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### Two join Fairfield & Woods

Fairfield and Woods has added two new attorneys: **Karen Reutzel** as of counsel to the firm's real estate department and **Samantha Picans** as an associate in the firm's litigation department.

Reutzel's practice is focused in real estate development and land use law, including community association law, condominium law, land use-related litigation and appeals, commercial property tax appeals and general real estate matters. She received her undergraduate degree from Colorado State University and her law degree from the University of Denver.

Reutzel has practiced law in the Denver area for nearly 20 years, most recently at Reutzel & Associates. Prior to practicing law, she worked for eight years in the stock brokerage and investment banking fields. Picans began working with the firm through Northwestern's Transition to Practice program before being promoted to an associate attorney.

Picans focuses on cases in a wide range of practice areas, including intellectual property, tax, real estate, corporate and contracts. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Central Florida and her law degree from Northwestern University. •

### Lathrop expands real estate group

Lathrop & Gage added **Ashley Oliver** as an associate to the real estate department of the firm's Denver office.

Oliver's practice focuses on real estate transactions, real estate retail and mixed-use development and redevelopment, institutional lending and finance, public-private financing, urban renewal, business land use and leasing. She represents REITS, pension funds, corporate and individual commercial property owners, national credit tenants and developers in the negotiation and structuring of complex real estate development, redevelopment, acquisitions and dispositions and leasing transactions involving residential, office, medical office, retail, mixed-use and other commercial real estate projects.

Before joining the firm, Oliver was a teacher and a director at Teach For America for 11 years. She received a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a law degree from DU's Sturm College of Law. •

Pendleton Wilson Hennessey & Crow added **Darren Schwiebert** as special counsel.

His practice focuses on intellectual property litigation, patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets. •

### Sheridan Ross continues expansion

Sheridan Ross added John Heuton to the firm as an associate.

Heuton's practice is focused on IP litigation and prosecution. He has represented clients in federal courts in many aspects of IP litigation including conducting pre-suit investigations to drafting appellate briefs. He also represents clients in preparing and prosecuting patent applications covering diverse technologies including medical devices and telecommunications. •

Before joining Sheridan Ross, Heuton was in-house IP counsel for Broomfield-based Level 3 Communications. He also worked at IP law firm Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto in New York, where he litigated and appealed IP-related cases. •