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After serving a combined eighteen years in key Senate staff positions, **Thomas D. Parry** (1947-2001) and **Romano Romani** founded the firm of **Parry and Romani Associates, Inc.** in February of 1984. **Senator DeConcini** joined the firm in 1995 after serving 18 years in the United States Senate. The firm was then known as **Parry, Romani & DeConcini**. In January of 2001, we joined forces with **Senator Steve Symms** and **John Haddow** of Symms and Haddow and became **PARRY, ROMANI, DECONCINI & SYMMS**. The firm is one of the most successful and effective in the crowded field of Washington legislative advocacy.

From their very first client, they have attracted many of the most prestigious corporations and associations active in Washington. Today, the list of active clients numbers around twenty-five and includes GNC, Verizon, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Novartis, Sepracor and Maricopa Community Colleges District.

In over twenty years of service to the firm's diversified clientele, **Mr. Parry, Dr. Romani, Sen DeConcini** and **Senator Symms** have overseen numerous legislative efforts. While the firm has handled issues before a wide variety of Congressional Committees, it has been especially active with the Senate and House Judiciary and Appropriations Committees; the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; the Senate Environment & Public Works and Commerce, Science and Transportation Committees; the House Energy & Commerce Committee and the Food and Drug Administration.

Together, **Dr. Romani, Senator DeConcini** and **Senator Symms** and their associates have amassed over seventy years of Congressional experience. They have been involved in every aspect of the legislative process, and constitute one of Washington's top teams of lobbyists and legislative consultants.

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ROMANO ROMANI
PRESIDENT

Romano Romani, is a former Professor of Political Science with a Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University who served for ten years as Legislative Director and Staff Director for both former Senators Vance Hartke, a Democrat from Indiana, and Dennis DeConcini, a Democrat from Arizona, who served as Chairman of the Intelligence Committee as well as Chairman of the Intellectual Property Subcommittee and as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

In 1984, ***Dr. Romani*** formed ***Parry and Romani Associates, Inc.*** with ***Thomas D. Parry***, specializing in legislative and regulatory affairs.

Dr. Romani is married and has three children. He and his family reside in Rockville, Maryland.

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DENNIS DECONCINI
United States Senator (Retired)
Vice President and Partner

The Honorable ***Dennis DeConcini*** joined the firm early in 1995 and is the former senior Senator from the State of Arizona, an office he held for 18 years. During his tenure, ***Senator DeConcini*** served on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he chaired the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, and served on the Subcommittees on Defense, Energy and Water Development, and Foreign Operations. ***Senator DeConcini*** also served on the Senate Judiciary Committee and chaired the Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks. He also served on the Subcommittees on Antitrust, Monopolies and Business Rights, the Constitution and the Courts. In addition, the Senator served on the Select Intelligence Committee and was Chairman of the Committee in 1993 and 1994. ***Senator DeConcini*** also chaired the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission).

Senator DeConcini served one elected term prior to coming to the United States Senate as Pima County Attorney. This office is the chief prosecutor and civil attorney for the county and school districts within the county. Prior to this, he served as legal counsel and administrative assistant to the Governor of Arizona and founded the law firm of DeConcini, McDonald, Yetwin and Lacy (where he is presently a partner) with offices in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona and the District of Columbia.

Senator DeConcini received his Bachelors Degree from the University of Arizona in 1959 and his LLD from the University of Arizona in 1963. ***Senator DeConcini*** is a recognized expert in the appropriations, budget and authorization process in the Congress.

Senator DeConcini is a member of numerous boards, including:

- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Retired
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Former Chairman
- Internal Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- Arizona Board of Regents, Appointed 2006

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STEVE SYMMS
United States Senator (Retired)
Member, U.S. House (Retired)
Partner

The Honorable *Steve Symms*, former United States Senator from Idaho, was born in Nampa, Idaho, on April 23, 1938. A graduate of Caldwell High School, *Sen. Symms* earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Idaho. After serving three years in the United States Marine Corps, he returned to the Symms Fruit Ranch, Inc., his family business in Caldwell, Idaho.

A political unknown in 1972, he ran for and won a seat in the United States House of Representatives. In 1980 *Congressman Symms* won election to the Senate upsetting a long-term incumbent and was re-elected in 1986, defeating a 10-year sitting governor.

Before his January, 1993 retirement from the U.S. Senate, *Sen. Symms* served on the Finance and Armed Services Committees, and was also a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

During his years of public service, *Sen. Symms* was selected to receive the U.S. Marine Corps “Iron Mike” award and the National Guard’s “Minuteman of the Year” award, in addition to awards from such groups as the National Federation of Independent Business, the Freedom Foundation, the American Security Council, the Watchdog of the Treasury, Americans for Constitutional Action and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Upon his retirement, *Sen. Symms* formed his own consulting firm, Symms, Lehn Associates, Inc. In January, 1999, he and John Haddow formed Symms & Haddow Associates and in January, 2001, they joined forces with Parry, Romani & DeConcini to form *Parry, Romani, DeConcini & Symms*.

Sen. Symms is also a Partner in Boise Air Service, Inc, an FBO in Boise, Idaho; a Director of the Freedom Alliance; and a Director with the PanAmerica Capital Group.

Sen. Symms and his wife, Loretta, reside in Virginia

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EDWARD H. BAXTER
Partner

Edward H. Baxter joined the firm in April, 1992. He brings enormous Congressional and governmental affairs experience, having served in the executive and legislative branches of government as well as having an association and law firm background. *Mr. Baxter* served for nine years as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, including three years as Chief Counsel and Staff Director to the Subcommittee on Patent, Copyrights and Trademarks, one of the most active subcommittees in Congress. He was also responsible for antitrust, bankruptcy, immigration, Constitutional issues, as well as crime and drug legislation, selected appropriations issues, and Medicare and Social Security.

Prior to his work on the Judiciary Committee, *Mr. Baxter* was an attorney for the Department of the Interior and then Counsel and Director of Governmental Affairs for the American Physical Therapy Association. After leaving the Hill, he was a partner for two years at the law firm of Graham & James.

Mr. Baxter graduated from the University of Georgia Law School and the University of Georgia, where he was Captain of the Track and Cross Country teams. He and his wife, Marguerite, reside in Northern Virginia.

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JAMES W. ROCK
Vice President

James W. Rock joined the firm in February 2002. He has over 20 years of Washington experience, including eight as the principal legislative aide to two key members of the House Ways and Means Committee. During his tenure on Capitol Hill, *Mr. Rock* gained a reputation as one of the most effective and respected personal staff members of this important congressional committee.

On Congressional staff, *Mr. Rock* participated in a comprehensive rewriting of the U.S. Tax Code through the development of a series of major tax bills. He also worked extensively on Medicare, Social Security, welfare reform and trade legislation. He was one of the primary architects of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and was a major participant in the development of the Tax Reform Act of 1986. He also worked on the numerous budget proposals considered by the committee during this period affecting health, welfare and Social Security.

In addition, *Mr. Rock* has twelve years of experience in the private sector representing clients on both legislative and regulatory matters. He brings considerable expertise in the area of taxation, including real estate, utility taxation, estate and gift taxation, employee benefits, accounting, international taxation, oil and gas, tax-exempt organizations, minimum tax, insurance, tax-exempt bonds, and small business. He has also provided legislative representation to his clients on other issues, including the regulation of medical devices by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Medicare, utility deregulation, appropriations, budget, commerce, energy, telecommunications, internet commerce and judiciary matters.

Mr. Rock has a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs in Austin, Texas. He and his family reside in Northern Virginia.

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THADDEUS E. STROM
Vice President, Congressional Relations

Thaddeus Strom joined Parry, Romani, DeConcini & Symms in February 2004 as Vice President for Congressional Relations after more than two decades of service on Capitol Hill. Mr. Strom brings extensive knowledge of the issues and legislative process, which he acquired under the guidance of Senator Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate.

Mr. Strom joined the firm after serving as a director with the American Group from 1997. Prior to that, he served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, Committee on the Judiciary in the U.S. Senate; Senator Thurmond served as Chairman of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee conducted oversight of the Antitrust Division at the U.S. Department of Justice and considered many antitrust legislative initiatives.

In addition, as Senator Thurmond's Chief Counsel, Mr. Strom was responsible for other Judiciary Committee issues, including successful work on various intellectual property legislation, anti-crime bills, and judicial nominations.

Mr. Strom also represented Senator Thurmond at weekly Republican leadership staff meetings in the Majority Leader's office to discuss implementation of the Republican agenda in the U.S. Senate.

From 1991 to 1993, while Senator Thurmond was Ranking Member and Senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Strom served as the Chief Counsel and Staff Director to the Republican members. In this capacity, he was the chief strategist and legislative advisor to the Republicans on all legislation referred to the committee. Also, Mr. Strom was responsible for the organization and direction of Republican staff members on the Committee.

From 1988 to 1991, Mr. Strom served as General Counsel to Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee, providing substantive analysis and devising strategy on bills referred to the Committee.

Mr. Strom served as Chief of Staff to Senator Strom Thurmond from 1986 to 1988. As Chief of Staff, Mr. Strom was responsible for formulating and directing office policy for Senator Thurmond in all areas of his U.S. Senate office. Mr. Strom received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Clemson University, and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He and his family reside in Washington, DC.

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