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Moneta Group Principal Jim Blair Appointed by Governor to Missouri Department of Conservation Commission



ST. LOUIS—July 14, 2011— Governor Jay Nixon has appointed Moneta Group principal Jim Blair to the Missouri Department of Conservation Commission. The four-person commission helps oversee the work of the Missouri Department of Conservation, the non-political, science-based conservation agency charged with maintaining Missouri's diverse forests, fish and wildlife. Commission members determine department policy, approve wildlife regulations and participate in strategic planning and budget expenditures.

A Moneta Group principal for almost 25 years, Jim has long served his clients as their advocate and Family CFO, successfully navigating families through various market conditions and important financial milestones. He is consistently ranked as a top advisor in the industry (recognized by *Barron's* on its list of top independent advisors since 2007) and is a member of the board of directors for his firm, which manages more than \$11 billion dollars in assets and is one of the nation's largest Registered Investment Advisor firms.

While Jim takes great pride in the work he does on behalf of his clients, his true passion is for the outdoors. An ardent conservationist, Jim has spent a lifetime working with and learning from our state's top conservationists. He is past president of the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, current board member for the Conservation Federation of Missouri and a one of the founding board members of the Great River Habitat Alliance. He has also been active on the local, state and national level with Ducks Unlimited for more 25 years.

Jim is an avid waterfowler, archer, shooting enthusiast and photographer. Of all of his outdoor pursuits, however, he most enjoys working with the Conservation Department's private land specialists to maximize habitat and wildlife potential on his various properties.

Jim resides in St. Louis County with his wife Anna, two children, three dogs and a cat.

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About Moneta Group

Headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, Moneta Group provides “Family CFO” services to a select group of successful families. Founded in 1905, the firm’s primary role is serving as their clients’ advocate - while helping them negotiate the many complexities encountered in managing their complex financial affairs. Advice is provided across a broad range of topics including investment management, retirement planning, estate planning, risk management, business succession planning, income tax planning, employee compensation planning and education funding. As the Family CFO, Moneta allows their clients the opportunity to continue doing what they do best: building wealth, pursuing hopes, and living the life of their dreams. For more information on Moneta Group, visit www.monetagroup.com.