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(Neb.)-Ricketts Names Directors Of State Energy Office And Banking/Finance



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(Lincoln) –Governor-elect Pete Ricketts announced the appointment of David Bracht as Director of the Nebraska Energy Office and Mark Quandahl as Director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance.

Bracht of Omaha is a partner at Stinson Leonard Street, LLP where he co-leads the renewable energy group and serves as counsel to companies involved in energy development, including biofuels, biomass, and wind energy. He has advised on major wind and ethanol projects including an advanced cellulosic biofuels plant utilizing first-of-its-kind technology in the United States. Previously, Bracht was a partner at Husch Blackwell from 2004-2013. Prior to his tenure in private practice, he worked in Washington, DC at the United States Department of Agriculture from 1990-1993 and was Associate Manager of Federal Crop Insurance. He also served as Legislative Assistant to State Senator Phil Erdman.

“I know the Nebraska Energy Office will flourish under David’s leadership,” said Governor-elect Pete Ricketts. “His experience working with energy companies developing projects in Nebraska will help our state continue to attract new energy investments.”

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Quandahl of Omaha is an attorney and of counsel to Brumbaugh & Quandahl, PC, LLO where he focused on credit, commercial litigation, banking, and healthcare. He has also served as a director for United Republic Bank of Omaha and Convenient Care Plus. Quandahl is a former member of the Nebraska State Board of Education and former Nebraska State Senator where he served as Chairman of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

“Mark’s legal, business and finance background make him uniquely qualified to lead the department,” said Governor-elect Pete Ricketts. “I look forward to working with him to ensure Nebraskans are treated fairly and financial industries thrive.”

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