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## Monument Announces Major Expansion

### *Corporate Affairs Executive Tim Punke Joins Team; Firm to Open New Seattle Office*

Washington, D.C. – Monument Policy Group (MPG) announced today the expansion of its public affairs and West Coast practices with the addition of Tim Punke, who was previously a partner from 2007-2013.

“We are thrilled to have Tim back at Monument,” said founder Stewart Verdery. “Tim is one of the most talented advocates in the country and he obviously understands our clients and their needs very well from his previous work with us. Now he has the added C Suite perspective of a senior communications and policy executive at two publicly traded companies.”

Tim was most recently a Senior Vice President at both Weyerhaeuser and Plum Creek, where he oversaw all external relations, including government affairs, corporate communications, sustainability and community engagement. He helped lead efforts to produce Plum Creek’s first-ever sustainability report, and also helped organize and launch a sector-wide communications effort that included more than 100 funders from industry, conservation, government and universities. Tim was also intimately involved in the successful merger of the two companies.

Tim’s government experience includes work at the White House National Economic Council, the Senate Finance Committee and as a clerk for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He attended Cornell University and Cornell Law School.

Tim will focus on the public affairs practice along with Monument partners John Murray and Katharine Lister. John is known as one of the most influential and connected Republican communications and public affairs strategists in Washington. Over a twenty-year career, he has held senior executive positions at numerous industry trade associations, corporations and issue

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advocacy organizations. John also served as Deputy Chief of Staff during Eric Cantor's (R-VA) tenure as Republican Whip and Majority Leader where he oversaw communications, strategic initiatives and political outreach. Katharine joined Monument in 2013 after serving as Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Chief of Staff to Senator Maria Cantwell and communications director to Representative Adam Smith.

Monument also announced today that John will be relocating from Washington DC to his hometown of Seattle, joining Tim in the firm's new West Coast office.

"Tim, John, and Katharine really understand the West Coast market," said Verdery. "With more than a dozen clients throughout the Northwest and California, our local connections are essential to providing best-in-class service."

"Monument is a group of all-stars," said Punke. "And with the launch of a public affairs practice in 2015, we have really created a comprehensive approach to advocacy – one that includes innovative public affairs and traditional shoe leather lobbying. I am excited to be part of this results-driven team."

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