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BRIAN SANDOVAL JOINS JONES VARGAS LAW FIRM *Former judge focuses on mediation, arbitration and dispute resolution*

RENO, Nev. (Oct. 19, 2009) – Jones Vargas, a statewide law firm with offices in Las Vegas and Reno, announces that Brian Sandoval has joined the firm in its Reno office as Of Counsel. He will concentrate on the areas of mediation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. Sandoval joins Jones Vargas with years of experience in both the private and public sectors, having most recently served as United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

"Any law firm would be honored to have a former Federal Judge join the firm," remarked Jones Vargas Managing Partner Gary Goodheart. "In addition to his service on the Federal bench, Judge Sandoval's resume is truly unique. He has served as a member of the Nevada Legislature, as Nevada's Attorney General and as Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission. This breadth of experience will make him an extraordinary asset to our firm and a great internal resource, particularly for our younger lawyers. We are pleased and honored to have him join the firm."

Prior to his time serving as Federal Judge, Sandoval was Nevada's Attorney General where he also acted as chairman and a member of several state boards and commissions including the Nevada Boards of Pardons, Prisons, Transportation and Examiners, the Cyber-Crime Task Force, the Committee on Domestic Violence and the Prosecutorial Advisory Council. Preceding his election as Attorney General, Sandoval served as a member and chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, where at age 35 he was the youngest person ever to serve as the state's chief gaming regulator. Sandoval also served three years as Nevada's at-large member of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board, as well as fulfilling two terms in the Nevada Legislature where he served on the Judiciary, Taxation and Natural Resources Committees, the Nevada Legislative Commission, the Advisory Commission on Sentencing, the Juvenile Justice Commission, the Advisory Council on Community Notification of Sex Offenders and the TRPA Oversight Committee.

"There are a lot of quality law firms in our state but Jones Vargas stands out to me," said Sandoval. "I'm excited to now be part of a firm with the long standing history and professional reputation that Jones Vargas enjoys and I'm looking forward to working among friends."

Sandoval received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nevada and his Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Throughout his career, Sandoval has received several awards and certificates including the Nevada State Bar's 2004 "Access to Justice Public Lawyer Award," the Latino Coalition's 2004 "Most Influential Hispanic in the U.S. Award," the 2004 University of Nevada "Alumnus of the Year Award," the Anti-Defamation League's 2003 "Torch of Liberty Award" and the Hispanics in Politics' 1996 "Broche de Oro Award."

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