Susan McMichael Joins Lathrop GPM's Tort, Insurance & Environmental Practice in Denver

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DENVER (November 13, 2023) - Lathrop GPM is pleased to welcome counsel Susan McMichael to the firm's Denver office and Tort, Insurance & Environmental Practice Group.

McMichael's practice focuses on environmental regulatory, permitting and compliance matters and she has extensive experience with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) clean-up requirements, including providing counsel on a RCRA Corrective Action Order addressing hundreds of legacy waste sites, and leading an internal causal investigation to identify, correct and improve RCRA regulatory compliance.

"Susan is a tremendous addition to our team," said Mara Cohara, chair of the firm's Tort, Insurance & Environmental Practice Group. "Her public and private sector experience enables a comprehensive view of the complex and varied issues that impact our clients. Her insights into RCRA will be especially critical to our clients looking to mitigate related risks."

McMichael's wide-ranging practice also includes advising clients on the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA), the Clean Water Act's (CWA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Industrial Permit Program, the Atomic Energy Act (AEA), the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA), Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rules, and ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS).

McMichael is a former assistant general counsel for the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). In that role, she represented New Mexico and the agency in several federal litigation, permitting and rulemaking proceedings. She joins the firm from Triad National Security, LLC.

In addition to her robust practice, McMichael frequently speaks on related subjects at associations and conferences across the country. She holds a J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law, and a B.A. from the University of Colorado, Boulder. McMichael is currently licensed in New Mexico and her admission to the Colorado bar is pending.