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Portland Business Alliance Forum Series Gets a New Face,  
Kerry Tymchuk to Moderate 2009-2010 Season  
*Forum Series to focus on economic, policy issues*

Portland, Ore. – The Portland Business Alliance announced today that its monthly breakfast Forum series will feature a new, regular monthly moderator, Kerry Tymchuk, a principal at [Conkling Fiskum & McCormick, Inc.](#) Tymchuk, known for his quick wit and deep knowledge of policy issues, will add a new component to the breakfast's discussions. The series will begin Wednesday, Sept. 16 with a discussion about moving the region's economy forward.



"We are always looking for ways to make our events more engaging for our members," said Charles Wilhoite, chair of the Portland Business Alliance board and managing director of Willamette Management Associates. "Kerry's humor and longtime work on the issues affecting our region made him the obvious choice for leading our monthly policy discussions."

"The Portland Business Alliance Forums have earned a reputation as one of the region's preeminent venues for timely and thought-provoking policy discussions," said Tymchuk. "My goal as moderator is to build on that reputation and to ensure that the discussions are compelling, relevant and fun."

Tymchuk has a great deal of experience in government service, business, and even Jeopardy! He served as State Director to U.S. Senator Gordon Smith for 12 years in which he earned a reputation for bipartisanship, effectiveness and integrity. Prior to his work for Smith, Tymchuk was Legal Counsel and Director of Speechwriting to U.S. Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole. A four-time champion on "Jeopardy!" Kerry also is the co-author of several books with the Doles. Kerry also joined with Columbia Sportswear Chairman Gert Boyle in co-authoring her autobiography, as well as with former Louisiana-Pacific CEO Harry Merlo. To hear more about Tymchuk firsthand, click [here](#).

Forum attendees get an inside look at the day's current issues from experts in the field and gain a better understanding of how those issues impact business. Upcoming topics include healthcare reform, state business taxes, economic forecast and the future of media. The breakfast Forum is held from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Governor Hotel. The Forum series is a monthly panel that runs from September through June.

Table or individual series subscriptions are available as well as tables and seats for individual breakfasts. Forum sponsorships are also available and are a great way to get your business in front of the region's business and civic leaders. Contact Christine Gatlin for more information at 503-552-6742 or [cgatlin@portlandalliance.com](mailto:cgatlin@portlandalliance.com).

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