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### **Counselor to White House and U.S. Senate Joins Monument as Partner, Expands International Trade and IP Practices**

**Washington, D.C.** – Monument Policy Group, LLC, a government relations and federal strategy consulting firm, today expands its bipartisan capabilities, particularly in the fields of international trade, intellectual property, and international competitiveness, with the addition of partner Timothy E. Punke.

Drawing upon over a decade of experience in both the public and private sector, Punke brings to Monument his expertise in a broad array of international policies, including trade and customs issues; market access; port and cargo security; intellectual property protection; tax policy; global competitiveness; and immigration.

“Monument Policy Group is based on a vision of combining substantive expertise in key policy areas with established relationships crucial to the government decision-making process,” said C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., partner and founder.

“Clients in the federal space are looking for more than help opening doors – they need strategic counsel on developing strategy and knowing how to present a position once that door is open. Tim’s arrival at Monument will bolster our ability to work across party lines for existing clients and those who seek our services. On international economic and competitiveness issues, Tim will be able to draw on over five years of government service at the White House and in the Congress. Moreover, Tim’s work in the private sector has delved into a diverse set of issues. The firm will be immensely stronger due to the skills of Tim Punke.” Verdery stated.

Punke worked for the Senate Finance Committee and Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont) from 2001 to 2005, including as chief international trade counsel. During his time on the Committee, Punke advised Members on the passage of the 2002 Trade Act; the implementation of trade agreements with Australia, Singapore, Chile, Jordan and Morocco; free trade negotiations with Thailand, Central America (CAFTA), Columbia and Panama. Punke worked on dozens of international trade disputes between the U.S. and China, Japan, the EU and other major trading partners.

Punke also served in the Clinton Administration as an international economic policy advisor to the White House National Economic Council. While at the White House, he helped manage the interagency effort to implement China’s accession to the World Trade Organization.

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His government experience also includes serving as a law clerk to Judge Sidney Thomas of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Punke received both his JD and BA from Cornell University. Punke is a term member of the Council on Foreign relations, and a fellow of the U.S.-Japan Leadership Program. In addition to his government and private sector experience, Punke has also taught international trade and business classes at Georgetown University, George Washington University, and the University of Baltimore Law School.

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