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FORMER GENERAL COUNSEL FOR WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR INSLEE JOINS PACIFICA LAW GROUP

Lawyer Nicholas Brown Hired as Partner in Pacifica's Litigation Group

(Seattle, WA, July 24, 2017) – Pacifica Law Group has hired Nicholas W. Brown as a partner in the firm's litigation group. Nick will focus on assisting public and private clients with complex civil and regulatory litigation, municipal law, public policy and political matters. "Nick brings to Pacifica extensive courtroom skills particularly in federal court," notes Paul Lawrence, Pacifica's senior litigation partner. "He has tried many cases before juries, and argued several appeals before the Ninth Circuit." In addition, Nick has substantial experience counseling on state and federal legislative and policy matters and election issues. "Nick's extensive policy work combined with his litigation experience bring a unique and valuable set of skills to Pacifica's public, private and political clients," Paul added. "We are looking forward to Nick joining our team."

"Nick's expansive Northwest public sector and litigation experience will fit perfectly with Pacifica's focus on serving public and private clients in the region, and add to our premier litigation team. We are honored and delighted to welcome him to the firm," said Gerry Johnson, Pacifica's managing partner.

Nick most recently served as General Counsel to the Governor of Washington, advising on an array of legal and policy issues, including legislation, budget, criminal justice policy, tribal gaming and Indian law, and clemency petitions. He also managed the Governor's judicial appointments, including the appointment of 52 judges.

Prior to that, Nick served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Washington, where he was responsible for the management of a variety of federal criminal cases, from initial investigation to trial and sentencing, and through the appellate

process. In that role, he appeared before every federal judge in the Western District of Washington and prosecuted over 100 individual cases.

Nick also previously served as trial counsel for the U.S. Army at JBLM, WA; trial defense counsel for the U.S. Army Trial Defense Services, Ft. Bliss, TX and Bagdad, Iraq; and legal assistance attorney/tax officer for the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center, Ft. Bliss, TX.

Nick earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. in political science from Morehouse College, *magna cum laude*.

Nick was appointed by Governor Inslee in 2013 to the Washington State Public Records Review (Sunshine) Committee and to the Washington State Statute Law Committee, and in 2016 to the Washington State Body Worn Camera Taskforce. Nick is active in the community, serving on the board of directors for Treehouse and previously as a member of Seattle Works. He also is a member of the Washington State Bar Association's Leadership Institute, the Federal Bar Association and the Loren Miller Bar Association.

Nick is the fourth new attorney to join Pacifica in 2017. The firm has grown from a small startup, founded in 2011 by former partners and associates of one of the largest international law firms, to 36 lawyers focused on serving Northwest public and private clients.

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