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Nevada's Yucca Law Firm Hires New Partner

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Following the untimely death of its founding attorney, Joseph Egan, veteran nuclear law firm Egan, Fitzpatrick & Malsch, PLLC announces the arrival of a new contract partner, John Lawrence, to assist the legal team representing the State of Nevada before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in licensing proceedings for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. "I look forward to carrying on the traditions established by Mr. Egan and continuing the accomplishments his firm has achieved for its clients including the State of Nevada," said Lawrence.

For the past 4-½ years, Mr. Lawrence was the General Counsel of Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (LES), a New Mexico-based company that received a NRC license in 2006 to construct and operate the National Enrichment Facility (NEF). Like Egan, Lawrence is a veteran nuclear attorney and a former nuclear engineer with on-site nuclear construction and operations experience. At LES, Lawrence was responsible for all legal, corporate compliance, and insurance matters throughout facility licensing and construction, and successfully defended the NEF license before the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

The firm's managing partner, Charlie Fitzpatrick, commented that "John is one of the last nuclear attorneys not conflicted out. He's a world-class litigator and a prodigious attorney that has some of the most current NRC legal experience in the U.S. We're thrilled to have him aboard." Among other roles, Mr. Lawrence has committed to establishing a firm office in Las Vegas, as this becomes appropriate, to facilitate its participation in the Yucca licensing proceeding.

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