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### Fennemore Craig Announces New Chair and Vice-Chair of its Business Litigation Practice Group

PHOENIX, AZ – [Fennemore Craig](#), a leading law firm in West, has named [Sean Hood](#) Chair of the firm’s Business Litigation practice. [Courtney Beller](#) will serve as Vice Chair.

“Sean and Courtney both exemplify the firm’s strong commitment to meeting the outcomes, efficiency and budgetary needs of clients facing business disputes with hands-on project management and a keen understanding of the client’s business priorities,” said [James Goodnow](#), Fennemore Craig president and managing partner.

Hood will oversee the firm’s largest practice group, which is comprised of more than 50 attorneys across the firm’s seven offices. Fennemore Craig’s litigators offer a wide range of experience in all aspects of dispute resolution and prevention, from alternative dispute resolution techniques, negotiated settlements, and appeals to traditional trial representation, as well as advice on the prevention of claims and avoidance of litigation. Fennemore Craig’s business litigators help businesses big and small take advantage of technology to help deliver more effective and efficient legal services for the benefit of their clients.

Hood is a trial lawyer and natural resources attorney with more than 15 years of experience advising and litigating on behalf of Fortune 500 companies and other businesses on a broad range of business disputes involving water rights, environmental permitting, partnership and shareholder interests, and real estate. Hood has significant trial experience in complex water rights litigation in state and federal court, and litigates issues arising under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Hood earned his J.D. from Notre Dame Law School and his B.S. from Santa Clara University.

Beller litigates cases concerning intellectual property disputes, the misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract and claims against state and local agencies in Nevada and Arizona, among others. She also handles cases for major oil, gas and alternative fuel refiners

and suppliers relating to the PMPA and enforcement of fuel supply agreements. Beller earned her J.D. from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law and her B.A. from the University of Arizona.

#### **About Fennemore Craig**

For over 130 years, [Fennemore Craig](#), a NLJ 250 firm, has provided high quality legal counsel to help clients thrive in a complex and constantly evolving business and legal landscape. Fennemore Craig goes beyond the expected to generate maximum value for its clients and to help them keep pace with the rate of change, protect their legal interests and identify opportunities. Today, the firm is uniquely poised to help fulfill needs that range from general counsel to niche legal specialties, works on issues ranging from [water rights](#) in the West, business formation, [mining](#), [gaming](#) and cross-border trade and offers a deep understanding of the issues facing The New West. Learn more about its legal services at [FennemoreCraig.com](#)

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