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Bannon Named to The Governor's Prevention Partnership Board

(Hartford, CT – May 17, 2006) – Stephen Ristau, president and CEO of The Governor's Prevention Partnership, today announced the appointment of attorney Tim Bannon to the board of The Governor's Prevention Partnership.

The Governor's Prevention Partnership is a public-private partnership formed in 1989. It is a unique alliance between state government and business leaders with a mission to keep Connecticut's youth safe, successful and drug-free. Today it is the only statewide organization focused exclusive on prevention and is among the state's largest organizations dedicated to preventing alcohol and drug use among youth, and combating violence in schools.

"We're extraordinarily pleased that Tim has chosen to accept this appointment to our board," said Ristau. "Tim is extremely bright and talented. His extensive experience at policy-making levels in both the public and private sectors makes him an outstanding addition. We welcome him and look forward to his guidance."

Bannon serves as special counsel at Purdue Pharma L.P., a privately-owned pharmaceutical company headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut that is known for its pioneering research on a principal cause of human suffering: chronic pain. In addition to his responsibilities within Purdue Pharma's law department, he leads the company's public affairs functions.

Prior to joining Purdue Pharma, his private-sector career included a variety of assignments in strategic communications, public affairs and law. He has been a senior vice president at a national public affairs consulting firm in Alexandria, Virginia; a strategic planner and vice president for corporate issues at a Fortune 500 financial services company; and a lawyer in private practice, specializing in litigation.

In the public sector, he served as Connecticut's Commissioner of Revenue Services in the administration of Governor William A. O'Neill, as well as special counsel to Governor O'Neill, the first co-chair of The Governor's Prevention Partnership. As Assistant Deputy Treasurer in the administration of Treasurer Denise L. Nappier, he managed the communications, community and government relations functions of the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut.

Bannon has prepared speeches for corporate executives, political candidates and public officials and written articles published in Harper's Magazine, The New York Times and the Hartford Courant.

He holds a B.A. degree from Yale College and a J.D. from Yale Law School. He resides in Stamford, Connecticut.

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Established in 1989, The Governor's Prevention Partnership (www.preventionworksct.org) is a non-profit, public-private partnership whose goal is to keep Connecticut kids drug-free, safe and successful by creating local programs that prevent youth substance abuse and violence. The Partnership is partially funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the state Office of Policy and Management.