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TMSL Alumnus Serves on Congressional Committee

Representative Hank Johnson (D-GA) was recently appointed as the chair of a newly created subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy. The subcommittee was created from the former Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property. Johnson's subcommittee will deal with antitrust law, monopolies, restraint of trade, and the administration of the federal courts, including federal rules and judicial ethics.

Johnson was elected to the 110th Congress and, in his first official act, helped install Nancy Pelosi as the first woman Speaker of the House. During his first term, Hank voted to raise the minimum wage; fought for children's health insurance; voted to provide more funding for Head Start program, and to reform the "No Child Left Behind" Act. He also pushed for foreclosure relief and legislation to protect citizens from predatory lending.

Hank has held at least one Town Hall meeting per month in his home town since his election. In order to better serve constituents, he launched "Congress on Your Corner," and participated in a host of community events to hear directly from his constituents. His two district offices provided service for over 1,000 constituent cases ranging from passport issues to Social Security complaints and postal service challenges.

Prior to his election, Johnson served as a DeKalb County Commissioner where he chaired the Budget committee and a committee to coordinate planning with the Board of Education.

In partnership with his wife, for nearly three decades, he was a principal in Johnson & Johnson Law Group, LLC, practicing law in Decatur where he focused on criminal and civil litigation. For 12 years he served as a judge in the Magistrate Court of Dekalb County and by designation, he sat as a State Court Judge, presiding over civil and criminal jury trials. The Georgia Supreme Court appointed Hank to serve as a Special Master.

Johnson earned his J.D. degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) where he later served as president of the Alumni Association, DeKalb Chapter. A member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Johnson is married and has two children.