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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FARRIS WELCOMES DONALD BRENNER, Q.C. AS SENIOR COUNSEL TO THE FIRM

**VANCOUVER** - The Partners of Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP are pleased to announce that Donald I. Brenner, Q.C. has joined the firm as Senior Counsel. Mr. Brenner, after 17 years on the Bench, recently retired as Chief Justice of the British Columbia Supreme Court at the age of 64.

A focus of Mr. Brenner's practice will be dispute resolution as a mediator and arbitrator through Brenner ADR, and he will also be giving advice to Farris clients and lawyers. Mr. Brenner will not appear as counsel.

Prior to joining the Supreme Court in 1992, Mr. Brenner had a distinguished career as a practising lawyer who specialized in the fields of aviation, professional indemnity, and products liability law.

After his appointment in 2000, Chief Justice Brenner continued to sit as a trial judge hearing cases principally in the areas of commercial insolvency, corporate reorganization, and class actions.

Mr. Brenner is a Director and Vice Chair of the Vancouver Foundation, which serves British Columbia as the country's largest community foundation with assets of \$800 million.

Keith Mitchell, Q.C., Chair of Farris, remarked, "We are honoured and delighted that Don Brenner has decided to join Farris. His wise counsel will be available to our lawyers and our clients. In the field of dispute resolution he is uniquely positioned to offer his considerable talent and experience to the most challenging situations. He will be a national and international practice leader in the dispute resolution field in addition to assisting BC litigants."

Alan Hamilton, Q.C., Farris' Managing Partner, indicated that all Farris lawyers at their offices in Kelowna, Victoria, and Vancouver were looking forward to welcoming Mr. Brenner as a colleague: "Don Brenner's broad experience in so many areas of law will be a real resource to all Farris lawyers as well as our clients."

George Macintosh, Q.C., head of Farris' litigation and dispute resolution group, extended a special welcome: "We who have appeared before Don Brenner over the years look forward to working with him now as a colleague."

Mr. Brenner reminded his new Farris colleagues that he worked as a summer student at Farris in 1968 and looked forward to returning after 40 years.

## **ABOUT FARRIS**

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