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TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL
JOHN DUNCAN
JOINS WEXLER & WALKER

*ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS,
26-YEAR HILL VETERAN,
TO BE FIRM MANAGING DIRECTOR*

Washington, D.C. March 28, 2005. John Duncan, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs, is joining Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, one of Washington's premier government affairs firms. Duncan, who begins his new duties on April 1, will serve as a Managing Director of the firm.

As the Department's senior official in charge of congressional relations, Duncan has worked closely with Senate and House leadership and the Chairmen and members of over 10 congressional committees. He played a key role in the passage of major parts of the President's legislative agenda, including the 2001, 2002 and 2003 tax cuts, the Patriot Act, the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, Sarbanes/Oxley, GSE reform, terrorism risk insurance, deposit insurance reform, pension reform and renewal of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. During his tenure at the Department, Duncan served in a close and confidential capacity to Secretaries Paul O'Neill and John Snow.

Prior to joining the Treasury Department in February, 2001, Duncan served as the Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for U.S. Senator William V. Roth, Jr. from 1985 until January 2, 2001. Duncan provided political and managerial guidance on major legislative initiatives that passed under Roth's Chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee, including welfare reform, tax cuts, pension reform, elimination of the marriage penalty, reducing capital gains taxes, Roth IRA, IRS reform, and trade expansion.

From 1984 to 1985, he served as the Majority Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs for Chairman Roth. From 1978 to 1984 he served as the Minority Staff Director for the House Committee on Government Operations for Ranking Republican Member Frank Horton. He began his Capitol Hill career as a

Professional Staff Member for the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources of the House Committee on Governmental Operations, where he worked for Ranking Republican Member John W. Wydler.

“We are thrilled to welcome John to Wexler & Walker. With over 30 years of senior government experience, John brings unique talents and insights which are sure to benefit not only our clients but all members of the firm as well,” said Robert S. Walker, a former 20-year Member of Congress from Pennsylvania and the firm’s Chairman.

“John’s expertise in the world of tax and financial services policy - not to mention his in-depth knowledge of the legislative process - further strengthens our ability to deliver successes for our clients,” noted Anne Wexler, Chairman of the firm’s Executive Committee.

Duncan said that he was looking forward to his new position. “After 30 years of being on the inside of the public policy process, I am excited to be taking on this new assignment. I have long admired Wexler & Walker and have known many of its principals for years. I am especially looking forward to once again working side-by-side with Jack Howard,” said Duncan. Firm President Jack Howard, a former Deputy Chief of Staff to House Speaker Dennis Hastert and former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, served as Deputy Assistant to President George W. Bush and Deputy Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs from January, 2001 – January, 2003.

Wexler & Walker was founded 24 years ago by Presidential advisor Anne Wexler and provides strategic counseling, direct lobbying and coalition building services to corporations, associations, non-profits and government clients. Robert S. Walker, former Chairman of the House Republican Leadership and Chairman of the House Science Committee, joined the company in 1997. The firm’s bipartisan ranks include some of the profession’s leading counselors.

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