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### **Three Lawyers Join Gordon Arata**

New Orleans, LA - Gordon Arata is pleased to announce that Barbara Rivera-Fulton, Kelly E. Ransom and Amy Duplantis Gautreaux have joined the firm.

Ms. Fulton joins the New Orleans office as Special Counsel. She will focus her practice in the areas of bankruptcy law and complex bankruptcy litigation. For the past 12 years, she served as a United States Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee. In that capacity, she investigated the financial affairs of debtors filing Chapter 7 bankruptcy. She collected and reduced to money the property of the bankruptcy estate for the benefit of unsecured creditors, examined proof of claims and objected to allowance of any claim that was improper and ensured that debtors performed their intention with respect to retaining and/or surrendering collateral pledged to secure loans. She earned her J.D. from Tulane Law School in 2001 where she served as Index Editor of the Tulane Law Journal of International and Comparative Law. She also served as Moot Court Chair for the La Alianza del Derecho in 2000. She received her B.A. from Pittsburg State University. She is admitted to practice in Louisiana. Ms. Fulton is fluent in Spanish.

Kelly E. Ransom joins the New Orleans office as an Associate. She will focus her practice in the areas of environmental and toxic torts litigation, oil and gas disputes and commercial litigation. She earned her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law in 2007 where she was a Member of the Moot Court National Competition Team and served on the Moot Court Executive Board as an Associate Justice. She received her B.A. from Rhodes College in 2003. She is admitted to practice in Louisiana and Alabama.

Amy Duplantis Gautreaux returns to the Firm's Lafayette office as an Associate where she will focus her practice on oil and gas title examination and oil and gas transactions. Ms. Gautreaux's experience encompasses drafting numerous curative and other legal documents, examination of land, mineral and leasehold title (including abstracts of surface, mineral, royalty, executive right, overriding royalty and leasehold titles and mineral history information) and writing legal opinions including drilling, division order and leasehold title opinions. Aiding her ability to provide an insightful and logical approach to title examination, Ms. Gautreaux also worked as an abstractor and landman in South Louisiana after law school. Through her experience, she has developed and maintains great working relationships with many members of the local legal and oil and gas community. She received her J.D. and B.C.L. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center of Louisiana State University in 2005. She received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2002. She is admitted to practice in Louisiana.

#### **About Gordon Arata**

Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC has over 50 attorneys in three Louisiana offices in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette and an office in Houston, Texas. Whether in litigation or

transactions or dealing with regulators, 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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