

Senate Confirms Coalgate Attorney to Oklahoma Tourism Commission



COALGATE ATTORNEY, TRAE GRAY, left, and his son, Mack, visit with state Sen. Jay Paul Gumm in the Senator's Capital Office prior to Gray's confirmation hearing for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

Coalgate attorney, Trae Gray, has been nominated by Gov. Brad Henry to serve a six-year term on the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

Senator Jay Paul Gumm, D-Durant, sponsored Gray's nomination before the Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee, which recommended he be confirmed.

Upon Gumm's motion, the full Senate confirmed Gray on a 44-0 vote. His term on the Commission becomes effective July 1.

The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission oversees the state Tourism Department and Oklahoma's efforts to strengthen its tourism economy, which is responsible for more than \$5 billion of economic impact to the state.

"Trae believes strongly that tourism is one of Oklahoma's greatest assets," Gumm said. "In our part of the state, it is a critical component of our economy and will create thousands of great jobs in the future, and I am glad Coal County will be represented on the commission."

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