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Former U.S. Rep. John Tanner of Union City is one of 37 additional attorneys to join an expanding major law firm's Nashville office.

Tanner, a Democrat who retired from Congress in 2011 after 22 years in office, will specialize in government relations for **Butler, Snow**, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada. Former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour has similar responsibilities for the firm in Jackson, Miss., where it is based.

**Butler Snow** announced the expansion on Thursday, bringing to more than 220 attorneys practicing in 12 offices nationwide.

The firm also has offices in Birmingham and Montgomery, Ala; Jackson, Bay St. Louis, Gulfport and Oxford, Miss.; Nashville and Memphis; Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La.; and Fort Washington and Bethlehem, Penn.

The expansion makes **Butler Snow** one of the Southeast's largest firms.

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