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HART CROWSER PROMOTIONS AND NEW STAFF

(August 16, 2017) Hart Crowser has promoted **Jim Starkes** and **Susan Kemp** to Senior Associate. Starkes is a Fisheries Biologist in the Edmonds office with 28 years of experience, 17 of those with Hart Crowser. He specializes in marine nearshore environmental impacts, and conducting studies, monitoring, and preparing conservation plans to protect sensitive, threatened, and endangered species. He also creates plans to restore aquatic and fish habitats to offset the impacts of waterfront development. As Marketing Manager, Kemp is responsible for proposals, corporate communication, and social media. She recently served on the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) Seattle board as Director of Education. With 24 years of experience, Kemp has been with the firm's Seattle office for 16 years.

Also in the Seattle office, Geotechnical Engineers **Matt Veenstra**, **Ben Blanchette**, and **Brice Exley** have been promoted to Associate. Veenstra has managed infrastructure projects for state and local transportation departments, ports, and the Department of Defense as well as commercial, residential and industrial buildings for public and private sector development. Blanchette has managed geotechnical investigations for several major new projects at Sea-Tac International Airport including the new International Arrivals Facility. Exley has managed high-rise, waterfront, and transportation developments, many of which required complex computer modelling techniques.

Geotechnical Engineers **Joseph Harmon** and **Erik Ellingsen** have joined Hart Crowser's Seattle office. Harmon received his PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign; he has developed widely used geotechnical earthquake engineering software and models. Ellingsen received his MS in Civil Engineering with a geotechnical emphasis from California State Polytechnic University and has 6 years of experience. At Hart Crowser he will support a mix of residential and commercial buildings, and waterfront projects.

Joe Robinson, Geotechnical Engineer, and **Russell Rosenberg**, Engineering Geologist, have joined the Portland Office. Robinson has an MS in Civil Engineering with a geotechnical and geoenvironmental emphasis from Mississippi State University. He will focus on projects such as levee embankments, geological hazards including landslides, buildings with deep foundation excavations, and disaster resilience. Rosenberg earned his BS in Geology from Oregon State University and his M.Sc. in Geosciences from Pennsylvania State University. He previously worked for the National Park Service in



Alaska, where he assessed the geologic risk of landslides and rockfall along park roadways. At Hart Crowser he will work on geologic hazard assessments associated with roadways, utilities, and forest practices; investigate landslides and unstable slopes; conduct rock slope mapping; and complete geologic investigations to support projects of all types.

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