

Press Release – July 31, 2012

The Omaha law firm of Gross & Welch is pleased to announce Jerome A. Merwald has joined the firm as Of Counsel and will be practicing in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate, Elder Law, Social Security Disability, Real Estate and Corporate Law.

Mr. Merwald earned both his law degree and his undergraduate degree from Creighton University. After law school, he worked as a Deputy County Attorney for Douglas County, Nebraska and then as a Deputy District Attorney for Adams County, Colorado. He has been in private practice for the last 35 years.

Mr. Merwald is a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, Colorado State Bar Association, Omaha Bar Association and the National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives. He is licensed to practice in the state courts in Nebraska and Colorado, the U.S. District Court of Nebraska, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth District and the United States Supreme Court.

In addition to his memberships above, Mr. Merwald was a member of the initial Board of Directors of the Nebraska Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He is a past president of the Cornhusker Fly Fishers and St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Council. He is a member of the Serra Club of Omaha, where he has been the recipient of the Serra Club's Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Merwald was also an adjunct professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's School of Criminal Justice.

Mr. Merwald joins Steven E. Achelpohl (Civil and Business Litigation, White Collar Criminal Law and Appellate Practice), Andrew J. Wilson (Insurance Defense, Subrogation, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law and Criminal Defense), Adam J. Wachal (Civil Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Creditors' Rights, Bankruptcy and Business Law), Eric W. Tiritilli (Employment and Labor Law, Employment Litigation, Noncompetition Agreement Litigation and OSHA & Workplace Safety) and Jaimee D. Johanning (Family Law and Mediation) as Gross & Welch's sixth new attorney since the beginning of 2012.

The law firm of Gross & Welch was founded in 1927 by Daniel J. Gross and is celebrating its 85th anniversary this year. The firm is located in Omaha, Nebraska and includes the following practice areas: civil litigation, business law, insurance law, employment and labor law, estate planning and probate, real estate, family law, creditor bankruptcy and workers' compensation. The firm represents clients throughout Nebraska and Iowa. More information about the firm can be found at www.grosswelch.com.

This press release is for immediate dissemination. We would appreciate it if you would publish this in your publication with the attached photo. If you have any further questions, please contact Keegan Stein, Professional Development Coordinator, or Jennifer Colwell, Legal Administrator, at the Gross & Welch law firm, (402) 392-1500. Ms. Stein's email is: kstein@grosswelch.com; Ms. Colwell's email is: jcolwell@grosswelch.com.

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