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### **Gordon Arata and Montgomery Barnett to Merge**

New Orleans, LA – The law firms of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC and Montgomery Barnett, L.L.P. announce their merger to become Gordon, Arata, Montgomery, Barnett, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC, effective March 1, 2017. Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett will have offices in New Orleans, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, and Houston.

For nearly half a century, Gordon Arata has been best known as one of the preeminent oil and gas law firms in Louisiana. Founded in 1892, Montgomery Barnett is a distinguished admiralty, maritime, and business law firm. Their merger will dovetail these core practice areas, and create strong synergies in commercial litigation, arbitration and mediation, bankruptcy, construction, employment, financing, insurance, real estate, and taxation.

“We are excited to merge with Montgomery Barnett’s group of distinguished lawyers. This merger will expand the existing services of both firms and provide additional resources to handle matters for clients across diverse industries,” said Tim Eagan, Managing Member of Gordon Arata.

“Our firms share similar cultures and a commitment to provide the highest level of service to our clients. With a deep bench of talented attorneys in both firms and complimentary practice areas, an optimal merger opportunity presented itself,” said Philip “Chip” S. Brooks, Jr., Managing Partner of Montgomery Barnett.

Stronger as one, Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett commits to forging enduring client relationships, working with clients to solve complex legal challenges, and delivering top notch legal services effectively and efficiently across the full range of its practice areas.

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