Fennemore Craig Appoints Gerald L. Shelley as Financial Restructuring Practice Group Chair, Anthony W. Austin as Vice Chair

PHOENIX, AZ – Fennemore Craig, a leading law firm in the Mountain West, announced that Gerald Shelley, an attorney in the firm’s financial restructuring practice group, was recently appointed as Fennemore Craig’s financial restructuring practice chair, and Anthony Austin has been named vice chair.

“Gerald and Anthony are accomplished lawyers in the area of financial restructuring,” said James Goodnow, Fennemore Craig’s president and managing partner. “We recognize their hard work and dedication to the firm, their colleagues and their clients and congratulate them on their new leadership roles.”

Shelley focuses in the areas of commercial bankruptcy, litigation and business restructuring and reorganization. In addition to handling insolvency and reorganization cases in a variety of industries, including real estate, agriculture, mining, transportation, retail, franchising and licensing, health care, manufacturing, non-profit, and e-commerce, he represents lenders, secured and unsecured, committees, debtors, trustees, examiners, purchasers and other parties affected by or connected to an insolvency or bankruptcy.

“I’m glad to be part of such a deep and sophisticated commercial law firm,” remarked Shelley. “Our group is poised to continue providing first rate legal services in stressed business situations, which need to be rethought or restructured.”

Shelley earned his J.D. at Arizona State University, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law and his B.A. from Brigham Young University.

Austin works on matters including collection and judgment work, breach of contract, partnership disputes and receiverships. As an experienced bankruptcy attorney, Austin has a wide range of commercial litigation experience involving foreclosures, receiverships and guarantor litigation.
“I’m excited about this new leadership opportunity,” notes Austin. “Our practice offers clients the ability to turn their businesses around, helping them to regroup and thrive.”

Austin possesses a J.D. from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, and a B.S. in Political Science from Northern Arizona University.