Two Associates Join Lathrop Gage in Kansas City

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KANSAS CITY, MO. (March 10, 2014) - Lathrop Gage LLP announced today that two associates will be joining the firm. Paul McKie Lewis will practice in the real estate department, and Ryan J. F. Pulkrabek will join the banking and creditors' rights litigation team.

Lewis will prepare real estate documents such as leases, sales agreements and easements, handle title matters, draft loan documents such as notes and collateral documents and advise clients on real estate and loan transactions.

Prior to joining Lathrop Gage, Lewis was associate counsel at Americo Financial Life and Annuity Insurance Company, where he reviewed estates, trusts, and powers-of-attorney in connection with the purchase of life insurance policies and conducted research for legal issues and regulatory compliance. Lewis received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Kansas and his juris doctorate and LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Pulkrabek is a litigation attorney whose practice focuses on business litigation, specifically in the areas of banking litigation, loan enforcement, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, title disputes, and mechanics' liens. He represents financial institutions, protecting and enforcing their rights through litigation of breach of contract actions, asset protection and other matters involving real estate and loan collateral.

Prior to joining Lathrop Gage, Pulkrabek was a law clerk with the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Program, where he researched legal issues affecting ocean and coastal areas on the Mississippi-Alabama coast and drafted and edited articles on ocean and coastal issues for Water Log. Pulkrabek obtained his bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Missouri and his juris doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

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