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**Beveridge & Diamond Opens Austin Office and
Welcomes Lydia González Gromatzky**

Austin, TX -- Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., the environmental, land use, and litigation law firm, announces it has established a permanent southwestern presence with a new office in Austin, Texas. The office, located in the San Jacinto Center at 98 San Jacinto Blvd., was founded by directors Madeleine Kadas and Laura LaValle. Additionally, former TCEQ Deputy Director Lydia González Gromatzky is joining the firm as Of Counsel.

“Our Austin location allows us to more effectively serve our Texas clients on their local, regional and national needs, and provide service to our national clients with Texas matters,” said Rob Brager, Managing Director of Beveridge & Diamond. “With a new office opening in Boston last December, and now the Austin office, we are continuing our growth strategy of opening regional offices with first-rate lawyers. We are looking to grow the Austin office and will be adding associates in the near term.”

“Having known Lydia for many years, we are thrilled she is joining us. As chief legal adviser to the Executive Director of TCEQ, she brings to us an understanding of state environmental issues, particularly in waste and water issues, that is unmatched. She also will help build our growing Latin American practice,” said Madeleine Kadas, Managing Director of the Austin office. “Our Austin office brings to Texas an expertise in national and state environmental law issues that is unsurpassed.”

Madeleine Kadas, who serves as the Managing Director of the Austin office, practices both domestic and international environmental law. Kadas represents firm clients on a variety of regulatory and litigation matters under U.S. domestic environmental laws, concentrating in air and waste matters. She is also the Deputy Chair of the firm’s International Environmental Practice and leads the Latin America practice now based in Austin. Prior to joining the firm in 1999, she was a staff attorney with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. She received her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and her J.D. at the University of Texas School of Law. She completed an advanced law degree from La Escuela Libre de Derecho School of Law in Mexico City, Mexico. She is fluent in Spanish.

Laura LaValle is a director whose practice has focused primarily on Clean Air Act matters. Her extensive air quality experience includes advising and representing industrial entities on a broad range of permitting, compliance and policy issues. LaValle entered private practice several years before joining Beveridge & Diamond in 2005. LaValle previously served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Natural Resources

Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, and as Staff Attorney and Senior Attorney for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Upon graduation from law school, she served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force, where she acquired extensive litigation experience and provided counsel on environmental issues. She received a B.A. from Duke University, and her J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law.

Lydia González Gromatzky was most recently Deputy Director of the Office of Legal Services of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, where she had held positions since 1988. She previously served as Senior Attorney for Hazardous Waste, Assistant Director for the Legal Division, Special Counsel for the Office of Legal Services and Senior Director of the Office of Legal Services. She currently serves as Secretary of the Austin Bar Association Section of Environmental, Natural Resources and Water Law. She received her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law. She is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

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