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## **FREDERICKS PEEBLES & MORGAN LLP ADDS WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE**

Washington, D.C., May 27, 2011 - Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP announced the opening of its newest office in Washington, D.C. this week. The new office is the latest expansion for the firm which maintains offices in several Midwestern states and on both coasts. Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP is a law firm dedicated to the representation of Indian Tribes and Native American organizations throughout the United States.

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP opened an office in Washington, D.C. to further the firm's commitment to addressing the full range of Indian law issues and to providing its clients with a significant presence before Congress, federal agencies and federal courts. Washington, D.C. is the hub of Indian law activity and the D.C. office will allow the firm to provide its clients with an immediate presence on Capitol Hill and with more effective advocacy on legislative and administrative issues.

The managing partner of the D.C. office is Patricia Marks, an attorney with over three decades of experience representing Indian tribes in Washington, D.C. Marks is a former staff member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the American Indian Policy Review Commission. She has over 25 years of experience representing Indian Tribes before federal agencies, the Congress, and in the federal courts.

"The ability to serve our clients with immediate and direct access to government officials, politicians and legislators is a major advantage. We are excited by this expansion as the firm continues to grow and develop ever stronger advocacy for the tribal clients we represent. The variety of current national issues affecting Tribes today makes it critical that they have a voice in Washington. We are pleased to provide that voice and representation," Marks commented during the announcement.

Rollie Wilson, also a partner with the firm, will be joining Marks in the Washington, D.C. office. Wilson comes to the firm with over 10 years of practice within the federal government. Wilson most recently served on the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs as Senior Counsel for the Majority, where he developed legislation on Indian energy, water rights, natural and cultural resources, trust accounting and loan discrimination. Prior to the Senate, Wilson served at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Department of Energy, the Department of Interior, and as in-house counsel for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

Another attorney joining the D. C. office is Matthew J. Kelly, who has worked in federal Indian law as an attorney and scholar for more than a decade. Previously, Kelly advised the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the Ponca Language Arts Committee of the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma, and clerked for the Native American Rights Fund. He studied the history of federal Indian policy extensively as a research assistant at the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Law Program and as a teacher at the University of Chicago.

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Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP serve Indian Tribes and Native American organizations with a broad range of legal services in the areas of business transactions, litigation, natural resources, renewable energy and governmental affairs. The firm's efforts are focused exclusively on the promotion, protection and preservation of tribal sovereignty, culture and resources for the benefit of all Native American communities. The Washington, D.C. office joins the firm's other offices in California, Colorado, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.



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