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**HATCH & PARENT ADDS ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY
TO ITS LOS ANGELES OFFICE**

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.--The law firm of Hatch & Parent has added an attorney to its Los Angeles office. Diane C. DeFelice will join the firm's Environmental Quality practice group as Of Counsel. Her practice emphasis will be on land use entitlements, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance for public and private entities and real estate transactions.

DeFelice was previously Of Counsel with the Law Offices of William D. Ross in Los Angeles where she focused on land use and planning matters including CEQA litigation. Prior to that, DeFelice was a litigation associate with Morgan, Wenzel & McNicholas in Los Angeles where she litigated business, real estate, medical malpractice, insurance coverage, products liability and aviation matters.

"Diane's extensive knowledge and experience in land use, real estate, public entity and environmental litigation makes her an ideal addition to our environmental quality group," says Steven Hoch, partner and practice group leader.

DeFelice received her B.A. in Legal Studies from the University of California, Berkeley in 1984 and her J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1990.

Hatch & Parent is a full-service law firm with particular expertise in transactions and disputes involving natural resources, including water law, environmental quality, land use, legislative advocacy and governmental relations, as well as business law, litigation, and wealth management. The firm has offices in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and South Lake Tahoe.

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