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New Partners Announced at Davis Graham & Stubbs Selection Reflects Corporate Finance, Complex Litigation Focus

DENVER – Jan. 8, 2009 – Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP today announced the election of four new partners, effective Jan. 1, 2009. The group includes a tax attorney, two corporate attorneys and a business litigator.

The firm's new partners are Brian J. Boonstra, Timothy D. Rampe, Shannon Wells Stevenson and James P. Whitmire.

"We're pleased to welcome these talented and committed lawyers as partners. Their election reflects their own success, the confidence everyone at the firm has in their abilities and the valuable relationships they have developed with our clients. They are excellent lawyers and excellent people," said Chris Richardson, managing partner of DGS.

This year's election underscores the firm's focused-growth strategy, which targets transactions and litigation in the corporate finance and natural resources sectors. DGS has one of the largest corporate finance and merger and acquisition practices in the region, with more than 60 lawyers with expertise in complex M&A transactions, securities law compliance, taxation, private equity and real estate. The firm also has one of the nation's preeminent natural resources practices, which emphasizes environmental, transactional and litigation support to companies in the mining, oil & gas, utility and renewable energy industries.

Davis Graham & Stubbs new partners:

Brian Boonstra has broad experience representing public and private companies in corporate financings, securities offerings, and merger and acquisition transactions. He also counsels clients on securities disclosure and compliance issues, equity compensation and general commercial and corporate matters. Boonstra is a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law and is a former law clerk to Justice Nancy Rice of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Tim Rampe represents private and public companies, private equity investors and investment banks in corporate transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, public offerings and private placements, venture capital and private-equity funding, and in corporate governance and securities law compliance matters. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Rampe joined Davis Graham & Stubbs in 2006 after more than five years with a large, Chicago-based law firm's corporate and securities department.

Shannon Stevenson is a commercial litigator whose practice focuses on natural resources, construction and products liability litigation. She has also briefed and argued numerous state and federal appeals. A graduate of the Duke University School of Law, Stevenson has written on Colorado Civil Procedure and is a former law clerk for Judge David M. Ebel at the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. She recently tried some 20 cases – including nine jury trials – as part of a service program with the Denver City Attorney's Prosecution and Code Enforcement division.

James Whitmire focuses on advising clients on sophisticated issues arising under federal income tax laws. A frequent speaker, he co-authored "Federal Taxation of Partnerships and Partners" Fourth Edition and represents clients on a diverse array of federal income tax matters, including all matters relating to partnership taxation, tax shelter promoter audits, golden parachute issues and tax credit monetization structures. Prior to practicing law, Whitmire spent two years at Ernst & Young's National Tax Office in the Partnerships and Joint Ventures group. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law.

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 counseling, transactions and complex commercial litigation. For more information about the firm, its practices and lawyers, please visit www.dgslaw.com.

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