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Government Solutions LLC is pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Michael Grappe' as an Associate to the government relations firm. Mr. Grappe' possesses a wealth of experience locally and internationally in oil and gas, chemical production, semiconductor manufacturing design and construction, energy power generation and distribution, real estate development in retail and residential projects, as well as serving in Arkansas as a solid waste director and the governmental liaison for the Department of Energy and Environment.

During his tenure with the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Michael worked with the private and municipal sectors in addressing Air, Water, Land and Energy issues, including permitting and compliance. His primary role was communicating with the legislative body on public policy issues and assisting in resolving constituent concerns.

Government Solutions Partners Randy Thurman and Courtney Sheppard both have local and state government experience going back to the 1980s, including three terms each in the Arkansas House of Representatives. Thurman and the late Bill Brady established Government Solutions in 1998. Courtney Sheppard is stepping down from his advocacy role but will continue as Senior Advisor Emeritus for the firm.

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