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

PHOENIX, AZ - <u>Fennemore Craig</u>, a leading law firm in the Mountain West, announced that <u>Gerald Shelley</u>, an attorney in the firm's financial restructuring practice group, was recently appointed as Fennemore Craig's financial restructuring practice chair, and <u>Anthony Austin</u> has been named cice chair.

"Gerald and Anthony are accomplished lawyers in the area of financial restructuring," said <u>James Goodnow</u>, 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.

About Fennemore Craig

For over 130 years, Fennemore Craig, a NLJ250 firm, has provided high quality legal counsel to help business clients thrive in a complex and constantly evolving business and legal landscape. Whether launching start-ups with its <u>venture accelerator</u>, leading high-stakes <u>mergers and acquisitions</u> for Fortune 500 companies, or handling bet-the-company <u>litigation</u> for a growth-phase business, Fennemore Craig has the back of business. Learn more about the firm's legal services at <u>FennemoreCraig.com</u>.