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### **PENFIELD TATE III, A LEADING PUBLIC FINANCE AND MUNICIPAL LAWYER , JOINS GREENBERG TRAUIG TO HEAD THIS PRACTICE IN ITS DENVER OFFICE**

-- Tate brings with him extensive government experience and a strong commitment to community service -

DENVER - Highly regarded for his skill in public finance and municipal law, Penfield ("Pen") Tate III has joined Greenberg Traurig to establish and build this practice group in the firm's Denver office. Drawing on his extensive government experience serving in both the Colorado Senate and House of Representatives as well as on the State of Colorado Banking Board and the Board of the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Tate established himself as a leader in public finance representing both public and private entities. Not only is he known for his integrity and business acumen, he also has won numerous awards for his dedication to the community including the 2003 Anti-Defamation League Civil Rights Award for his sponsorship of anti-hate-crime legislation.

"Greenberg Traurig has a very strong national public finance practice," notes David Palmer, managing shareholder of the Denver office. "Pen and his family have been leaders of our community for many years. He is a charismatic leader and the ideal person to build a dynamic public finance practice in Colorado, and to continue this long history of public service and commitment."

Prior to joining Greenberg Traurig, Tate served as managing principal of Trimble Tate Nulan & Evans, P.C. - one of the few minority-owned law firms in Colorado - and head of its public finance and municipal law group. A partner in the firm since 1989, he brings with him Lori Fujioka, an associate who has worked with him extensively on public finance matters, and his long time administrative assistant Ann Chiolero.

In 2005 Mayor John Hickenlooper appointed Tate one of five commissioners with six-year terms on the Denver Water Board. Tate also served as co-chair of the Denver Police Reform Commission as well as co-chair of Mayor Hickenlooper's transition team. An aide to former Mayor Federico Pena, Tate represented Mayor Pena on issues ranging from airport finance to business, housing and economic development.

Well known throughout the state, Tate is much in demand as a speaker on issues of public interest and a frequent source for comment in the media. He also has a high-traffic public affairs blog, *Pen's Take*, which offers his unique perspective on the day's news.

"Joining Greenberg Traurig's extensive public finance practice with its deep bench of interdisciplinary attorneys capable of handling every aspect of public project development, was an exciting proposition and one that I could not turn down," said Tate. "I look forward to working with my new colleagues and building a strong practice in the Denver office. I know that my clients will be well served by having access to the full range of services the firm offers."

Tate is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the Colorado Bar Association, and the Sam Cary Bar Association. He serves as chairman of the board of The Bell Policy Center and sits on the board of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, which named him "Leadership Denver Alumnus of the Year" in 2005. He also sits on the boards of Cerebral Palsy of Colorado, the DIA Business Partnership, the YMCA of Metropolitan Denver, and The Denver Foundation.

He received his law degree from Antioch School of Law in Washington D.C. and an undergraduate degree in sociology from Colorado State University.

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