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Galen Knowles Joins Pacifica Litigation Practice Group

SEATTLE, WA— Pacifica Law Group is pleased to announce that <u>Galen Knowles</u> has joined the firm as an associate in its Litigation Practice Group. An experienced adviser to government clients, Knowles comes to Pacifica after working as an attorney for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) in Washington, D.C., where he counselled agency leadership on administrative and constitutional law, enforcement initiatives, and defensive litigation.

Knowles also previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Morgan Christen of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and to the Honorable Timothy L. Brooks of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas.

"We are delighted to add Galen to our litigation team," said Pacifica Litigation Practice Group Leader <u>Jessica Skelton</u>. "His experience working for the CFPB and clerking in the Ninth Circuit makes him an asset to our government clients and appellate practice, and we appreciate his demonstrated passion for public service."

Born and raised in Pend Oreille County in northeast Washington, Knowles developed an interest in government while attending Eastern Washington University, where he earned a B.A. in Government and a Master of Public Administration degree. He went on to graduate from Washington University School of Law. During law school, Knowles served as Chief Articles Editor for the Washington University Law Review, and taught constitutional law at a public high school in St. Louis, Missouri.

Knowles is one of three attorneys who have recently joined Pacifica following federal government service. Litigation attorney <u>Sarah Du</u> previously worked as a trial attorney in at the U.S. Department of Justice, and School Districts attorney <u>Craig Peters</u> worked as a neutral staff attorney with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

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