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Press Release

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Fennemore Craig Expands Natural Resources Practice

PHOENIX, March 1, 2007 — Fennemore Craig is significantly expanding its Natural Resources Practice with the election of Robert Anderson, a highly experienced water and natural resources attorney, as a director of the firm. In addition, attorneys Scott Thomas, Shilpa Hunter-Patel and Bruna E. Pedrini, who practice with Anderson, are joining the firm as of-counsel. Anderson, Thomas, Hunter-Patel and Pedrini will be based in Fennemore Craig's Phoenix office.

“Rob Anderson’s experience in permitting and regulatory matters in connection with wetlands regulation, water rights and assured water supply, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, combined with the strengths of Scott Thomas and Shilpa Hunter-Patel in this area add significant depth to our Natural Resources capabilities for clients,” said Tim Berg, Fennemore Craig managing partner. “These areas of federal and state law are critical to our real estate and manufacturing clients.”

Anderson handles water-related issues under the Arizona Groundwater Code, such as assured water supply issues, and often lectures in regional and national seminars on Clean Water Act — particularly wetlands — and endangered species topics. He formerly had his own law firm, Withey, Anderson & Morris, but is rejoining Fennemore Craig where he practiced law for many years up until 1998. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

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Thomas joins the Fennemore Craig Natural Resources Practice with substantial experience in numerous areas of environmental law including wetlands regulation, water quality permitting and compliance, and aquifer protection permitting. He also has experience in contaminated property clean up, National Environmental Policy Act issues, and environmental auditing. Thomas holds a law degree from the University of Virginia. He is rejoining Fennemore Craig after serving as associate general counsel of ASARCO, LLC for four years and practicing at Withey, Anderson & Morris since 2005.

Shilpa Hunter-Patel practices in the areas of water and natural resources law, with a special emphasis on assured water supply and Arizona Groundwater Code matters. Prior to practicing with Anderson at Withey, Anderson & Morris, she was deputy counsel with the Arizona Department of Water Resources. She served as lead counsel for the Assured Water Supply Program and represented the state of Arizona on various Groundwater Code permitting matters, including Underground Storage and Recovery. Hunter-Patel is a graduate of the University of Maryland law school.

Bruna E. Pedrini joins Fennemore Craig's Real Estate and Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice. Her practice focuses on fair housing, fair lending, accessibility, and employment. She also has substantial experience in alternative dispute resolution. Prior to joining Withey Anderson & Morris, Pedrini served as Section Chief Counsel for Civil Rights and Conflict Resolution for the Arizona Attorney General's office, and later founded her own firm, Ybarra Pedrini. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

Fennemore Craig is a full service business law firm with more than 170 attorneys. Founded more than a century ago, Fennemore Craig has offices in Phoenix, Tucson and Nogales, Ariz., Las Vegas, Nev., and Denver, Colo. For more information, visit www.fennemorecraig.com.

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