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### **Lora Ries Named Senior Counsel at Monument Policy Group**

Washington, D.C. - Monument Policy Group, LLC announced today that Lora Ries has been named Senior Counsel at the firm. Partner and Founder C. Stewart Verdery, Jr. stated, "Lora has helped our policy efforts the past year as an independent consultant, and we are proud to make her an official part of the Monument Policy Group team. Her legislative experience on the House Judiciary Committee and executive branch accomplishments demonstrate an ability to drive effective policy decisions that will serve our clients well."

Before serving as a consultant, Lora served as the Acting Director and Deputy Director of Mission Operations in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) US-VISIT Program Office from 2005-2006. Previously, Lora was the first Policy Director for Immigration in the DHS Border and Transportation Security Directorate from 2003-2005. In these positions, Lora worked closely with DHS agencies such as U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and was a key player in interagency work with the Department of State and the Department of Justice. Lora also handled responsibility for DHS's lead role in U.S. visa policy.

Lora has also served as Counsel on the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims from 2000-2003. She counseled Chairmen Henry Hyde (R-IL), Lamar Smith (R-TX), and James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) on immigration legislation, oversight, and hearings. Lora negotiated and drafted the INS Data Management Improvement Act, the Enhanced Border Security Act, the immigration provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, and Immigration and Naturalization Service restructuring in the Homeland Security Act. Previously, Lora also served as an INS trial attorney and an attorney-advisor at the Executive Office for Immigration Review's Board of Immigration Appeals.

Monument Policy Group, LLC, provides clients with unique insight and reach into how federal public policy is created and influenced by the U.S. Congress, the executive branch and other key stakeholders. Honed by decades of high-level experience in all branches of government and in the private sector, Monument's partners also include Tim Punke, Andrew Howell, and Jessica Herrera-Flanigan. The firm's current client roster includes the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, EADS North America, Eli Lilly and Company, Flightwatch Secure, General Dynamics, Microsoft, the National Business Travel Association, National Center for APEC, PhRMA, Sybase, the Travel Industry Association, USIS, Verified Identity Pass, Weyerhaeuser, and Zillow.com.