

NEWS RELEASE
February 12, 2008**FARRIS JOINS FORCES WITH KELOWNA LAW FIRM PETRAROIA LANGFORD***Clients to benefit with greater coverage across British Columbia*

VANCOUVER - Effective March 1, 2008, Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP (Farris) and Petraroia Langford LLP, one of Kelowna's leading business law firms, are joining forces in order to expand services to clients and provide greater coverage within the province.

Farris' Chair, Keith Mitchell, Q.C., said today, "We are extremely pleased to be welcoming Petraroia Langford under the Farris banner and we believe this is a great fit that extends our network and builds on the firm's goal to be the province's pre-eminent law firm."

Farris will now have offices in Vancouver, Kelowna, and Victoria.

"We're very proud to be joining forces with our province's most prestigious law firm, boasting some of BC's and Canada's most respected lawyers," said Dominic Petraroia, newly appointed Managing Partner of Farris' Kelowna office. "Kelowna is one of the fastest growing regions in our nation, so we believe it's important to offer our clients a broader range of services to meet their ever-changing needs."

According to Lexpert, Canada's most respected legal publication, Farris has been ranked as Vancouver's top corporate law firm and top litigation firm for 6 years.

Alan Hamilton, Q.C., the firm's Managing Partner, said today, "Our teams share a deep commitment to unparalleled client service, hard work and the highest professional standards. Joining forces will continue to solidify our traditions, values, and business practices."

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ABOUT FARRIS

Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP (Farris) is a leading Canadian law firm located in Vancouver, Kelowna, and Victoria, British Columbia with a diverse client base that includes some of the largest public institutions and private corporations in the province.

Founded in 1903 by Senator John Wallace Debeque Farris, Farris provides innovative solutions and unparalleled knowledge and experience in the areas of corporate and commercial, securities, banking, real estate, technology, biotechnology, litigation and labour law.

As recognized and respected leaders in their field, many Farris lawyers are ranked among the top 500 leading lawyers in Canada. In 2008, Farris was rated the top corporate and top litigation law firm in Vancouver by Lexpert, Canada's most respected legal publication.