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Lt. Governor Kinder Names AuBuchon Chief of Staff and General Counsel

JEFFERSON CITY – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today named Richard M. AuBuchon to serve as his new Chief of Staff and General Counsel.

“Rich’s background and experience in public policy, law and state government will be tremendous assets in helping my office better serve Missourians,” Lt. Governor Kinder said. “Rich has been a trusted advisor since he began working for my good friend, the late Commissioner of Administration Mike Keathley. I am extremely pleased that Rich has decided to join my staff and I look forward to having him lead the day-to-day activities of my office.”

AuBuchon, 32 of Jefferson City, presently serves as the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Counsel for the State of Missouri Office of Administration under current Commissioner Larry Shepker. AuBuchon oversees management of the Office of Administration, as well as handling all legal matters for the office.

In his new role, AuBuchon will serve as chief advisor to Lt. Governor Kinder on senior and veteran issues and will serve as a liaison with various boards and commissions, including the Missouri Tourism Commission. AuBuchon will supervise the day-to-day activities of Lt. Governor Kinder’s office and all relative legal matters.

“I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to serve the people of Missouri on behalf of Lt. Governor Kinder on issues important to our seniors, veterans and businesses,” AuBuchon said. “Having previously worked with Lt. Governor Kinder on these issues, I am keenly aware of his hard-work and commitment on behalf of all Missourians and I look forward to this new opportunity.”

Prior to joining the Office of Administration, AuBuchon served as an assistant attorney general in the office of Attorney General Jay Nixon where he worked in the Environmental Protection Division serving as counsel for important environmental court cases, including the Missouri Land Reclamation Commission. He also represented the State of Missouri during the Missouri River litigation suit where he fought to protect Missouri's river industry and domestic water supplies. AuBuchon previously served in private practice at the firm of Budd-Falen in Cheyenne, Wyoming. As an attorney, he has represented many federal land law and Endangered Species act cases.

AuBuchon holds a Juris Doctorate with honors from Tulsa College of Law where he served as the Notes and Comments Editor for the Tulsa Law Review. AuBuchon received a bachelor's degree from Westminster College in Fulton where he played varsity basketball.

Rich and his wife Zora have one daughter, Anna Lea, and make their home in Jefferson City. AuBuchon will begin his duties on July 16, 2008.

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