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Press Release

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Fennemore Craig Attorney A Bates Butler III elected to Presbyterian Church USA post

Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 5, 2008 — A Bates Butler III, an attorney in Fennemore Craig's Tucson office, has been elected to the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (GA PJC) of the Presbyterian Church USA.

The GA PJC, a permanent commission of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, carries out and processes the church's judicial and disciplinary matters. Decisions of the GA PJC cannot be appealed.

"Bates' participation in this important group in the life of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) is a great asset. His experience as an elder in the PCUSA through Trinity Presbyterian Church, Presbytery de Cristo, and Synod of the Southwest Permanent Judicial Commission equip him with a broad understanding of the governance of the PCUSA at three of the four governance levels of the church," said Jan DeVries, executive of the Synod of the Southwest.

"We are grateful that he is willing to take the time this will necessitate. And we know the legal background he brings will help him and the PJC think clearly and precisely about the decisions which it will make," she added.

Butler is a former U.S. Attorney for Arizona with more than 35 years of litigation experience. His practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense and civil litigation.

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