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MCKINLEY IRVIN OPENS PORTLAND OFFICE, ADDS KATHY ROOT AS PARTNER-IN-CHARGE

Veteran Attorney to Lead one of the Pacific Northwest's Largest Family Law Firms in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17, 2011 – [McKinley Irvin](#), one of the Pacific Northwest's largest law firms focused exclusively on divorce and family law, has opened a downtown Portland office at 1500 SW 1st Ave., with 26-year veteran attorney [Kathy Root](#) as its partner-in-charge.

The office enables McKinley Irvin to better serve its Oregon clients with a downtown location. As the partner-in-charge, Root will oversee all operations while growing the firm's presence in the Portland metro area. Root previously was a shareholder at Johnston, Root & Leibenguth, P.C.

"As one of the Pacific Northwest's most respected and premier family law-focused firms, we are excited by the opportunity to provide our firm's family law services to Oregon-based clients through the new office," said Sands McKinley, co-founder and managing partner of McKinley Irvin. "With Kathy Root leading the way, clients can expect to receive the compassionate, premium service we are known for."

Root is peer-review rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell and is one of the few practicing international family law attorneys in the Pacific Northwest. She also is a leader in the legal community, including past service on the executive committee for the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section. She also testified before the Oregon Legislature regarding a proposed family law-related bill. Root also previously served as chair of the International Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Family Law Section and as a vice president of Oregon Women Lawyers. She is now a member of the advisory board for the Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation.

Root is believed to be the first attorney to file and prosecute a case involving the Hague Convention on The Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction in an Oregon court.

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 us at www.mckinleyirvin.com.

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