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Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Paul Zorn, GRS's Director of Governmental Research, as an advisor to the Committee on Retirement and Benefits Administration (CORBA) of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). GFOA is the preeminent association of state and local government finance officials in the United States and Canada. Its Committee on Retirement and Benefits Administration advises the GFOA on policies and best practices related to public pensions, health care, and other benefit related issues.

Mr. Zorn has been a public-sector benefits researcher since 1983 and joined GRS in 1998. Paul's research covers benefit related public-sector policies and trends, federal and state laws, accounting standards, Internal Revenue Service regulations, and Social Security. Plan administrators, legislative analysts, actuaries, and other benefit professionals have used his research and the national press has quoted him.

Paul's many professional achievements attest to his dedication to providing research for public-sector benefit plans:

- He recently testified before the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) regarding proposed changes to accounting and financial reporting standards for employers that sponsor defined benefit pension plans;
- He has co-authored several papers and presentations regarding the proposed GASB standards for employers that sponsor defined benefit pension plans;
- He served as an advisor on the GASB's OPEB task force;
- As GRS's Director of Governmental Research, Paul has authored or co-authored over 175 articles, research memoranda, and news summaries published by GRS;
- He frequently serves as a speaker and author on public-sector benefit issues for various benefits industry associations; and
- He helped the Public Pension Coordinating Council develop one of the first comprehensive surveys of state and local government retirement systems.