## WASHINGTON COMPANIES APPOINTS JON BENNION AS NEW GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

January 4, 2021 – The Washington Companies are pleased to welcome Jon Bennion as the new Government Affairs Director based in Helena, Montana. Starting January 5, 2021, Jon will work with government affairs veteran Mike Halligan on all aspects of the Washington Companies.

Jon is uniquely fitted for this role with 20 years of varied legislative and legal experience, serving since 2013 in Montana's Department of Justice, most



recently as Chief Deputy Attorney General. Previously, he was with the Montana Chamber of Commerce as in-house counsel and Government Relations Director.

After earning his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Montana, Jon served as a Congressional Legislative Aide, then returned to UM's School of Law to obtain his Juris Doctorate while simultaneously writing and publishing *Big Sky Politics: Campaigns & Elections in Modern Montana*. He and his family live in Clancy, Montana, where they are involved in their local community.

Washington Companies President Larry Simkins said, "The Washington Companies are fortunate to have someone with Jon's talents and expertise join our team. His hands-on legislative experience and familiarity with business challenges and opportunities fit well with our long-term strategy and vision."

We welcome Jon to the Washington Companies.

