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JMP Hires Top Senate Chief of Staff

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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) --- Further solidifying its reputation as the top Senate Democratic firm, Johnson, Madigan, Peck has hired **Jonathon Jones**, former Chief of Staff to Senator **Tom Carper** (D-DE). Highly regarded for his political savvy, results-oriented effectiveness in building coalitions and creating consensus across party lines, Jones has played a key role shaping policy and planning strategy for moderate Democrats for more than a decade.

“We consider ourselves incredibly fortunate to have Jonathon Jones joining our firm,” said **David Johnson**, who, with Patrick Griffin, founded the firm nearly 20 years ago. “Jonathon fits perfectly into our team of senior professionals dedicated to client service,” Johnson added.

Jones joins Johnson, Madigan, Peck, Boland & Stewart after a distinguished career of public service. For the past 13 years, he worked for Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), serving as his Chief of Staff since 2000. Between 1993 and 1995, he was Deputy Director of then-Governor Carper’s Washington, DC office, after which he became Governor Carper’s Federal Policy Advisor.

"Jonathon has been an integral part of my team for as long as I can remember, and for the past six years, he has been my right hand in the Senate," said **Senator Carper**. "I owe much of my success today to Jonathon's political and policy acumen, his youthful enthusiasm, and his can-do attitude. I will miss him every day after he leaves us, and so will my staff. I know he'll be enormously successful at his new firm, and he knows that he'll always be part of the Carper family."

In the Senate, Jones has played a key role in the passage of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, bankruptcy reform, the Part D drug benefit legislation and the No Child Left Behind legislation, and most recently legislation to modernize the US Postal Service. Jonathon also has worked extensively on International Trade policy, from both the business side and the government side of the equation. As a result, he has developed a unique understanding of the importance of free trade and the fragile coalitions that are critical to expanding trade opportunities for our country. During his tenure in the Senate, Jones led outreach to the business community for the Senate Democrats, and he worked on a daily basis with the Democratic Leadership Council on its positive pro-growth agenda. Jonathon also helped create, launch and grow [Third Way](#), a new moderate policy think tank for Senate Democrats.

“Jonathon Jones was the go-to Democratic staffer in the Senate for the business community,” said **Jonathan Cowan**, President of Third Way. “That’s not only because his boss is a pro-growth Democrat, but because Jonathon knows how to get things done. He was one of the most capable, knowledgeable and well-connected senior staffers on the Hill. He knew exactly which buttons to push and how to make things happen in the Senate.”

Jonathon’s extensive experience extends as well to state and local governments. Between 1989 and 1993, he did federal relations work for local governments, including the cities of Cleveland, Ohio; Fort Worth, Texas; San Mateo County, California; Oakland County, Michigan; and Fairfax County, Virginia.

While Tom Carper was Chairman of the National Governors Association, Jonathon led the staff, directed and shaped policy development and led efforts to implement NGA policy. Indeed, during Jonathon’s tenure, the NGA was named the 12th most powerful lobbying organization by Fortune magazine, the highest such ranking ever received by the NGA.

Jonathon has also worked closely with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He has been a featured speaker at many annual meetings, and he maintains excellent working relationships with senior officials at the Conference and at the National Association of Counties.

A graduate of Tulane University, Jonathon lives with his wife and three children in McLean, Virginia.

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