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Senior Republican Policy Advisor and Strategist Alex Hecht Joins ML Strategies Adding to Government Relations Experience

Washington, D.C. – ML Strategies today announced the addition of <u>Alex Hecht</u>, former Chief Counsel to Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and highly regarded health care, financial services and regulatory specialist. Mr. Hecht joins the firm as a Vice President of Government Relations in Washington, D.C. ML Strategies is the government affairs consulting affiliate of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

"As an attorney with first-hand experience advising such a key player as Senator Snowe on a range of significant legislation, Alex brings an important perspective to the consulting capabilities of ML Strategies," said <u>Stephen Tocco</u>, President and CEO of ML Strategies.

"His expertise will be essential to bolstering ML Strategies' bipartisan government relations group as well as expanding the scope of our legislative and regulatory work in health care, financial services, energy, and other issues We are thrilled to welcome him on board," added <u>David Leiter</u>, President of ML Strategies' Washington office

Prior to joining ML Strategies, Mr. Hecht served as Chief Counsel for Senator Olympia Snowe on the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. He also worked closely with Senator Snowe in her capacity as a senior member of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. In addition to working as Senator Snowe's principal counsel on numerous critical health care and insurance issues, Mr. Hecht also advised the Senator on energy, financial services, small business, technology, and innovation matters.

Additionally, as one of the leading congressional staff specialists on the regulatory process, Mr. Hecht has developed numerous bills and amendments to scores of bills reducing the regulatory compliance burden of business.

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Prior to working on the Hill, Alex was a Legislative Analyst at the National Multi Housing Council. Earlier in his career he worked as a Research Clerk at the Maryland Office of the Attorney General and as an investigative journalist writing for numerous publications.

Mr. Hecht is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health & Health Services, teaching courses on "Basics of Legislation and Regulation" and "The Data Quality Act and Public Health".

Mr. Hecht received his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center, and his LL.M., with a concentration in administrative and regulatory law and policy, from the George Washington University Law School.

ML Strategies provides consulting services in federal and state government relations, real estate project development, and communications. ML Strategies works with a variety of clients across a number of industries including health care, energy and clean technology, life sciences, telecommunications and transportation. Their clients include Fortune 100, mid-sized, and early stage companies, as well as trade groups, associations, and non-profits.

In addition to Mr. Leiter, Hecht will join other seasoned ML Strategies principals, including Jeremy Rabinovitz and Tom Koutsoumpas. For a complete list of their professionals, and other information, please visit www.mlstrategies.com.

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