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BILL E. KYRIAGIS ELECTED SHAREHOLDER AT OTTEN JOHNSON

Denver, Colorado – Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC (Otten Johnson) is pleased to announce that <u>Bill E. Kyriagis</u> has been elected a shareholder and director of the firm. Bill is a 2007 graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law. Since earning his J.D., he has practiced with Otten Johnson's litigation practice group.

While Bill's practice covers a broad spectrum of commercial litigation, his clients are primarily concentrated in the real estate, development and finance industries. Complimenting Otten Johnson's strong transactional real estate and land use practices, Bill has developed significant expertise representing clients in complex land and development disputes in a variety of contexts, including entitlement disputes, matters involving lien and title issues, litigation involving special districts, and cases involving Colorado's Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA). Bill also counsels clients facing condemnation of their properties under eminent domain, particularly in complicated situations involving significant damages.

In recent years, Bill has also developed a subject matter expertise in the issues business owners face as a result of Colorado's medical and recreational marijuana laws. He is a frequent publisher of blog posts and articles on the topic, and regularly speaks to groups about the impacts of new state and municipal laws on landlords and property owners. This expertise only enhances his core litigation practice.

"Bill's transition from associate to shareholder will help solidify a core part of the firm's practice and confirm his reputation as a subject matter expert in a new and rapidly expanding Colorado business area," remarked Jim Johnson, Otten Johnson's managing director. "We are very pleased to welcome him as a shareholder and know that he will continue to be a great asset – to both his colleagues and his clients."

Otten Johnson is a leading commercial law firm in Colorado, highly regarded for its real estate and land use practices. Our attorneys work with clients in a wide array of industries, with a particular emphasis on finding real world, business-minded solutions. In the real estate industry, Otten Johnson's clients include owners, developers, builders, investors, banks and financial institutions, commercial tenants, managers and brokers, whether in the multi-family, residential subdivision, office, retail, hotel and resort, mixed-use, or industrial sectors. The firm provides legal services related to real estate and business transactions, financing, land use and entitlement matters, urban renewal and other public/private partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, tax, eminent domain, regulatory compliance, workouts, restructuring, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation. For more information about Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC, please contact Heather Baker at hbaker@ottenjohnson.com or visit our website: www.ottenjohnson.com.