



Davis Graham & Stubbs Names New Partners for 2010, Re-Elects Chris Richardson as Managing Partner for Additional Two-Year Term

DENVER – January 6, 2010 – Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP announce the selection of two new partners to the firm and the re-election of Chris Richardson to serve an additional two-year term as the firm's managing partner, following a firm-wide partners vote. Each appointment is effective January 1, 2010.

"These new partners carry on a Davis Graham & Stubbs tradition of recognizing a commitment to outstanding service to our clients and exemplary legal work," said Chris Richardson. "And I am honored that my partners have given me the opportunity to continue as managing partner. We have accomplished a great deal together as a firm, and I look forward to working with our lawyers during this coming term as we develop even better ways to help clients with their legal and business needs."

New Partners

Jordan Lipp specializes in products liability and commercial litigation. Mr. Lipp's practice includes defending pharmaceutical and medical device companies, car and machinery manufacturers, recreational industry companies such as ski areas and amusement park operators, and other large and small companies in product liability, tort, general business, and commercial litigation. He is on the legal advisory board of the Colorado Civil Justice League, Colorado's tort reform coalition and was named the 2009 Colorado Lawyer of the Year by the Colorado Civil Justice League. He received his J.D. from the University of Michigan and his B.A. from the University of Colorado.



R. Kirk Mueller practices commercial litigation and environmental law, and represents clients in the oil, gas, mining and energy industries in an array of regulatory, permitting, compliance and enforcement matters. He has briefed and argued four cases in the Supreme Court of Colorado, winning reversals in three of them, participated in several large CERCLA cost recovery and toxic tort actions, and secured multi-million dollar breach of contract and insurance coverage settlements on behalf of his clients. He is a 1986 graduate from the University of Wyoming College of Law, received an M.A. in 1980 and a B.A. in 1978 from the University of Oregon.



Re-Election of Chris Richardson as Managing Partner



Chris Richardson has been the managing partner of Davis Graham & Stubbs and the Chair of the firm's Executive Committee since 2001. Under his leadership, DGS has seen an expansion of its corporate finance, natural resources, and energy law practices and a steady growth in earnings across the firm. He joined DGS in 1983 and became a partner six years later. He continues to have a significant mergers & acquisitions and creditors' rights practice, with a particular focus on transactions in the natural resources area, restructurings, and acquisitions out of bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings.

Davis Graham & Stubbs also announced the members of its 2010 Executive Committee, which provides leadership for the firm's financial and strategic management. The new members of the Executive Committee, **Deborah Friedman** and **Kenzo Kawanabe**, join **Ron Levine**, **Jeff Pilkington**, **Randy Hubbard**, and **Bob Lawrence**, who served on the committee in 2009. The firm's Executive Director, **Barbara Pierce**, will continue to serve as an ex officio member of the committee.

Kenzo Kawanabe is a commercial litigator who represents clients in a variety of matters relating to contract disputes, business torts, products liability, eminent domain, and intellectual property concerns. Mr. Kawanabe has earned an AV[®] rating from Martindale-Hubbell, recommended in litigation by Chambers and Partners, and is recognized by Colorado Super Lawyers (Corporate Counsel Edition). He teaches at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. In addition to his *pro bono* work, he is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Denver Foundation, Colorado's oldest and largest community foundation. He is also the Board chair of the Colorado Lawyers Committee, a consortium of 50 law firms dedicated to assisting children, the poor, and other disadvantaged groups.



Deborah Friedman's practice focuses on securities, corporate finance, corporate governance and mergers and acquisitions matters for public and privately held companies, primarily in the mining and oil and gas industries. She is experienced in U.S. and cross-border public equity and debt offerings, private placements and public and private M & A transactions. Ms. Friedman has represented major, mid-tier and junior mining companies in acquisition, disposition, commercial, export credit and project financing transactions within and outside the United States, including South and Central America, the Pacific Rim, and Africa. She has also served as in-house General Counsel for Cyprus Amax Minerals Company, AMAX Gold Inc., Apex Silver Mines Limited, and Golden Minerals Company.



About the Firm

Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, one of the Rocky Mountain region's most prominent law firms, enjoys a strong national reputation for its corporate finance, natural resources and energy law practices, with emphasis on securities and M&A transactions, regulatory guidance and complex commercial litigation. For more information about the firm, its practices and lawyers, please visit www.dgslaw.com.

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