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Attorney General Biden announces launch of interactive Web site dedicated to informing Delawareans about smart investing practices and fraud prevention.

Wilmington –Attorney General Joseph R. Biden, III today announced the launch of an interactive Web site, sponsored by the Delaware Department of Justice, featuring video webcasts, educational resources, helpful tools, and reference materials that promote sound investment strategies.

The Investor Resource Center, at www.investorresourcecenter.org, features more than twenty webcasts by investment industry experts that provide lessons on avoiding investment fraud and understanding investment risk. These videos serve all audiences, including young people and families, middle-aged individuals, and mature investors approaching retirement. Myron Kandel, former CNN Financial Anchor, and Jane Bryant Quinn, author and Newsweek columnist, offer the site's keynote lectures.

“Today Delawareans have unprecedented access to personal investment options,” Attorney General Biden stated. “Sound investing decisions require the benefit of an informed decision-making process. Unfortunately, criminals are at work every day employing fraudulent schemes to sell illegitimate investments or products that promise high returns with little or no risk in an effort to cheat Delawareans out of their hard-earned investment dollars.”

The Investor Resource Center provides a one-stop shop of helpful references, including investor alerts, an investment professional background check, online complaint form, and links to tips and other investor services – all at the click of a computer mouse. The site's dual purpose of providing educational information and reporting tools reflects the two-fold mission of the Delaware Department of Justice to regulate the securities industry by prosecuting securities fraud and educating the public.

“Education is a powerful tool at your disposal to make smart investment choices and combat the dishonest people who pose a risk to your investment security,” Attorney General Biden continued. “That's why the Delaware Department of Justice offers this free resource to consumers.”

The Delaware Department of Justice also offers the *2007 Safe Investing Guide*, a printed companion to the Investor Resource Center. The *Safe Investing Guide*, currently being delivered as a free insert in newspapers across Delaware, features tips to steer clear of investor fraud, an overview of online investing, information about identity theft, and a self-assessment financial health quiz.

The Investor Resource Center and the *Safe Investing Guide* were funded by fines and penalties paid by those who have violated the Delaware Securities Act. The Delaware Department of Justice uses these funds to combat investment fraud and to sponsor investor educational programs.

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