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Pacifica Law Group Adds Construction Law Team

Partner John Parnass and Associate Zak Tomlinson Join Pacific Northwest Law Firm

Seattle—May 6, 2013—Pacifica Law Group is very pleased to announce that John Parnass and Zak Tomlinson have joined the firm, adding construction law to Pacifica's platform serving public and private clients in the Pacific Northwest.

"With the addition of John and Zak to the Pacifica team, we complete our suite of major project development services and can now provide the full range of legal services for public and private clients alike, from finance and real estate through procurement and construction. John and Zak are top notch and well respected lawyers who also share our values. We are proud to welcome them to the firm," said Gerry Johnson, Pacifica's managing partner.

John Parnass provides comprehensive construction legal services to clients regarding public and private infrastructure projects, including transit, water/wastewater systems, roads, bridges and tunneling projects, as well as large commercial, medical, sports and educational facilities. His practice is equally divided between transactional work and formal dispute resolution. John has especially extensive experience in subsurface risk management, public works procurement issues, contract negotiation/preparation, general counseling and claims avoidance. John served on the Board of Trustees for the Associated General Contractors of Washington. He is listed as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business in Litigation: General Commercial (Washington)" in *Chambers USA* and in the "Top 100 Washington Super Lawyers" in Construction Litigation by *Washington Super Lawyers*. John earned his J.D., with high honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and his B.A. in History from Hampshire College.

"Zak and I decided to join Pacifica's team because it provides us with an ideal platform to serve our public and private clients in construction matters. With our combined forces, we can now provide our clients with a formidable array of project-related services, from inception to completion. We are thrilled to join a firm that—like us—is grounded in the Pacific Northwest, and shares our deeply-held commitment to providing our clients with exceptional, efficient and ethical service," said John Parnass.

Zak Tomlinson counsels public and private owners, general contractors and other clients at every phase of the construction process. He represents clients throughout all stages of the claims and dispute resolution process, including mediation, arbitration and litigation in state and federal courts. In addition, Zak advises clients on the front-end of projects (including bidding, contract drafting and procurement issues), and has a particular interest in alternative methods of project procurement and administration. Zak earned his J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law, with honors, and his B.A. in Public Policy from Stanford University.

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