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Hatch & Parent Announces Addition of New Appellate Lawyer

San Diego, CA. Aug 4, 2004 – Hatch & Parent announced today that James Earl Friedhofer, a certified appellate specialist, has joined the firm.

“We are very pleased that Jim has chosen to bring his appellate practice to Hatch & Parent,” said Diane Matsinger, Chair of Hatch & Parent’s Appellate Law Group. “He has an impressive track record in appellate and writ advocacy, and will help us expand our statewide appellate practice.” Mr. Friedhofer is certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization as a Legal Specialist in Appellate Law. He has filed more than 125 appellate briefs, argued more than 35 appeals and writs, and has appeared 3 times before the California State Supreme Court.

“Jim Friedhofer’s arrival is part of the law firm’s expansion of its litigation and appellate practice,” said Steven A. Amerikaner, Hatch & Parent’s managing partner. “This expansion will enable us to provide a broader range of services to our clients.”

The attorneys in the Hatch & Parent Appellate Practice Group have extensive experience representing private, corporate and public agency clients in both state and federal appellate courts. The Firm's diverse appellate practice includes a variety of substantive legal fields, such as water, public law, administrative mandate, environmental, real property, employment, landlord/tenant, probate and estate, professional negligence, construction defects, unfair competition, SLAPP suits, business and commercial law, and partnership and corporate disputes.

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, employment law, appellate law and legislative advocacy. The firm has offices in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, South Lake Tahoe and Thousand Oaks.

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