Lathrop Gage Elects William Beck, Robert Grossman and Phillip Lorenzo to Executive Committee

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 9, 2012) - Lathrop Gage LLP announced today that William Beck (Environmental - Kansas City), Robert Grossman (Employee Benefits - Kansas City), and Phillip Lorenzo - (Intellectual Property - Denver) have been elected to the firm's Executive Committee effective July 1.

The firm's Executive Committee develops the firm's strategic direction and policies, oversees the financial matters and department managers, and serves as a liaison to the firm's national offices and operating committees. Beck, Grossman and Lorenzo were elected by the partnership.

About the new members:

- Beck is an experienced trial lawyer based in the firm's Kansas City office. His national practice involves high stakes, technical, complex disputes involving environmental liability and insurance coverage. Beck has received numerous honors including *Missouri Insurance Law Lawyer of the Year* 2012; *Lawdragon's 500 Leading Lawyers in the United States*, 2007-2009, *Best Lawyers in America* since 2005; *Leading Lawyer for Business by Chambers USA* since 2004; and *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers* since 2005. He is rated *Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent*.
- Lorenzo is based in the firm's Denver office. His extensive experience includes arbitration, trial, and mediation of large construction, fire subrogation and business matters throughout the United States. He has recovered numerous multi-million dollar awards for clients including construction contractors, insurance companies, architects, developers and other clients. He has been selected among the *Colorado Super Lawyers,* and is *Martindale-Hubbell® AV* rated.
- Grossman practices in the firm's Kansas City office in the field of general business law with special emphasis on executive compensation, qualified retirement plans and deferred compensation. He is a nationally-recognized authority on employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) and speaks frequently on the advantages of ESOPs. He has been named among *The Best Lawyers in America®* since 2008 and *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers* since 2005. He is *Martindale-Hubbell® AV* rated.

The committee's other members include CEO Joel Voran (Wealth Strategies - Kansas City), Brian Fries (Business Litigation - Kansas City), Steve Graham (Corporate - Kansas City), Jennifer Hannah (Business Litigation - Overland Park), William "Bill" Hansen (Intellectual Property - New York), Bennett Keller (Wealth Strategies - St. Louis), Joseph Medved (Corporate - Kansas City), and William A. Rudy (Intellectual Property - Kansas City).

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Lathrop Gage also has named Jay F. Kamlet (Real Estate - Denver) partner in charge for the firm's national office in Denver.

Kamlet's practice concentrates on real estate transactions and finance as well as complex real estate loan workouts and restructuring. He has been selected for *Colorado Super Lawyers* since 2006 and is among *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2009.

About Lathrop Gage LLP: A full-service law firm, Lathrop Gage LLP has more than 310 attorneys in 11 offices nationwide - from Los Angeles to New York. In 2012, *Chambers USA* ranked Lathrop Gage's corporate, environmental, intellectual property, labor and employment, litigation, real estate and transportation teams among the best in their regions. For more information, visit www.lathropgage.com.