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**Thomas J. Puff Joins Gallagher & Kennedy and Expands Its Corporate, Securities Law, Venture Capital and Emerging Companies Practice Groups**

**PHOENIX**, Ariz. (June 9, 2017). Gallagher & Kennedy (G&K) is pleased to announce that Thomas J. Puff (Of Counsel) has joined the firm. Prior to joining G&K, Mr. Puff founded Venture Law Resources LLC a Minneapolis-based corporate, securities law, venture capital and capital markets law firm. Prior to founding VLR, Mr. Puff spent over ten years as a Partner and led the Securities Law, Venture Capital and Emerging Company Practice Groups at Winthrop & Weinstine and Messerli & Kramer in Minneapolis.

With more than 30 years representing U.S. public and private growth companies, their Boards, CEO's and their investors, Mr. Puff has been involved in private/public financings and business combinations valued at over \$500 million. With his "can do" attitude, broad experience and extensive U.S. network in the technology, software, healthcare/medtech, consumer/restaurant sectors, Mr. Puff brings real "value add" to his clients. His clients have included Taser Intl, SuperSolutions, Stellent, The Goodman Group, Redstone American Grill, Michael Foods, Health Fitness Corp., The Minnesota Vikings Football Club, ProUroCare, Metamodix, Ling and Louies, the Founder of Kona Grill, Kids Hair, Sahara Investment and many CEO's, broker-dealers and angel and institutional investors across the U.S.

"As has been well reported, Arizona's tech, VR, IOT and AI community is growing rapidly", said Dean Short, Gallagher & Kennedy Managing Partner. "Tom's broad experience will enhance our firm's capabilities to guide those companies through their life-cycles, particularly with regard to their critical funding needs."

Mr. Puff graduated with Honors from Saint Olaf College and received his JD from the American University Law School in Washington, DC. He's been a frequent speaker and panelist on corporate law, Board governance, venture capital, securities law and raising capital at the University of St. Thomas Opus and Schulze School of Business, the Carlson School of Business and Mayo Ventures events.

He was also one of a select number of attorneys chosen to be a judge and lecturer at various University of St. Thomas/Schulze School of Business and John Morrison School of Entrepreneurship events and as a judge for the E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year competition. In addition, Former Minnesota Governor Carlson appointed him to select panel of Minnesota corporate attorneys to revise Minnesota's securities and Blue Sky laws. Mr. Puff has four adopted children ages 25, 21 and twins 18 and enjoys golf, politics, international business and travel. Mr. Puff joins our Corporate & Transactions, Securities Law and Venture Capital and Emerging Companies Practice Areas.

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