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**BankFinancial Corporation Declares Cash Dividend**

**Burr Ridge, Illinois** - (January 29, 2010) BankFinancial Corporation (Nasdaq – BFIN) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.07 per common share. The dividend will be payable on March 5, 2010 to stockholders of record on February 10, 2010.

BankFinancial Corporation is the holding company for BankFinancial, F.S.B., a full-service, community-oriented bank providing financial services to individuals, families and businesses through 18 full-service banking offices, located in Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties, Illinois. At September 30, 2009, BankFinancial Corporation had total assets of \$1.574 billion, total loans of \$1.233 billion, total deposits of \$1.212 billion and stockholders' equity of \$266 million. BankFinancial Corporation's common stock trades on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol BFIN.

This release includes "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. A variety of factors could cause BankFinancial's actual results to differ from those expected at the time of this release. For a discussion of some of the factors that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, please refer to BankFinancial's most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC. Investors are urged to review all information contained in these reports, including the risk factors discussed therein. Copies of these filings are available at no cost on the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov> or on BankFinancial's web site at <http://www.bankfinancial.com>. Forward looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake to update them to reflect changes.

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