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## Stevens & Brand Creates Strategic Alliance with Tenpenny Law

(Lawrence, KS, July 12, 2022) – Lawrence law firm Stevens & Brand (<u>stevensbrand.com</u>), a law firm with locations in Lawrence and Topeka, and newly launched Kansas City area government affairs firm Tenpenny Law (<u>tenpennylaw.com</u>) are announcing a strategic alliance. This alliance will expand services offered and reach to clients throughout Kansas including rural communities and the Kansas City Area.

Stevens & Brand LLP is a near century old law firm with deep roots in Lawrence and Douglas County dedicated to providing practical legal solutions for people and businesses. Stevens & Brand is a full service mid-sized firm with offices in Lawrence and Topeka and twenty-five experienced attorneys who focus on a wide variety of legal issues including: corporate, real estate, employment and probate and trust litigation.

Chad Tenpenny, a long-time US Senate aide and former Chief of Staff to US Senator Pat Roberts, launched Tenpenny Law LLC on June 1 after twenty-four years of Senate staff service in both Washington, DC and Kansas. Most recently, Tenpenny served as General Counsel to US Senator Roger Marshall. Tenpenny Law is headquartered in Leawood, Kansas and is focused on providing clients with federal, state and local government affairs counsel.

"Through Chad's Senate service for Senators Roberts and Marshall he has formed deep relationships with key folks in Washington, DC, Topeka, Kansas City and in all four corners of Kansas. We see that as a real benefit to our clients and the potential growth of our firm." said Brad Finkeldei, Managing Partner for Stevens & Brand. "Chad is an experienced, respected and steady advocate who knows how to get things done."

"Stevens and Brand is a highly respected Kansas law firm with many talented lawyers who offer a wide range of expertise," said Chad Tenpenny. "Brad and his partners recognize a couple of economic forces in the regional legal marketplace. First, rural Kansas has a cadre of experienced lawyers, but many are retiring causing a legal services shortage in rural communities. Likewise, legal billing rates in the Kansas City market can sometimes challenge consumers. Stevens & Brand believes they can help fill the void of retiring attorneys in rural Kansas and offer Kansas City area clients outstanding service at a competitive hourly rate. I am excited to help the firm grow in all areas of Kansas through my relationships and offer government affairs counsel to Stevens & Brand's clients."

This alliance brings together individuals with strong track records. Half of the Stevens & Brand partners earned recognition by *The Best Lawyers in America 2021*. Chad Tenpenny, while serving as a Senate staff member, was involved in the effort to permit and fund construction of the South Lawrence Trafficway, played a key role in four successful US Senate campaigns, and served in the effort to thoroughly vet and confirm presidential appointees including several federal judges.

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