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Gordon Arata Membership Expands in Texas and Grows in Louisiana

February 1, 2012 – Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC is pleased to announce that David Bryce and Matthew Siegel have been named members of the Firm. The Firm would also welcomes J. Michael Fussell, Jr., Doug Rhorer, and Elizabeth Spurgeon as new associates in the Lafayette, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge offices, respectively.

Mr. Bryce practices in the Firm's Admiralty and Maritime, Commercial Litigation, Oil, Gas and Energy Transactions and Oil and Gas Regulatory practices in the Houston office. Mr. Bryce received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota, *cum laude*, in 2005. He received his B.A., with distinction, in 1992 from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Siegel practices in the Firm's Oil, Gas and Energy Transactions and Oil and Gas Regulatory practices in the Houston office. His practice focuses on oil and gas property operational issues including title examination. He has considerable experience preparing title opinions (drillsite and division order), preparing and reviewing curative instruments, and providing advice and legal opinions on various oil and gas matters. He received his J.D., with honors, from the University of Texas in 2003 and his B.A., with distinction, from the University of Michigan in 2000.

Mr. Fussell practices in the Firm's Commercial Litigation, Oil, Gas and Energy Practices, as well as in Healthcare, Insurance, and Products Liability in the Lafayette office. Mr. Fussell received his J.D./B.C.L. from Louisiana State University in 2005. He received his B.S., *cum laude*, in 2001 from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Mr. Rhorer practices in the Firm's Commercial Litigation, and Oil, Gas and Energy Litigation in the New Orleans office. Mr. Rhorer received his J.D. from Loyola University in 2011. He received his B.A. in 2001 from Louisiana State University.

Ms. Spurgeon practices in the Firm's Bankruptcy/Debtor-Creditor group in the Baton Rouge office. Ms. Spurgeon received her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Louisiana State University in 2010. She received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, in 2006 from Louisiana College.

About Gordon Arata

Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC has over 60 attorneys in three Louisiana offices in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette and an office in Houston, Texas. Whether litigation or transactions, the Firm's lawyers serve clients locally, regionally, and nationally, and provide services across a wide

range of industries aligned with the Firm's offices along the Gulf Coast. The Firm is committed to achieving the best possible results and to fostering relationships with clients.

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