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Husch Blackwell Welcomes Former Neb. State Senator Tim Gay

Husch Blackwell is pleased to announce that former Nebraska State Senator Tim Gay will join the firm's Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, offices as a Senior Advisor for the firm's Governmental Affairs group on Monday, January 3, 2011.

"We're thrilled that Tim accepted our invitation to join Husch Blackwell's Governmental Affairs group," said Steve Kupka, leader of the firm's Governmental Affairs practice and Washington, D.C., Office Managing Partner. "Tim's expertise will be invaluable to Nebraska companies."

Prior to joining the firm, Gay represented the 14th Legislative District in the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature from 2006 to 2010. As State Senator, Gay worked to help pass many important Health and Human Services bills. He also advocated for several pieces of legislation including the promotion of tax credits for economic development programs and the enhancement of the tax deduction to the Nebraska Savings Plan.

Gay has held leadership positions on several committees including his role as Chairman of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. He was one of three members of the Nebraska Legislature to be chosen to the Council of State Governments Bowhay Leadership Institute for future political leaders.

"Tim offers Husch Blackwell clients insight to the inner workings of the legislative and executive branch decision-making process," said Husch Blackwell Partner Hal Daub. "With this expansion of our governmental affairs practice, we are equipped to help any company or entity navigate the state and local governmental landscape."

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Gay also served as a Financial Advisor and Community Development Officer for American National Bank from 1999 to 2010. He was named "Business Partner of the Year" by American National Bank senior management in 2004.

Gay served as a Sarpy County Commissioner from 1995 to 2006, where he was elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board numerous times. He has served as past President of the Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency and Chairman of the Southeast District of the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Gay was awarded the MAPA Regional Citizen Award for hard work and effort in promoting activities that enhanced the region in 2009. He also received the Political Official of the Year Award from the Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce in 2008. Sarpy County is home to Bellevue, Gretna, La Vista, Papillion, Springfield and Offutt Air Force Base and is located just south of the City of Omaha.

Gay earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1987.