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## NEWS RELEASE

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### ONE OF CANADA'S LEADING REAL ESTATE LAWYERS, DAVID E. GILLANDERS, Q.C. JOINS FARRIS

**VANCOUVER** – The Partners of Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP are pleased to announce that one of Canada's leading Real Estate lawyers, David E. Gillanders, Q.C., has joined the firm as Associate Counsel. David is an accomplished senior practitioner in the area of Real Estate Law, having created a diverse practice that includes residential, commercial and industrial real estate development, sales, financing, syndication and leasing.

Farris' Chair, Keith Mitchell, Q.C., said today, "We are extremely pleased to welcome David to Farris. His practice focuses particularly on residential, shopping centre, office, and mixed-use developments. David's keen entrepreneurial spirit and wealth of experience in real estate will enhance our well-established real estate practice."

Alan Hamilton, Q.C., the firm's Managing Partner, added, "Farris has historically been involved in major real estate development in British Columbia, acting for clients in all matters relating to such developments, such as tax structuring, acquisition of properties, density transfers, environmental matters, servicing agreements, rezoning, subdivision, financing, and leasing. David's insight, expertise, and experience advising Canadian development companies, major Canadian retailers, pension funds and off-shore investors will be a valuable asset to our clients."

David Gillanders commented, "I look forward to joining Farris, a long established and highly regarded law firm for which I have always had the utmost respect."

David has been listed in the Real Estate Law section of *The Best Lawyers of Canada 2010* and as a leading lawyer in the areas of Property Development and Property Leasing in the *2009 Canadian Legal Expert Directory*. He has also received the highest Peer Review Rating of AV (Very High to Prominent) from Martindale Hubbell.

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