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THE FERGUSON GROUP AND SOMACH, SIMMONS & DUNN ANNOUNCE NATIONAL STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Ferguson Group (TFG), one of America’s top lobbying firms for local governments and environmental clients, and Somach, Simmons & Dunn (SSD), one of the nation’s premier environmental law firms, have announced the launch of a strategic alliance between the two firms. These allied firms will now be able to offer local governments, companies, and other clients a full range of advocacy services in the environmental arena.

“Our alliance with this leading lobbying firm enhances our ability to provide our clients with comprehensive representation. Our advocacy, legal and strategic consulting resources will be combined in one seamless service,” says Stuart Somach, founder and partner with Somach, Simmons & Dunn. “This alliance, along with the opening of our new East Coast office in Washington, D.C., enhances our ability to provide legal services to other parts of the nation.”

SSD, headquartered in Sacramento, CA, provides nationwide legal services to clients on water rights, water quality, brownfields redevelopment, toxic and hazardous waste, natural resources, environmental, public lands, land use and real estate matters. SSD has helped local governments, developers, and other clients obtain favorable results at every level, from local planning boards up to the U.S. Supreme Court.

TFG is a government affairs firm based in Washington, D.C., with offices in California, Florida and North Carolina that focuses on helping local governments, companies and non-profits obtain federal funding, achieve legislative and regulatory goals, and promote policy and strategic initiatives. TFG is the largest representative of local governments in the nation’s Capital. TFG is a national leader in community revitalization, environmental innovation, waterfront redevelopment, and brownfields restoration.

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Bill Ferguson, founder and CEO of TFG, says that the strategic alliance will serve clients on issues that require a combination of traditional advocacy skills along with interdisciplinary, innovative approaches. “We have the team that can promote environmental and economic progress as these areas become more challenging and complex. With strong expertise in brownfields revitalization, land use, climate change and other emerging areas, this team is the place to look for innovative solutions,” says Ferguson.

The strategic alliance of these two firms will provide the following range of services to clients:

1. A full range of **legal**, compliance counsel, negotiation, and litigation services on water, natural resources, environmental and land use issues;
2. **Strategic consulting** on community revitalization, environmental, land use, infrastructure and other projects;
3. **Federal lobbying** for funding, legislative and regulatory changes, permitting and approvals, and policy projects;
4. **Coalition building** and management; and
5. **Federal grants**, through the *eCivis* grants locator and management tool.

TFG partner Matt Ward is also of counsel to SSD, and he heads the law firm’s Washington, D.C. office. Ward is excited about offering clients a higher level of services through this strategic alliance. “The communities, companies and organizations we represent are seeking solutions to complex environmental, legal and public policy challenges. I am confident that through the combined skills and talents of our allied firms, we can offer the best strategies for our clients across the nation, says Ward.”

Further information is available at:

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