adversely affects any right of a director shall be prospective only and shall not limit or eliminate any such right with respect to any proceeding involving any occurrence or alleged occurrence of any action or omission to act that took place prior to such amendment or repeal.

BYLAWS

OF

First American Holding Corporation

(a Delaware corporation)

ARTICLE I

CORPORATE OFFICES

Section 1.1 Registered Office. The registered office of the Corporation shall be fixed in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation.

Section 1.2 Other Offices. The Corporation may also have an office or offices, and keep the books and records of the Corporation, except as may otherwise be required by law, at such other place or places, either within or without the State of Delaware, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

Section 2.1 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of stockholders, for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held at such place, if any, on such date, and at such time as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.2 Special Meeting. A special meeting of the stockholders may be called at any time only by the holders of shares entitled to cast not less than 10% of the votes at that meeting, the Board of Directors, or by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer with the concurrence of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.3 Notice of Stockholders Meetings.

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(a) Notice of the place, if any, date, and time of all meetings of the stockholders, and the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting, shall be given, not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date on which the meeting is to be held, to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting, except as otherwise provided herein or required by law. Each such notice shall state the place, if any, date and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Notice may be given personally, by mail or by electronic transmission in accordance with Section 232 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"). If mailed, such notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, directed to each stockholder at such stockholder's address appearing on the books of the Corporation or given by the stockholder for such purpose. Notice by electronic transmission shall be deemed given as provided in Section 232 of the DGCL. An affidavit of the mailing or other means of giving any notice of any stockholders' meeting, executed by the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or any transfer agent of the Corporation giving the notice, shall be prima facie evidence of the giving of such notice or report. Notice shall be deemed to have been given to all stockholders of record who share an address if notice is given in accordance with the "householding" rules set forth in Rule 14a-3(e) under the Exchange Act and Section 233 of the DGCL or any successor provisions.

(b) When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting if the place, if any, date and time thereof, and the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such adjourned meeting are

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announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken; provided, however, that if the date of any adjourned meeting is more than thirty (30) days after the date for which the meeting was originally called, or if a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, notice of the place, if any, date, and time of the adjourned meeting and the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such adjourned meeting shall be given in conformity herewith.

(c) Notice of the time, place and purpose of any meeting of stockholders may be waived in writing, either before or after the meeting, and to the extent permitted by law, will be waived by any stockholder by attendance thereat, in person or by proxy, except when the person objects at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 2.4 Organization.

(a) Meetings of stockholders shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, if any, or in his or her absence by a person designated by the Board of Directors, or in the absence of a person so designated by the Board of Directors, by a Chairman chosen at the meeting by the holders of a majority in voting power of the stock entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy. The Secretary, or in his or her absence, an Assistant Secretary, or in the absence of the Secretary and all Assistant Secretaries, a person whom the Chairman of the meeting shall appoint, shall act as Secretary of the meeting and keep a record of the proceedings thereof.

(b) The Board of Directors shall be entitled to make such rules or regulations for the conduct of meetings of stockholders as it shall deem necessary, appropriate or convenient. Subject to such rules and regulations of the Board of Directors, if any, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the right and authority to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts as, in the judgment of such Chairman, are necessary, appropriate or convenient for the proper conduct of the meeting, including, without limitation, establishing an agenda or order of business for the meeting, rules and procedures for maintaining order at the meeting and the safety of those present, limitations on participation in the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized and constituted proxies and such other persons as the Chairman shall permit, restrictions on entry to the meeting after the time fixed for the commencement thereof, limitations on the time allotted to questions or comments by participants and regulation of the opening and closing of the polls for balloting and matters which are to be voted on by ballot.

Section 2.5 List of Stockholders. A complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders, arranged in alphabetical order for each class of stock and showing the address of each such stockholder and the number of shares registered in such stockholder's name, shall be prepared by the Secretary or other officer having charge of the stock ledger and shall be open to the examination of any stockholder for a period of at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting in the manner provided by law. The stockholder list shall also be open to the examination of any stockholder during the whole time of the meeting as provided by law. Such list shall presumptively determine the identity of the stockholders entitled to vote in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to examine the list required by this Section 2.5.

Section 2.6 Quorum. At any meeting of stockholders, the holders of a majority in voting power of all issued and outstanding stock entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided that where a separate vote by a class or series is required, the holders of a majority in voting power of all issued and outstanding stock of such class or series entitled to vote on such matter, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum entitled to take action with respect to such matter. If a quorum is not present or represented at any meeting of stockholders, then the Chairman of the meeting or the holders of a majority in voting power of the stock entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time in accordance with Section 2.7, without notice other than announcement at the meeting and except as provided in Section 2.3(b), until a quorum is present or represented. If a quorum initially is present at any meeting of stockholders, the

stockholders may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough stockholders to leave less than a quorum, but if a quorum is not present at least initially, no business other than adjournment may be transacted.

Section 2.7 Adjourned Meeting. Any annual or special meeting of stockholders, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned for any reason from time to time by either the Chairman of the meeting or the holders of a majority in voting power of the stock entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum may be present, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

Section 2.8 Voting.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, each holder of stock of the Corporation shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each share of such stock held of record by such holder on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Corporation.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, at each meeting of stockholders at which a quorum is present, all corporate actions to be taken by vote of the stockholders shall be authorized by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in voting power of the stock entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, and where a separate vote by class or series is required, if a quorum of such class or series is present, such act shall be authorized by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in voting power of the stock of such class or series entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy.

Section 2.9 Proxies. Every person entitled to vote for directors, or on any other matter, shall have the right to do so either in person or by one or more agents authorized by a written proxy, which may be in the form of a telegram, cablegram or other means of electronic transmission, signed by the person and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation, but no such proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three (3) years from its date, unless the proxy provides for a longer period. A proxy shall be deemed signed if the stockholder's name is placed on the proxy by the stockholder or the stockholder's attorney-in-fact. A duly executed proxy shall be irrevocable if it states that it is irrevocable and if, and only as long as, it is coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an irrevocable power. A stockholder may revoke any proxy which is not irrevocable by attending the meeting and voting in person or by filing an instrument in writing revoking the proxy or by filing another duly executed proxy bearing a later date with the Secretary of the Corporation. A proxy is not revoked by the death or incapacity of the maker unless, before the vote is counted, written notice of such death or incapacity is received by the Corporation.

Section 2.10 Notice of Stockholder Business and Nominations.

(a) Annual Meeting.

(i) Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation and the proposal of business other than nominations to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders only (A) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto), (B) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (C) by any stockholder of the Corporation who is a stockholder of record at the time the notice provided for in this Section 2.10(a) is delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 2.10(a).

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(ii) For nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder pursuant to clause (C) of the foregoing paragraph, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation and such business must be a proper subject for stockholder action. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day nor

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earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is more than thirty (30) days before or more than seventy (70) days after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such annual meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the date on which public announcement (as defined below) of the date of such meeting is first made by the Corporation. In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above. Such stockholder's notice shall set forth:

(A) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director (1) all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), (2) such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected and (3) such other information as the Corporation may reasonably require to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a director of the Corporation;

(B) as to any other business that the stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting, a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting, the text of the proposal or business (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration and in the event that such business includes a proposal to amend the Bylaws of the Corporation, the language of the proposed amendment), the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting and any material interest in such business of such stockholder and the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made;

(C) as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made:

(1) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation's books, and the name and address of such beneficial owner,

(2) the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are owned of record by such stockholder and such beneficial owner as of the date of the notice, and a representation that the stockholder will notify the Corporation in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation owned of record by the stockholder and such beneficial owner as of the record date for the meeting, and

(3) a representation that the stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to propose such nomination or business;

(D) as to the stockholder giving the notice or, if the notice is given on behalf of a beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made, as to such beneficial owner:

(1) the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are beneficially owned by such stockholder or beneficial owner as of the date of the notice, and a representation that the stockholder will notify the Corporation in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation beneficially owned by such stockholder or beneficial owner as of the record date for the meeting,

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(2) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to the nomination or other business between or among such stockholder or beneficial owner and any other person, including without limitation any agreements that would be required to be disclosed

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pursuant to Item 5 or Item 6 of Exchange Act Schedule 13D (regardless of whether the requirement to file a Schedule 13D is applicable to the stockholder or beneficial owner) and a representation that the stockholder will notify the Corporation in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of any such agreement, arrangement or understanding in effect as of the record date for the meeting,

(3) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options, hedging transactions, and borrowed or loaned shares) that has been entered into as of the date of the stockholder's notice by, or on behalf of, such stockholder or beneficial owner, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss, manage risk or benefit from changes in the share price of any class of the Corporation's capital stock, or increase or decrease the voting power of the stockholder or beneficial owner with respect to shares of stock of the Corporation, and a representation that the stockholder will notify the Corporation in writing within five business days after the record date for such meeting of any such agreement, arrangement or understanding in effect as of the record date for the meeting,

(4) a representation whether the stockholder or the beneficial owner, if any, intends or is part of a group which intends (x) to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation's outstanding capital stock required to elect the nominee or approve or adopt the proposal and/or (y) otherwise to solicit proxies from stockholders in support of such nomination or proposal.

The foregoing notice requirements of this Section 2.10(a)(ii) shall not apply to any stockholder proposal if (i) a stockholder has notified the Corporation of his or her intention to present such stockholder proposal at an annual meeting only pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act and (ii) such proposal has been included in a proxy statement that has been prepared by the Corporation to solicit proxies for such annual meeting.

(b) Special Meeting. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (A) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (B) provided that the Board of Directors has determined that directors shall be elected at such meeting, by any stockholder of the Corporation who is a stockholder of record at the time the notice provided for in this Section 2.10(b) is delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and upon such election and who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 2.10. In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more directors to the Board of Directors, any such stockholder entitled to vote in such election of directors may nominate a person or persons (as the case may be) for election to such position(s) as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the notice required by paragraph (a)(ii) of this Section 2.10 shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such special meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting. In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment or postponement of a special meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(c) General.

(i) Only such persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.10 shall be eligible to be elected at an annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation to serve as directors and only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.10.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall have the power and duty to determine whether a nomination or any business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.10 (including whether the stockholder or beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made solicited (or is part of a group which solicited) or did not so solicit, as the case may be, proxies in support of such stockholder's nominee or proposal in compliance with such stockholder's representation as required by clause (a)(ii)(D)(4) of this Section 2.10). If any proposed nomination or business was not made or proposed in compliance with this Section 2.10, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the power and duty to declare that such nomination shall be disregarded or that such proposed business shall not be transacted. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.10, unless otherwise required by law, if the stockholder does not provide the information required under clauses (a)(ii)(C) and (a)(ii)(D) of this Section 2.10 to the Corporation within five business days following the record date for an annual or special meeting or if the stockholder (or a qualified representative of the stockholder) does not appear at the annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation to present a nomination or proposed business, such nomination shall be disregarded and such proposed business shall not be transacted, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Corporation. For purposes of this Section 2.10, to be considered a qualified representative of the stockholder, a person must be a duly authorized officer, manager or partner of such stockholder or authorized by a writing executed by such stockholder (or a reliable reproduction or electronic transmission of the writing) delivered to the Corporation prior to the making of such nomination or proposal at such meeting by such stockholder stating that such person is authorized to act for such stockholder as proxy at the meeting of stockholders.

(ii) For purposes of this Section 2.10, a "public announcement" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or a comparable national news service or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.10, a stockholder shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this Section 2.10. Nothing in this Section 2.10 shall be deemed to affect any rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect directors pursuant to any applicable provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 2.11 Action by Written Consent.

(a) Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, any action required or permitted to be taken at any annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, are signed by the holders of issued and outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. To be effective, a written consent must be delivered to the Corporation by delivery to its registered office, its principal place of business or an officer or agent of the Corporation having custody of the books in which proceedings of meetings of stockholders are recorded. Delivery made to the Corporation's registered office shall be by hand or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. Every written consent shall bear the date of signature of each stockholder who signs the consent and no written consent shall be effective to take the corporate action referred to therein unless, within sixty (60) days of the earliest dated consent delivered in the manner required by this Section 2.11 to the Corporation, written consents signed by a sufficient number of holders to take action are delivered to the Corporation in accordance with this Section 2.11.

(b) Any electronic transmission consenting to an action to be taken and transmitted by a stockholder or proxyholder, or by a person or persons authorized to act for a stockholder or proxyholder, shall be deemed to be written, signed and dated for purposes of this Section 2.11, provided that any such electronic transmission sets forth or is delivered with information from which the Corporation can determine (i) that the electronic

transmission was transmitted by the stockholder or proxyholder or by a person or persons authorized to act for the stockholder or proxyholder and (ii) the date on which such stockholder or proxyholder or authorized person or persons transmitted such electronic transmission. The date on which such electronic transmission is transmitted shall be deemed to be the date on which such consent was signed. Except to the extent and in the manner authorized by the Board of Directors, no consent given by electronic transmission shall be deemed to have been delivered until such consent is reproduced in paper form and until such paper form shall be delivered to the Corporation by delivery to its registered office, its principal place of business or an officer or agent of the Corporation having custody of the books in which proceedings of meetings of stockholders are recorded. Delivery made to the Corporation's registered office shall be made by hand or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

(c) Any copy, facsimile or other reliable reproduction of a consent in writing may be substituted or used in lieu of the original writing for any and all purposes for which the original writing could be used, provided that such copy, facsimile or other reproduction shall be a complete reproduction of the entire writing.

(d) Prompt notice of the taking of the corporate action without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to those stockholders who have not consented in writing and who, if the action had been taken at a meeting, would have been entitled to notice of the meeting if the record date of such meeting had been the date that written consents signed by a sufficient number of stockholders to take the action were delivered to the Corporation in the manner required by this Section 2.11.

Section 2.12 Inspectors of Election. Before any meeting of stockholders, the Board of Directors shall appoint one or more inspectors of election to act at the meeting or its adjournment. If any person appointed as inspector fails to appear or fails or refuses to act, then the Chairman of the meeting may, and upon the request of any stockholder or a stockholder's proxy shall, appoint a person to fill that vacancy. Inspectors need not be stockholders. No director or nominee for the office of director shall be appointed such an inspector.

Such inspectors shall:

(a) determine the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, the number of shares represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, and the authenticity, validity, and effect of proxies;

(b) receive votes, ballots or consents;

(c) hear and determine all challenges and questions in any way arising in connection with the right to vote;

(d) count and tabulate all votes or consents;

(e) determine when the polls shall close;

(f) determine the result; and

(g) do any other acts that may be proper to conduct the election or vote with fairness to all stockholders.

The inspectors of election shall perform their duties impartially, in good faith, to the best of their ability and as expeditiously as is practical. Any report or certificate made by the inspectors of election shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein.

Section 2.13 Meetings by Remote Communications. The Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, determine that a meeting of stockholders shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication in accordance with Section 211(a)(2) of the DGCL. If authorized by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, and subject to such guidelines and procedures as the Board of Directors may

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adopt, stockholders and proxyholders not physically present at a meeting of stockholders may, by means of remote communication (a) participate in a meeting of stockholders and (b) be deemed present in person and vote at a meeting of stockholders whether such meeting is to be held at a designated place or solely by means of remote communication, provided that (i) the Corporation shall implement reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote communication is a stockholder or proxyholder; (ii) the Corporation shall implement reasonable measures to provide such stockholders and proxyholders a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the stockholders, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings; and (iii) if any stockholder or proxyholder votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communication, a record of such vote or other action shall be maintained by the Corporation.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS

Section 3.1 Powers. Subject to the provisions of the DGCL and to any limitations in the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws relating to action required to be approved by the stockholders, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. In addition to the powers and authorities these Bylaws expressly confer upon them, the Board of Directors may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws required to be exercised or done by the stockholders.

Section 3.2 Number, Term of Office and Election. The number of directors shall be established in the manner set forth in the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation. With the exception of the first Board of Directors, which shall be elected by the incorporator, and except as provided in Section 3.3, directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the stockholders' annual meeting. Directors need not be stockholders unless so required by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, wherein other qualifications for directors may be prescribed.

Section 3.3 Vacancies. Subject to the rights of the holders of any one or more series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors or any vacancies in the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or other cause shall, unless otherwise provided by law or by resolution of the Board of Directors, be filled solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office, though less than a quorum, and directors so chosen shall hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the director whom he or she has replaced or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified. No decrease in the authorized number of directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

Section 3.4 Resignations and Removal.

(a) Any director may resign at any time upon notice given in writing or by electronic transmission to the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified in such notice or, if the time be not specified, upon receipt thereof by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors or the Secretary, as the case may be. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

(b) Unless otherwise restricted by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any director or the entire Board of Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the holders of a majority in voting power of all issued and outstanding stock entitled to vote at an election of directors.

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Section 3.5 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place or places, on such date or dates and at such time or times, as shall have been established by the Board of Directors and publicized among all directors; provided that no fewer than one regular meeting per year shall be held. A notice of each regular meeting shall not be required.

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Section 3.6 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer or a majority of the Board of Directors then in office. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Directors may fix the place and time of such meetings. Notice of each such meeting shall be given to each director, if by mail, addressed to such director as his or her residence or usual place of business, at least five (5) days before the day on which such meeting is to be held, or shall be sent to such director at such place by telecopy, telegraph, electronic transmission or other form of recorded communication, or be delivered personally or by telephone, in each case at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time set for such meeting. Notice of any meeting need not be given to any director who shall, either before or after the meeting, submit a waiver of such notice or who shall attend such meeting without protesting, prior to or at its commencement, the lack of notice to such director. A notice of special meeting need not state the purpose of such meeting, and, unless indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

Section 3.7 Participation in Meetings by Conference Telephone. Members of the Board of Directors, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of such Board of Directors or committee by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 3.8 Quorum. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a majority of the authorized number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, and the vote of a majority of the directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the meeting or a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting to another time and place whether or not a quorum is present. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. If a quorum initially is present at any meeting of directors, the directors may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough directors to leave less than a quorum, upon resolution of at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting prior to the loss of such quorum.

Section 3.9 Board of Directors Action by Written Consent Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, provided that all members of the Board of Directors consent in writing or by electronic transmission to such action, and the writing or writings or electronic transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes or proceedings of the Board of Directors. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.10 Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws for the conduct of its meetings and management of the affairs of the Corporation as the Board of Directors shall deem proper.

Section 3.11 Fees and Compensation of Directors. Directors and members of committees may receive such compensation, if any, for their services and such reimbursement of expenses as may be fixed or determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. This Section 3.11 shall not be construed to preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity as an officer, agent, employee or otherwise and receiving compensation for those services.

Section 3.12 Emergency Bylaws. In the event of any emergency, disaster or catastrophe, as referred to in Section 110 of the DGCL, or other similar emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board of Directors or a standing committee of the Board of Directors cannot readily be convened for action, then the director or directors in attendance at the meeting shall constitute a quorum. Such director or directors in attendance may further take action to appoint one or more of themselves or other directors to membership on any standing or temporary committees of the Board of Directors as they shall deem necessary and appropriate.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

Section 4.1 Committees of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, designate one or more committees, including but not limited to an Executive Committee and an Audit Committee, each such committee to consist of one or more of the directors of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any committee to replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. In the absence or disqualification of a member of a committee, the member or members present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he, she or they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board of Directors to act at the meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified member. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors establishing such committee, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; but no such committee shall have the power or authority in reference to the following matters: (a) approving or adopting, or recommending to the stockholders, any action or matter (other than the election or removal of directors) expressly required by the DGCL to be submitted to stockholders for approval or (b) adopting, amending or repealing any bylaw of the Corporation. All committees of the Board of Directors shall keep minutes of their meetings and shall report their proceedings to the Board of Directors when requested or required by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.2 Meetings and Action of Committees. Any committee of the Board may adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws for the conduct of its meetings as such committee may deem proper.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 5.1 Officers. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Chief Executive Officer, a Chief Financial Officer, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, each of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors, each to have such authority, functions or duties as set forth in these Bylaws or as determined by the Board of Directors. Each officer shall be chosen by the Board of Directors and shall hold office for such term as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and until such person's successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until such person's earlier death, disqualification, resignation or removal. Any two of such offices may be held by the same person; provided, however, that no officer shall execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity if such instrument is required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws to be executed, acknowledged or verified by two or more officers.

Section 5.2 Removal, Resignation and Vacancies. Any officer of the Corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors, without prejudice to the rights, if any, of such officer under any contract to which he or she is a party. Any officer may resign at any time upon written notice to the Corporation, without prejudice to the rights, if any, of the Corporation under any contract to which such officer is a party. If any vacancy occurs in any office of the Corporation, the Board of Directors may elect a successor to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified.

Section 5.3 Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be deemed an officer of the Corporation, and shall preside at meetings of the stockholders and of the Board of Directors and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be from time to time assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors.

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Section 5.4 Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall have general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of the Corporation and shall be responsible for corporate policy and

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strategy. The Chief Executive Officer shall, if present and in the absence of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, preside at meetings of the stockholders and of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.5 Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall exercise all the powers and perform the duties of the office of the chief financial officer and in general have overall supervision of the financial operations of the Corporation. The Chief Financial Officer shall, when requested, counsel with and advise the other officers of the Corporation and shall perform such other duties as such officer may agree with the Chief Executive Officer or as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 5.6 Vice Presidents. The Vice President shall have such powers and duties as shall be prescribed by his or her superior officer or the Chief Executive Officer. A Vice President shall, when requested, counsel with and advise the other officers of the Corporation and shall perform such other duties as such officer may agree with the Chief Executive Officer or as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 5.7 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall supervise and be responsible for all the funds and securities of the Corporation, the deposit of all moneys and other valuables to the credit of the Corporation in depositories of the Corporation, borrowings and compliance with the provisions of all indentures, agreements and instruments governing such borrowings to which the Corporation is a party, the disbursement of funds of the Corporation and the investment of its funds, and in general shall perform all of the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall, when requested, counsel with and advise the other officers of the Corporation and shall perform such other duties as such officer may agree with the Chief Executive Officer or as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 5.8 Secretary. The powers and duties of the Secretary are: (i) to act as Secretary at all meetings of the Board of Directors, of the committees of the Board of Directors and of the stockholders and to record the proceedings of such meetings in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; (ii) to see that all notices required to be given by the Corporation are duly given and served; (iii) to act as custodian of the seal of the Corporation and affix the seal or cause it to be affixed to all certificates of stock of the Corporation and to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; (iv) to have charge of the books, records and papers of the Corporation and see that the reports, statements and other documents required by law to be kept and filed are properly kept and filed; and (v) to perform all of the duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall, when requested, counsel with and advise the other officers of the Corporation and shall perform such other duties as such officer may agree with the Chief Executive Officer or as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 5.9 Additional Matters. The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall have the authority to designate employees of the Corporation to have the title of Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Secretary. Any employee so designated shall have the powers and duties determined by the officer making such designation. The persons upon whom such titles are conferred shall not be deemed officers of the Corporation unless elected by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.10 Checks; Drafts; Evidences of Indebtedness. From time to time, the Board of Directors shall determine by resolution which person or persons may sign or endorse all checks, drafts, other orders for payment of money, notes, bonds, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness that are issued in the name of or payable by the Corporation, and only the persons so authorized shall sign or endorse such instruments.

Section 5.11 Corporate Contracts and Instruments: How Executed. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, or agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized or ratified by the Board of Directors or within the agency power of an officer, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or for any amount.

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Section 5.12 Action with Respect to Securities of Other Corporations. The Chief Executive Officer or any other officer of the Corporation authorized by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to vote, represent, and exercise on behalf of the Corporation all rights incident to any and all shares of any other corporation or corporations standing in the name of the Corporation. The authority herein granted may be exercised either by such person directly or by any other person authorized to do so by proxy or power of attorney duly executed by the person having such authority.

ARTICLE VI

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 6.1 Right to Indemnification. Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any action, suit, arbitration, alternative dispute mechanism, inquiry, administrative or legislative hearing, investigation or any other actual, threatened or completed proceeding, including any and all appeals, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter a proceeding), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or an officer of the Corporation or while a director or officer of the Corporation is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, agent or trustee of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan (hereinafter an indemnitee), whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee, agent or trustee or in any other capacity while serving as a director, officer, employee, agent or trustee, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such indemnitee in connection therewith; provided, however, that, except as provided in Section 6.3 with respect to proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, the Corporation shall indemnify any such indemnitee in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such indemnitee only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized or ratified by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Section 6.2 Right to Advancement of Expenses. In addition to the right to indemnification conferred in Section 6.1, an indemnitee shall, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, also have the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses (including attorneys fees) incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition (hereinafter an advancement of expenses provided, however, that, if the DGCL requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by an indemnitee in his or her capacity as a director or officer (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is rendered by such indemnitee, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking (hereinafter an undertaking), by or on behalf of such indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal (hereinafter a final adjudication) that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this Section 6.2 or otherwise.

Section 6.3 Right of Indemnitee to Bring Suit. If a claim under Section 6.1 or 6.2 of this Article VI is not paid in full by the Corporation within 60 days after a written claim has been received by the Corporation, except in the case of a claim for an advancement of expenses, in which case the applicable period shall be 20 days, the indemnitee may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Delaware to recover the unpaid amount of the claim. If successful in whole or in part in any such suit, or in a suit brought by the Corporation to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the indemnitee shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting or defending such suit. In (a) any suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to indemnification hereunder (but not in a suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to an advancement of expenses) it shall be a defense that, and (b) any suit brought by the Corporation to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the Corporation shall be entitled to recover such expenses upon a final adjudication that, the indemnitee has not met

any applicable standard for indemnification set forth in the DGCL. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including its directors who are not parties to such action, a committee of such directors, independent legal counsel, or its stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such suit that indemnification of the indemnitee is proper in the circumstances because the indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the DGCL, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including its directors who are not parties to such action, a committee of such directors, independent legal counsel, or its stockholders) that the indemnitee has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall create a presumption that the indemnitee has not met the applicable standard of conduct or, in the case of such a suit brought by the indemnitee, be a defense to such suit. In any suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to indemnification or to an advancement of expenses hereunder, or brought by the Corporation to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the burden of proving that the indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified, or to such advancement of expenses, under this Article VI or otherwise shall be on the Corporation.

Section 6.4 Non-Exclusivity of Rights. The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this Article VI shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law, agreement, vote of stockholders or directors, provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws or otherwise.

Section 6.5 Insurance. The Corporation may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the DGCL.

Section 6.6 Indemnification of Employees and Agents of the Corporation. The Corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors, grant rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses to any employee or agent of the Corporation to the fullest extent of the provisions of this Article VI with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of directors and officers of the Corporation.

Section 6.7 Nature of Rights. All rights granted pursuant to this Article VI shall vest at the time a person becomes a director or officer of the Corporation and shall be deemed to be provided by a contract between the Corporation and each director or officer who serves in such capacity at any time while this Article VI is in effect. Any repeal or modification of the provisions of this Article VI shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect the rights of any director or officer in effect hereunder at the time of any act or omission occurring prior to such repeal or modification. The rights granted pursuant to this Article VI shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

Section 6.8 Settlement of Claims. The Corporation shall not be liable to indemnify any indemnitee under this Article VI for any amounts paid in settlement of any action or claim effected without the Corporation's written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, or for any judicial award if the Corporation was not given a reasonable and timely opportunity, at its expense, to participate in the defense of such action.

Section 6.9 Subrogation. In the event of payment under this Article VI, the Corporation shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of the indemnitee, who shall execute all papers required and shall do everything that may be necessary to secure such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable the Corporation effectively to bring suit to enforce such rights.

Section 6.10 Procedures for Submission of Claims. The Board of Directors may establish reasonable procedures for the submission of claims for indemnification pursuant to this Article VI, determination of the entitlement of any person thereto and review of any such determination. Such procedures shall be set forth in an appendix to these Bylaws and shall be deemed for all purposes to be a part hereof.

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ARTICLE VII

CAPITAL STOCK

Section 7.1 Certificates of Stock. The shares of the Corporation shall be represented by certificates, provided that the Board of Directors may provide by resolution or resolutions that some or all of any or all classes or series of stock shall be uncertificated shares. Any such resolution shall not apply to shares represented by a certificate until such certificate is surrendered to the Corporation. Every holder of stock represented by certificates shall be entitled to have a certificate signed by or in the name of the Corporation by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or a Vice President, and by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer, or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, of the Corporation certifying the number of shares owned by such holder in the Corporation. Any or all such signatures may be facsimiles. In case any officer, transfer agent or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate has ceased to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if such person were such officer, transfer agent or registrar at the date of issue.

Section 7.2 Special Designation on Certificates. If the Corporation is authorized to issue more than one class of stock or more than one series of any class, then the powers, the designations, the preferences, and the relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights shall be set forth in full or summarized on the face or back of the certificate that the Corporation shall issue to represent such class or series of stock; provided, however, that, except as otherwise provided in Section 202 of the DGCL, in lieu of the foregoing requirements there may be set forth on the face or back of the certificate that the Corporation shall issue to represent such class or series of stock a statement that the Corporation will furnish without charge to each stockholder who so requests the powers, the designations, the preferences, and the relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights. Within a reasonable time after the issuance or transfer of uncertificated stock, the Corporation shall send to the registered owner thereof a written notice containing the information required to be set forth or stated on certificates pursuant to this Section 7.2 or Section 156, 202(a) or 218(a) of the DGCL or with respect to this Section 7.2 a statement that the Corporation will furnish without charge to each stockholder who so requests the powers, the designations, the preferences, and the relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, the rights and obligations of the holders of uncertificated stock and the rights and obligations of the holders of certificates representing stock of the same class and series shall be identical.

Section 7.3 Transfers of Stock. Transfers of shares of stock of the Corporation shall be made only on the books of the Corporation upon authorization by the registered holder thereof or by such holder's attorney thereunto authorized by a power of attorney duly executed and filed with the Secretary or a transfer agent for such stock, and if such shares are represented by a certificate, upon surrender of the certificate or certificates for such shares properly endorsed or accompanied by a duly executed stock transfer power and the payment of any taxes thereon; provided, however, that the Corporation shall be entitled to recognize and enforce any lawful restriction on transfer.

Section 7.4 Lost Certificates. The Corporation may issue a new share certificate or new certificate for any other security in the place of any certificate theretofore issued by it, alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, and the Corporation may require the owner of the lost, stolen or destroyed certificate or the owner's legal representative to give the Corporation a bond (or other adequate security) sufficient to indemnify it against any claim that may be made against it (including any expense or liability) on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of any such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate. The Board of Directors may adopt such other provisions and restrictions with reference to lost certificates, not inconsistent with applicable law, as it shall in its discretion deem appropriate.

Section 7.5 Addresses of Stockholders. Each stockholder shall designate to the Secretary an address at which notices of meetings and all other corporate notices may be served or mailed to such stockholder and, if any stockholder shall fail to so designate such an address, corporate notices may be served upon such stockholder by mail directed to the mailing address, if any, as the same appears in the stock ledger of the Corporation or at the last known mailing address of such stockholder.

Section 7.6 Registered Stockholders. The Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law.

Section 7.7 Record Date for Determining Stockholders.

(a) In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, or entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights, or entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock or for the purpose of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors, and which record date: (a) in the case of determination of stockholders entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders or adjournment thereof shall, unless otherwise required by law, not be more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days before the date of such meeting; and (b) in the case of any other action, shall not be more than sixty (60) days prior to such other action. If no record date is fixed: (i) the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given, or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held; and (ii) the record date for determining stockholders for any other purpose shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating thereto. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

(b) The Board may fix a record date in order that the corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to consent to a corporate action in writing without a meeting, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board, and which date shall not be more than ten days after the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board. Any stockholder of record seeking to have the stockholders authorize or take corporate action by written consent shall, by written notice to the Secretary, request that the Board fix a record date. The Board shall promptly, but in all events within ten days after the date on which such written notice is received, adopt a resolution fixing the record date (unless a record date has previously been fixed by the Board). If no record date has been fixed by the Board or otherwise within ten days after the date on which such written notice is received, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, when no prior action by the Board is required by Delaware law, shall be the first date on which a signed written consent setting forth the action taken or proposed to be taken is delivered to the corporation. If no record date has been fixed by the Board and prior action by the Board is required by Delaware law, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board adopts the resolution taking such prior action.

Section 7.8 Regulations. The Board of Directors may make such additional rules and regulations as it may deem expedient concerning the issue, transfer and registration of shares of stock of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL MATTERS

Section 8.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January of each year and end on the last day of December of the same year, or such other 12 consecutive months as the Board of Directors may designate.

Section 8.2 Corporate Seal. The Board of Directors may provide a suitable seal, containing the name of the Corporation, which seal shall be in the charge of the Secretary. If and when so directed by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof, duplicates of the seal may be kept and used by the Treasurer or by an Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer.

Section 8.3 Maintenance and Inspection of Records. The Corporation shall, either at its principal executive office or at such place or places as designated by the Board of Directors, keep a record of its stockholders listing their names and addresses and the number and class of shares held by each stockholder, a copy of these Bylaws as amended to date, accounting books and other records.

Section 8.4 Reliance Upon Books, Reports and Records. Each director and each member of any committee designated by the Board of Directors shall, in the performance of his or her duties, be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the books of account or other records of the Corporation and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Corporation by any of its officers or employees, or committees of the Board of Directors so designated, or by any other person as to matters which such director or committee member reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 8.5 Subject to Law and Certificate of Incorporation. All powers, duties and responsibilities provided for in these Bylaws, whether or not explicitly so qualified, are qualified by the Certificate of Incorporation and applicable law.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Section 9.1 Amendments. In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to adopt, amend or repeal these Bylaws. In addition to any requirements of law and any other provision of these Bylaws or the Certificate of Incorporation, and notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Certificate of Incorporation or any provision of law which might otherwise permit a lesser vote or no vote, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority in voting power of the issued and outstanding stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, shall be required for the stockholders to amend or repeal, or adopt any provision inconsistent with, any provision of these Bylaws.

The foregoing Bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors on _____, _____.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

2:00 p.m.

At the home office of

The First American Corporation

1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707

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proxy

This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors for use at the Annual Meeting on December 8, 2009.

The undersigned shareholder of The First American Corporation hereby appoints Parker S. Kennedy and Kenneth D. DeGiorgio, and each of them, with power to each of substitution, to attend the annual meeting of the shareholders of said corporation to be held December 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the home office of The First American Corporation, 1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California, and any adjournments or postponements thereof; and to vote the shares of the undersigned at such meeting with respect to the election of directors, the approval of the reincorporation of The First American Corporation in Delaware under the name First American Holding Corporation at any time on or before December 8, 2010 and ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent public accounting firm of The First American Corporation, as indicated on the reverse side hereof, with all powers that the undersigned would have if acting in person, including the right in their discretion to cumulate and distribute the aggregate cumulative votes in respect of such shares as they choose among those nominees as to whom the undersigned has not withheld authority; and with discretionary authority to act on such other matters as may properly come before said meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

THE SHARES REPRESENTED HEREBY SHALL BE VOTED SPECIFICALLY ON THE PROPOSALS LISTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE HEREOF AS THERE SPECIFIED. WHERE NO SPECIFICATION IS MADE, SAID SHARES SHALL BE VOTED FOR THE PROPOSALS.

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VOTE BY PHONE TOLL FREE 1-800-560-1965 QUICK <<<< EASY <<<< IMMEDIATE

Use any touch-tone telephone to vote your proxy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until 12:00 p.m. (CT) on December 7, 2009.

Please have your proxy card and the last four digits of your Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number available. Follow the simple instructions the voice provides you.

VOTE BY INTERNET www.eproxy.com/faf QUICK <<<< EASY <<<< IMMEDIATE

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VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we've provided or return it to **The First American Corporation, c/o Shareowner ServicesSM, P.O. Box 64873, St. Paul, MN 55164-0873.**

If you vote by Phone or Internet, please do not mail your Proxy Card

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The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote FOR Items 1, 2 and 3.

1. Election of directors:	01 George L. Argyros	06 William G. Davis	11 Thomas C. O'Brien	17 Virginia M. Ueberroth	•• Vote FOR all nominees (except as marked)	•• Vote WITHHELD from all nominees
	02 Bruce S. Bennett	07 James L. Doti	12 Frank E. O'Bryan	18 Mary Lee Widener		
	03 Matthew B. Botein	08 Lewis W. Douglas, Jr.	13 Roslyn B. Payne			
	04 J. David Chatham	09 Christopher V. Greetham	14 John W. Peace			
	05 Glenn C. Christenson	10 Parker S. Kennedy	15 D. Van Skilling			
			16 Herbert B. Tasker			

(Instructions: To withhold authority to vote for any indicated nominee,

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write the number(s) of the nominee(s) in the box provided to the right.)

- 2. Reincorporation of The First American Corporation in Delaware at any time through December 8, 2010 ` For ` Against ` Abstain
- 3. Ratification of selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as First American s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2009 ` For ` Against ` Abstain

THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED OR, IF NO DIRECTION IS GIVEN, WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH PROPOSAL.

Address Change? Mark Box Indicate changes below: Date

Signature(s) in Box
 Please sign exactly as your name(s) appears on Proxy. If held in joint tenancy, all persons should sign. Trustees, administrators, etc., should include title and authority. Corporations should provide full name of corporation and title of authorized officer signing the Proxy.