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Fennemore Craig Welcomes New Class of Associates

PHOENIX, AZ – [Fennemore Craig](#), a leading law firm in the Mountain West, announced that their latest class of associates, including attorneys [Sean Berens](#), [Sabrina Bigelow](#), [Haley Carr](#), [Steven Hilton](#), [Ayan Jacobs](#), [James Lawrence](#), and [Justin Robles](#) have joined the firm.

“At Fennemore Craig we’re always looking for top talent that will allow us to continue to provide unparalleled counsel to help our clients thrive in a dynamic business landscape,” said [James Goodnow](#), Fennemore Craig’s president and managing partner. “We are thrilled to welcome this incredible group of attorneys to the firm as our newest class of associates and look forward to their success.”

Sean M. Berens joins the real estate practice group at Fennemore Craig and is based in the Phoenix office. Berens handles transactions representing both large and small developers, lenders, special servicers, hospitality entities, private equity groups and other similar parties in the acquisition, disposition, financing and development of real estate assets. Berens earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School where he was the managing editor of the Columbia Journal of European Law and his B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of South California.

Sabrina Bigelow joins Fennemore Craig’s real estate practice group and is based in the Phoenix office. Her work focuses primarily on real estate transactions, such as assisting developers and homebuilders with the purchase, sale, and lease of commercial properties. Bigelow earned her J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law where she was the Senior Articles Editor of the *Arizona Law Review* and received her B.A. from the University of Arizona.

Haley Carr joins Fennemore Craig’s Phoenix office as a member of the firm’s ERISA/Employee Benefits and business litigation practice groups. Her employee benefits work is focused helping employers with the administration of their benefit plans under important federal laws including ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code, and HIPAA. Her litigation work focuses on representing employers in federal and state courts, in all stages of litigation, including breach of contract matters and disability discrimination actions. Carr earned her J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law and her B.A. *summa*

cum laude from Millikin University.

Steven Hilton is the newest member of Fennemore Craig's trusts and estates practice and is based in the firm's Phoenix office where he focuses primarily on planning, preparing and administering trusts and estates for high-net worth individuals. Hilton earned his J.D. *magna cum laude*, his M.S. and B.S. in accounting, all from Brigham Young University.

Ayan Jacobs joins Fennemore Craig's labor and employment law and business litigation practice groups and is based in the firm's Phoenix office where she focuses on matters such as contract disputes, wrongful termination and labor and employment class-actions suits. Jacobs earned her J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law and her B.A. from Cornell University.

James Lawrence joins Fennemore Craig's business and finance practice and is working out of the firm's Phoenix office. He focuses primarily in the areas of entity formation, partnership and corporate tax matters, mergers and acquisitions and other complex business transactions. Lawrence earned his J.D. *summa cum laude* from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and his B.A. from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Justin A. Robles joins Fennemore Craig's Phoenix office as a member of the business litigation practice group where he focuses primarily on commercial litigation, including a broad array of construction matters between owners, general contractors and subcontractors. Robles earned his J.D. *cum laude* from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law where he was the Research Editor for the Arizona State Law Journal, and his B.S. 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](#)