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Robin C. Russell Joins Laird Norton Tyee

Russell Brings More Than 25 Years of Experience to Seattle-Based Firm

SEATTLE – July 25, 2011 – Laird Norton Tyee, one of the largest and most experienced privately held wealth management firms in the Pacific Northwest, today announced that Robin C. Russell has joined the firm. She brings more than 25 years of wealth management experience, including investment management and estate planning expertise for multigenerational families, high-net-worth individuals and family-owned businesses.

"Laird Norton Tyee seeks talent with deep expertise in all aspects of strategic wealth management to align with our comprehensive offering and unparalleled client service," said Bob Moser, Laird Norton Tyee CEO. "As a highly respected industry leader experienced in both investment management and estate planning, Robin will be a valuable asset to the firm's advisors and clients."

Laird Norton Tyee takes a unique, integrated approach to wealth management by aligning investment and trust services. The addition of Russell is a strategic move by Laird Norton Tyee to bring in the industry's top talent, adding to its comprehensive strengths and abilities.

"I was drawn to Laird Norton Tyee's commitment to helping Pacific Northwest families navigate life's transitions and transfer businesses, wealth and values from generation to generation," said Russell. "Laird Norton Tyee has earned a reputation as one of the region's top wealth management firms, and I look forward to contributing to the firm's legacy of service."

Prior to joining Laird Norton Tyee, Russell spent more than a decade with The Private Client Reserve of U.S. Bank. During her tenure as vice president and senior relationship manager, Russell specialized in trusts, estate planning, multigenerational family management and investment management, overseeing more than $400 million in assets. Russell also previously served as vice president and manager at Northwestern Trust (now Harris Bankcorp Inc.) and vice president, senior trust officer and sales officer at Union Bank of California in Seattle.

Russell is involved with numerous professional and civic organizations. She served as past president and board member of the Estate Planning Council of Seattle, during which she also chaired the Annual Estate Planning Seminar. In addition, Russell was past president of Western Washington University’s Alumni Board and Economics America and has previously served on the boards of Camp Fire USA, Seattle Children’s Hospital Foundation Advisory Committee and Legacy Advisor and the Seattle Aquarium Society, among others. She is also a graduate of Leadership Tomorrow class of 2001.

Russell holds Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA) and Accredited Estate Planner (AEP) designations. Russell holds degrees in business administration and communications from Western Washington University.

About Laird Norton Tyee:

Laird Norton Tyee is one of the Pacific Northwest's largest privately held wealth management firms, with nearly $4 billion in assets under management. Originally founded to serve the financial management needs of the Laird and Norton families, the firm now serves more than 400 high-net-worth individuals and families who want to make an intentional, positive impact with their wealth. Success is measured by clients’ ability to achieve long-term financial results, reach personal and family goals and leave lasting legacies. Offering expertise in financial planning, trust and estate strategies and administration and investment stewardship, Laird Norton Tyee’s more than 40 years in the Pacific Northwest lends a unique multi-generational insight and approach to personal and family wealth.

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