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**WEIL & DRAGE, ONE OF LARGEST WOMEN-OWNED LAW FIRMS IN THE
NATION, A STANDOUT IN COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION LAW**
*Firm receives certification as a Women's Business Enterprise from Women's Business
Enterprise National Council (WBENC)*

Las Vegas – If it's easy to think of construction as a man's world, it may be surprising to learn that one of the dominant law firms in complex construction law for the past decade is owned entirely by women. Jean Weil, Esq. and Christine Drage, Esq. started Weil & Drage 10 years ago. The firm specializes in a wide range of construction and business-related matters, its lawyers having handled thousands of legal matters in California, Nevada, and Arizona. The firm's lawyers have extensive experience representing design professionals, contractors, construction managers, manufacturers, and a broad array of business owners.

"We built this firm solely on our commitment to excellent representation of our clients' legal needs," explained Jean Weil, one of the founding partners of the firm, with over 25 years of litigation experience. "We put up a tough defense of our clients' rights at the negotiation table and in court and are well known in the industry for exceptional lawyering. We also just happen to be 100 percent women owned."

Many nationally leading businesses and government agencies have a commitment to promote diversity in the marketplace by using minority- and women-owned businesses for a substantial percentage of the business they conduct.

Christine Drage, a founding partner with over 20 years of litigation experience, shares that "We have been in a position where existing clients have come to us with major legal matters, only to have some of the work go to a firm with a WBE certification for various reasons. It made sense for us to pursue the certification, not only for ourselves but for our clients."

Jacqueline Pons-Bunney, the Managing Partner of the firm and the newest shareholder, states, "We have a highly skilled group of lawyers that are passionate about their work. It is exciting to see that effort and determination translate into a growing firm that continues to establish a tradition of quality service. While being women-owned has never been a particular focus or goal, we understand the benefits that certification brings to our clients and look forward to serving a broader community that takes an interest in working with certified businesses."

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About WBENC

The Women's Business Enterprise National Council is the nation's largest third-party certifier of businesses owned and operated by women in the United States. WBENC is a resource for the more than 700 U.S. companies and government agencies that rely on WBENC's certification as an integral part of their supplier diversity programs.

Weil & Drage

The law firm of Weil & Drage was founded on the principle of "Excellence from the Beginning." The firm specializes in a wide range of complex construction and business-related matters in California, Nevada, and Arizona. Firm attorneys have extensive experience representing design professionals, contractors, manufacturers, and business owners in a wide variety of actions, ranging from simple lien actions to multi-million dollar private and public works construction cases involving multi-million and multi-billion dollar projects, including hotels, casinos, highways, airports, justice projects, hospitals, wastewater treatment facilities, high rise and single-family residential and commercial projects. Weil & Drage lawyers have worked closely with clients and insurance carriers around the globe.

The firm has handled virtually every type of design and construction case from the inception of contract negotiations, through pre-litigation, trial, and post-trial appellate matters.

Weil & Drage attorneys have extensive experience in real estate litigation (including the representation of brokers, title insurance, and property management), premises liability, products liability, employment, public entity representation, high exposure personal injury, equine law and litigation and equine-related transactions.

The firm also serves the business needs of its clients by providing the following transactional services: business entity formations, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, private placement financing, general business and ownership transition planning, commercial law and contracts, real estate matters (purchase and sale, commercial leasing), employment practices and procedures, trademarks and other intellectual property protections, as well as general corporate compliance.

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