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## John Fernandez Joins First Capital Group as Partner and Senior Vice President

*Former Bloomington Mayor Rounds-Out  
Company's Impressive Executive Team*

First Capital Group announced today that John Fernandez joined the company as partner and senior vice president effective January 1, 2007. Fernandez brings to the firm more than 20 years of expertise in the public and private sectors advising and facilitating corporate development and expansion projects, large-scale real estate transactions and downtown revitalization initiatives.

In his new leadership role with First Capital, Fernandez will help the company establish a broader national footprint to significantly increase the company's assets and interests. This includes identifying and managing viable real estate acquisitions and property development projects. He also will be interfacing with government officials, negotiating favorable economic incentives and facilitating zoning approvals on First Capital's behalf.

"Our entire executive team has a long-standing relationship with John and deep respect for his accomplishments both at Finelight and as the former Mayor of Bloomington," commented First Capital Group's president and founder, Tim J. Mitchell. "We're honored that he is joining the company and we're confident that with his help, First Capital will quickly reach its next summit. As a company, we plan to leverage his expertise in governmental relations as well as his vast knowledge of local, state and national economic incentives to expand First Capital nationally."

In addition to his direct role in real estate and property development projects, Fernandez also will help lead First Capital's corporate growth strategy. In this capacity he, along side the other partners, will set the organization's strategic direction, establish budgets, make investment decisions and drive the company's nation-wide growth.

"Joining First Capital Group represents a phenomenal opportunity for me to draw upon my collective experiences, skills and relationships and apply them on a national level," stated John Fernandez, First Capital's new partner and senior vice president. "I've known and worked with the company's partners for more than a decade. We share history, trust and a passion for driving development and revitalization projects that transform and make a positive impact on the markets and communities involved. This is an exciting chapter in my life and my career."

Prior to joining First Capital, Fernandez served as senior vice president at Finelight Strategic Marketing Communications where he advised the chief executive and financial officers on real estate acquisitions and development projects. Fernandez also served as Mayor of Bloomington from 1996 to 2003. During his two terms in office, Fernandez developed an aggressive downtown revitalization plan resulting in more than \$100 million of new investments. Working with business and Indiana University leaders, Fernandez launched Bloomington's Life Sciences Partnership, secured more than \$243 million in private investments and created more than 3,700 jobs.

Fernandez received a J.D. from Indiana University's School of Law and an M.P.A. from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He is involved in several professional associations, including the Indiana State Bar Association, and he currently serves as an attorney of counsel for the Indianapolis-based law firm Krieg DeVault, LLP.

### About First Capital Group

Headquartered in Bloomington, Ind., First Capital Group directs a portfolio of more than 40 thriving businesses. Founded in 1983, the firm has more than \$150 million in assets and owns more than one million square feet of real estate. First Capital Group's portfolio businesses span several industries, including manufacturing, life sciences, technology, retail and real estate.