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Jessica Herrera-Flanigan, Congressional Committee Staff Director and General Counsel, Joins Monument Policy Group as Partner

Washington, D.C. - Monument Policy Group, LLC today announced that Jessica Herrera-Flanigan will join the firm on July 1, 2008 as a Partner.

Herrera-Flanigan brings extensive experience in both the private and public sectors to Monument. She joins the firm from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, chaired by Representative Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), where she served as the Staff Director and General Counsel. With the Committee since its creation in 2003, she was responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Committee's legislative, oversight and policy initiatives. Herrera-Flanigan played a leading role in the passage of numerous pieces of legislation, including H.R.1, the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act, and bills related to port, rail, aviation and chemical security, as well as cybersecurity, homeland security technologies, biosecurity, border security, state and local grants, intelligence and information sharing. She also was the principal staff liaison for the Committee with the congressional leadership and the Administration.

Prior to her work in Congress, Herrera-Flanigan served in the U.S. Department of Justice from 1999 through 2003 as Senior Counsel at the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section. She also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia, focusing on fraud and public corruption. She began her career in private practice as a communications, energy, and intellectual property lawyer.

Among numerous honors, Herrera-Flanigan twice has been named one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S. by *Hispanic Business Magazine*.

Herrera-Flanigan commented, "I have had the great fortune during my time in government to work with great policy-makers, including Chairman Thompson and the Committee's other Members. I look forward to sharing my experiences with the

amazing team at Monument Policy Group. I am honored to be joining the firm, which has forged a reputation as being both effective and bipartisan."

Monument Partner Tim Punke said "We are thrilled to have Jessica join our firm. She brings not only substantive policy expertise, but also high-level relationships with key Members, committee and leadership staff. She has been a key player in the new Democratic Congress and will provide unique insight into the congressional agenda for our clients."

Monument Partner and Founder C. Stewart Verdery, Jr. noted, "Jessica brings a great reputation for working effectively across the political spectrum. Her experience on the Hill and understanding of executive branch agencies will give her a unique ability to tackle the most challenging issues. She will be a tremendous asset to our clients, and we are proud to welcome her to our partnership."

A native of Port Arthur, Texas, Herrera-Flanigan received her law degree from Harvard Law School and a B.A. with distinction from Yale University.

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 are ideally positioned to advise and shepherd the interests of clients spanning a wide array of business sectors. Monument Policy supports the public policy outreach efforts of clients seeking timely, substantive knowledge about the "who," "what," "why" and "how" of federal public policy. The firm's current client roster includes the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Cross Match Technologies, Digimarc Corporation, EADS - North America, EDS, 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, Weyerhaeuser, XM Satellite Radio, and Zillow.com.