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Hatch & Parent Announces New Partner Promotion

Santa Barbara, CA. January 15, 2005 –Stephanie Osler Hastings has become a partner at the Santa Barbara-based law firm of Hatch & Parent, according to Steven A. Amerikaner, managing partner.

Hastings, who joined Hatch & Parent in 1996, focuses her practice on water law and related environmental issues. She represents public wholesale and retail water suppliers, privately owned water utilities, private landowners and agricultural interests in transactional and litigation matters.

“Stephanie has been instrumental in negotiating and settling some of the most significant water use litigation at the firm,” says Robert J. Saperstein who heads Hatch & Parent’s water practice group. “She plays a major role in acquiring, maintaining and protecting the water rights of our clients.”

Hastings is a director of the Groundwater Resources Association of California – an association of more than 1,000 California water professionals. She also serves on the water management committee of the Association of California Water Agencies and is a member of Santa Barbara Women Lawyers. She received a bachelor of arts degree in both history and political science from the University of Vermont and a juris doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law.

Hatch & Parent maintains one of California's largest water law practices. It represents public and private clients on water-related matters throughout California, the nation and internationally from offices in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, South Lake Tahoe and Thousand Oaks.

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