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Craig Hoffman Named ASPPA General Counsel/ Director of Regulatory Affairs

Arlington, Va. — The American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA) announced that attorney [Craig Hoffman](#) is joining the staff as general counsel and director of regulatory affairs. Hoffman is a former ASPPA president and joins the ASPPA staff from SunGard Relius L.L.C., where he served as vice president and general counsel.

“We are thrilled to have Craig joining the ASPPA team. His abilities, experience, and reputation will greatly enhance our advocacy efforts for our members and the entire retirement industry,” said Brian Graff, ASPPA executive director and chief executive officer. “I am very happy and excited to become part of the ASPPA team. The ASPPA mission has been very important to me for many years. To now have the opportunity to serve in a full-time capacity is a dream come true. I look forward to working with Brian and the other dedicated professionals of ASPPA,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman was a charter member of the first Internal Revenue Service Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Governmental Entities. He was a featured expert at the first National Summit on Retirement Savings, sponsored jointly by The White House and Congress. Hoffman is a longtime ASPPA volunteer in government affairs and with the ASPPA political action committee. As a member of ASPPA, he co-chaired the Government Affairs Committee. A frequent speaker in the retirement industry and author of retirement-related articles, Hoffman brings a wealth of regulatory and tax issue knowledge to the position.

Prior to his affiliation with SunGard, Hoffman was in private law practice specializing in the areas of taxation, the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974, and employee benefits. He earned his Juris Doctorate, and Master of Law degree in taxation, from the University of Florida. He is a member of the National Institute of Pension Administrators and is a fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel.

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ASPPA is a national organization of more than 6,500 retirement plan professionals who provide consulting and administrative services for qualified retirement plans covering millions of American workers. ASPPA members are retirement professionals of all disciplines including consultants, administrators, actuaries, accountants, and attorneys. The broad-based membership gives it unusual insight into current practical problems with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and qualified retirement plans with a particular focus on the issues faced by small- to medium-sized employers. ASPPA membership is diverse and united by a common dedication to the private retirement plan system.

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