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Mary Mendoza Named Administrative Partner of Haynes and Boone Austin

AUSTIN – Haynes and Boone, LLP has appointed Mary Mendoza as administrative partner of its Austin office. The appointment makes Ms. Mendoza the only female serving as a major firm's administrative partner in Austin.

Ms. Mendoza is an 11-year Haynes and Boone veteran and partner in the firm's environmental practice. She takes over reign of the Austin office from career partner Jeff King. After 29 years with the firm, Mr. King is relocating to Virginia to serve as corporate counsel to a healthcare non-profit.

Ms. Mendoza has a history of leadership. She is active in the firm's attorney diversity committee and its various initiatives. She also serves as a mentor to young lawyers both in the Austin office and in the environmental practice firm-wide.

"I look forward to developing strategy and coaching younger attorneys on the activities in the community and the opportunities," said Mendoza, who hopes her new position will broaden her role as a mentor and leader.

Outside the firm, Ms. Mendoza serves as president of Any Baby Can of Austin. She is on the steering committee for the State Bar of Texas's 2009 Texas Minority Counsel Program and formerly served as chair of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

In her practice, Ms. Mendoza concentrates in the areas of environmental and administrative law. She represents clients in regulatory compliance matters, hazardous and solid waste cleanups, contested case hearings, enforcement matters, appeals of agency decisions, and toxic tort litigation. Ms. Mendoza counsels clients on general issues of regulatory compliance as well as on environmental issues associated with real estate, corporate and other transactions.

Haynes and Boone's Austin office was established in 1986. The firm's 22 Austin-based attorneys represent a wide array of clients in the city's key industries, including emerging technology, clean technology, alternative energy, bankruptcy and business reorganization, franchise and distribution, and environmental and administrative law.

Haynes and Boone, LLP is an international corporate law firm with offices in Texas, New York, California, Washington, D.C., Mexico City and Moscow, providing a full spectrum of legal services. With almost 550 attorneys, Haynes and Boone is ranked among the largest law firms in the nation by *The National Law Journal*. The firm has been recognized as one of the "Best Corporate Law Firms in America" (*Corporate Board Member Magazine*, 2001-2009), as one of "The Best 20 Law Firms to Work For" (Vault.com, 2008), and as a Top 100 law firm for both diversity (*MultiCultural Law Magazine*, 2009) and women (*Women 3.0*, 2008).