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Press Release

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Fennemore Craig Announces Expansion into Las Vegas, New Business and Finance Appointments

PHOENIX, July 31, 2006 — Tim Berg, managing partner of Fennemore Craig, has announced expansion of the firm into Las Vegas, new leadership and a new shareholder in the firm's Business and Finance group.

Fennemore Craig has elected John Mowbray and Chris Byrd to the firm as shareholders in the firm's new Las Vegas Office, which will focus on commercial litigation, real estate and construction law, as well as employment and immigration law. Mowbray, former president of the State Bar of Nevada and the Clark County Bar Association, will serve as the managing partner of the new office. Nancy-Jo Merritt, chair of the firm's Immigration practice, will split her time between Las Vegas and Phoenix. Fennemore Craig is in the process of hiring three additional attorneys to join the Las Vegas office.

Berg also announced the appointment of Bill Eggleston as chair of the firm's Business and Finance group and the election of Robert Pacionek as a new shareholder in the Business and Finance group. Pacionek's practice focuses on public/private offerings, venture capital transactions, debt/equity investments, and mergers and acquisitions. He is an experienced corporate attorney as well as an investment banker, most recently serving as first vice president with J.P. Morgan Chase in Michigan, soliciting and structuring mergers and acquisitions, mezzanine strips and asset-based loans. In addition to a law degree, he holds a master's degree in accounting and finance, as well as a bachelor's degree in economics.

Eggleston has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, representing both buyers and sellers in asset and stock transactions, mergers, and other business acquisitions and reorganizations. He also represents issuers in public and private securities offerings, and provides other securities services for Arizona public companies. Eggleston is past chair of the Securities Regulation Section for the State Bar of Arizona.

Eggleston replaces Karen McConnell as Business and Finance chair. She, together with Steve Savage, who more than a year ago stepped down from his position as the firm's managing partner, have left Fennemore Craig for a new office of law firm Ballard Spahr.

Fennemore Craig has more than 160 attorneys in Phoenix, Tucson, Nogales, and, now, Las Vegas, and is rated by both Chambers USA legal guide and Corporate Board Member Magazine as one of the region's go-to law firms for business. For more information, visit www.fennemorecraig.com.

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