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**HATCH & PARENT CERTIFIED PLANNER
RECEIVES "GREEN BUILDING " ACCREDITATION**

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.--Eva Turenchalk, a certified planner with the law firm of Hatch & Parent, has been designated a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council, a national organization created to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. Hatch & Parent is one of the largest land use and water law practices in California.

LEED Accredited Professionals are trained in green building technology and principles. "More and more architects, developers and building owners are going green," says Rob Saperstein, Hatch & Parent's managing partner, "With high energy costs and global warming on everyone's mind, the desire to build sustainable, energy efficient and healthier buildings is the mainstream mentality."

"Public agencies are encouraging building owners to incorporate green building standards," says Turenchalk. "It makes sense. Aside from the environmental benefits, studies show that going green lowers annual operating costs and provides a healthier environment so employees have fewer sick days, have higher morale and are more productive. Plus, green buildings are proving that they are no more expensive to build than traditional buildings."

"Eva is one of only a handful of LEED Accredited Professionals on the Central Coast. Her knowledge of green building sustainability design will assist Hatch & Parent clients who are looking to build an entire environmentally-friendly structure or add green components to a project," says Saperstein.

With offices in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Sacramento, and South Lake Tahoe, Hatch & Parent represents public and private entities on land use, water resources and strategic planning throughout the state. The other core practice areas of the firm include corporate and tax, complex litigation, public agency, environmental quality and compliance, trusts and estates, appellate law and legislative advocacy. Its website address is: www.hatchparent.com.

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