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**Kolesar & Leatham Launches Government Affairs Firm**  
*Full-service business law firm in Nevada expands client services*

**LAS VEGAS** (Oct. 21, 2011) - Kolesar & Leatham, one of Nevada's largest independent law firms, has expanded the services it offers to its clients by creating Kolesar & Leatham Government Affairs, LLC.

Since its inception 25 years ago, Kolesar & Leatham has been a full-service law firm, representing a variety of clients with business and corporate interests throughout the world. The law firm is a leader in areas of banking, bankruptcy, real property, administrative law, business and corporate law, commercial litigation, construction law, and tax and tax litigation.

Kolesar & Leatham Government Affairs will offer current and new clients expert lobbying and public policy counsel. The new firm will supplement the legal expertise offered by the law firm's attorneys, including former Nevada Governor Robert List, in the area of government affairs.

Longtime Nevada-based political and public affairs experts Robert Uithoven and Patrick McNaught will manage day-to-day operations as partners of the new government affairs firm, working with the law firm's managing partners, Robert Kolesar and Nile Leatham.

Uithoven most recently served as the founder and president of Nevada-based political consulting firm j3 STRATEGIES, Ltd., which launched in 2007. He has managed clients in Nevada's leading industries, as well as a number of elected officials and candidates for public office.

McNaught currently works for Colliers International in Las Vegas and has been a successful entrepreneur and real estate broker in Southern Nevada since 1997. His reputation, business background and close relationships will undoubtedly benefit the clients that the firm serves.

"We are proud to launch our government affairs business here in Nevada and to have Robert Uithoven and Patrick McNaught join us to serve as founding partners," Kolesar said. "Together, Robert and Patrick will help provide the same great representation and leadership for our government affairs clients as we have consistently provided our legal clients throughout the years."

"It is important that Nevada individuals and businesses continue to adapt to the challenges we face today," Leatham added. "Kolesar & Leatham Government Affairs adds to the services we have provided throughout the years, and we are pleased to have Robert and Patrick joins us in this new endeavor."

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"Having nearly 20 years of political and public affairs experience in Nevada and Washington, D.C., I'm truly excited to join Kolesar & Leatham Government Affairs," Uithoven said. "Bob and Nile are two of the most respected lawyers in Nevada. I'm truly honored to join them, and along with Patrick, I look forward to providing our clients with the best, most-effective representation possible."

"As a longtime Nevada businessman, I know the complexities of navigating through local and state legislative and executive governments," McNaught said. "Partnering up with Bob, Nile and Robert to launch this firm is truly exciting. Together, we will provide our clients with the absolute strongest level of representation by providing quality, cost-effective results."

## **About Kolesar & Leatham**

Founded in 1986, Kolesar & Leatham is a business-based law firm practicing in the areas of banking, bankruptcy, real property, administrative law, business and corporate law, commercial litigation, construction law, and tax and tax litigation. One of the largest independent law firms in Las Vegas, Kolesar & Leatham practice includes representation of clients at local, national and international levels. For more information on Kolesar & Leatham, call 702-362-7800 or visit [www.klnevada.com](http://www.klnevada.com).

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