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MCKINLEY IRVIN HIRES ASSOCIATE FOR PORTLAND OFFICE

Annelisa Smith Joins One of the Pacific Northwest's Largest Family Law Firms

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17, 2011 – McKinley Irvin, one of the Pacific Northwest's largest law firms focused exclusively on divorce and family law, has added Annelisa Smith as an associate in its Portland, Ore., office.

Smith brings litigation experience in domestic relations, juvenile dependency and paternity issues to McKinley Irvin. She reports to veteran attorney and international family law expert Kathy Root, the partner-in-charge of the Portland office. Earlier this year, Root teamed up with McKinley Irvin and opened the Portland office to better serve the firm's Oregon clients with a downtown location.

"We are excited by the potential Annelisa possesses as an associate," said Root. "Her charisma, intelligence and ability to perform in an often emotionally-charged environment makes Smith a tremendous advocate for our Oregon clients. We look forward to seeing her family law career continue to grow at McKinley Irvin."

Smith received her master's degree and law degree from the University of Vermont, where she was a dean's fellow. She completed her undergraduate degree at Oregon State University.

A member of both the Multnomah County Bar Association and the Oregon State Bar, Family Law and Juvenile Sections, Smith is also a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer program attorney and a member of Oregon Women Lawyers. Additionally, she is a member of the Oregon Academy of Family Law Practitioners and a volunteer legal assistant for Legal Aid Services of Multnomah County.

About McKinley Irvin

With offices throughout the Northwest, McKinley Irvin is a premier divorce and family law firm, and one of the largest family law firms in the Pacific Northwest. McKinley Irvin has protected the rights of families since 1991 - handling complex family law cases involving divorce, custody and international matters. For more information about McKinley Irvin, visit www.mckinleyirvin.com.

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