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Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C. Announces Expansion of Casper, Wyoming* Office

J. Kenneth Barbe and Hampton O'Neill Join Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley's Casper Office

January 9, 2012 (Casper, WY and Denver, CO) Two partners from Brown, Drew & Massey, LLP have joined the Energy and Natural Resources firm of Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C.

Kenneth ("Ken") Barbe concentrates his practice primarily in the areas of corporate and transactional work as well as real estate, estate planning, banking and finance. Ken has been listed as a Mountain States *Super Lawyer* and selected as a Best Lawyer in America in the specialties of Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions. He is also recognized by Chambers USA in Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions and Real Estate. Ken received his Bachelor of Science degree in finance as well as his law degree, with honors, from the University of Wyoming.

Hampton O'Neill has extensive experience in business, commercial and insurance litigation and the defense of personal injury actions. He has substantial expertise in defending claims based on product liability, construction, trucking, and industrial and oil field accidents. Hampton received his B.A. from St John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and his law degree from the University of Wyoming College of Law. Prior to entering private practice, Hampton served as a law clerk for the Honorable Clarence A. Brimmer, then Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming.

Kendor Jones, Managing Partner of Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, said, "We are thrilled to expand our presence in Wyoming and are excited about the exceptional talent and depth of experience in litigation, corporate and transactional matters that Ken and Hampton add to our Casper office. Many of our firm's clients have extensive operations in Wyoming and adding Ken and Hampton enhances our ability to service their legal needs. This strategic expansion further solidifies us as a preeminent, full-service firm in the Rocky Mountain region."

Since Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley's inception in 1993, it has grown into a firm of thirty-one lawyers with offices in Denver and Casper. The firm is an established leader in energy, business transactions and litigation. For more information about the firm, please visit www.wsmtlaw.com.

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