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Hatch & Parent Announces New Partner

Santa Barbara, CA. February 11, 2002 – Hatch & Parent announced today that George Short has been elected a partner in the Santa Barbara-based law firm after serving as Of Counsel for two years. In addition, Mr. Short will assume leadership of the Firm’s Trusts & Estates Group.

“It is a very exciting time for Hatch & Parent’s Trusts & Estates Group,” noted Mr. Short. “My initial goals are to raise the visibility of the group within the Central Coast’s financial community and to promote our practice in the area of wealth management law.”

Wealth management law addresses all of the legal issues raised during the process of acquiring, investing, preserving and disposing of wealth, and integrates different areas of practice, such as business and real estate law, into the estate planning process.

“I consider myself fortunate to be part of this group of talented and experienced attorneys who can create and implement the sophisticated estate plans our clients expect,” added Mr. Short.

“George’s strong leadership skills and expertise have been a terrific addition to our firm,” said Steve Amerikaner, managing partner for Hatch & Parent. “His vision for the Trusts & Estates Group will solidify Hatch & Parent’s position as the premier law firm for wealth management along the Central Coast.”

The attorneys in Hatch & Parent’s Trusts & Estates Group have extensive experience in the design and implementation of complex and sophisticated estate plans, decedent estate and trust administration, and formation and management of conservatorships and guardianships. The group’s attorneys include two with LL.M. degrees in taxation, one with an LL.M. degree in estate planning, and a certified taxation law specialist who is also a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel.

Hatch & Parent is a full-service law firm with expertise in business and tax, complex litigation, public agency, water law, real estate and land use, environmental quality, trusts and estates, labor and employment, and legislative advocacy. In addition to its private client base, Hatch & Parent has a statewide presence representing public agencies as general and special counsel. The firm has offices in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and South Lake Tahoe.

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