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### **Fennemore Craig Announces New Co-Chairs of its Business Litigation Practice Group**

PHOENIX, AZ – [Fennemore Craig](#), a leading law firm in The New West, has named [Sean Hood](#) and [Courtney Beller](#), both partners in the firm’s Phoenix office, as the new chair and vice chair, respectively, of the [Business Litigation](#) Practice Group.

“Sean and Courtney have extensive business litigation experience that runs the gamut of Fennemore Craig’s practice areas,” said [James Goodnow](#), president, managing partner of Fennemore Craig. “Courtney’s understanding of intellectual property, patents, financial restructuring and bankruptcy issues coupled with Sean’s knowledge of water and mining law, natural resources and real estate litigation will further strengthen the Business Litigation Practice Group and greatly benefit our clients.”

Hood, the current vice-chair of the Business Litigation Practice Group, has 15 years of experience working with Fortune 500 companies and local businesses on matters concerning partnership and shareholder disputes, real estate, breach of contract, intellectual property, franchising, mining, government regulation and environmental permitting. Additionally, Hood is a member of the water law practice which advises clients on water rights for mining, agricultural and municipal uses, as well as disputes concerning federal reserved right claims and subflow. 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.

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. As businesses face legal challenges that are more complex than ever, Fennemore Craig's business litigation practice is also at the forefront of implementing technology to help deliver more effective and efficient legal services for the benefit of our clients. Through use of "TrialDirector®," "CaseMap®," and "MindMap®" programs Fennemore Criag's litigators can quickly manage substantial numbers of exhibits and photos to conduct examinations and closing arguments, saving days of trial time for clients.

#### **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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