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Attorneys Carolyn F. Burr and James M. Noble Join Welborn Sullivan

June 2011 (Denver, CO)...Attorneys Carolyn F. Burr and James "Jim" M. Noble join the Energy and Natural Resources firm of Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley P.C.

Carolyn F. Burr specializes in water law, and represents clients throughout Colorado in all seven of the state's water divisions. Her clients include large industrial clients, agricultural water users, municipal water providers, individuals who own ground water and surface water rights, and land developers. She helps clients understand their water rights needs and options, and works with them to formulate a strategy to meet their water needs. Ms. Burr has significant transactional experience in the water rights arena ranging from stand-up title review to negotiating and drafting contracts and closing complex land and water rights acquisitions. She also litigates water matters at the trial court and appellate level. Ms. Burr is knowledgeable about and has worked on all aspects of water court adjudications, including complex augmentation plans, changes of water rights, and exchanges. She has also actively participated in the state legislative process on behalf of clients, including drafting legislation and testifying before legislative committees. Ms. Burr was appointed by the governor to the Colorado Ground Water Commission. In 2010, she was appointed as counsel to Governor Ritter's River Access Dispute Resolution task Force. She is a member of the Colorado Water Congress and is on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Conservation Trust. Ms. Burr received her J.D. from the University of Michigan in 1995.

A native of northern New Mexico, Jim M. Noble is intimately familiar with the water supply and associated environmental and other issues prevalent in the mountain west. Jim advises clients on these issues in Colorado and New Mexico. Mr. Noble represents diverse clients such as municipalities, mining companies, utilities, and ranchers. He represents clients with respect to water issues in the Colorado water courts, and has substantial experience drafting water and land related transactions as well. Jim also represents clients in ongoing general stream adjudications, and administrative proceedings before the office of the state engineer in New Mexico. Jim has also worked extensively on Tribal and other water rights issues in Arizona. He has been recognized by Colorado Super Lawyers in its "Rising Stars" list for the practice area of Energy and Natural Resources law for 2009, 2010, and 2011. He was also recognized as one of "Colorado's Up and Coming Lawyers" by Law Week Colorado in September, 2008. Prior to entering private practice, Jim served as a law clerk for Justice Pamela Minzner of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, where he provided substantial assistance in drafting published opinions of that court. Prior to law school, Jim served as a construction project manager for the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mr. Noble received his J.D. from the University of New Mexico, cum laude, Order of the Coif in 2002.

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