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**NEVADA FAMILY HIRES ATTORNEY TO FIGHT U.S. GOVERNMENT IN CONDEMNATION SUIT**

*Family attorney files demand for trial by jury.*

**Las Vegas, Nev. – (Oct. 20, 2015)** On September 16, 2015, the United States District Court granted the federal government’s request for immediate possession of the Sheahan family’s property, the Groom Mine, consisting of 400 acres of mining land located approximately six miles north of Area 51. Accordingly, the Sheahans hired the law offices of Kermit L. Waters out of Las Vegas, NV to seek just compensation for their property, a place where, for nearly 130 years, the Sheahan family has worked, cherished and called home. On September 30, 2015 the lead attorneys on the case, Kermitt L. Waters and James J. Leavitt, filed a pleading on behalf of 13 Groom Mine owners to demand a trial by jury.

“The Sheahan family deserves justice,” said Leavitt. “A fair trial is the only way they are going to be afforded justice.”

The Law Offices of Kermit L. Waters specializes in eminent domain cases at the city and Nevada Supreme Court levels. Attorney James Leavitt assisted Kermit Waters in drafting the People’s Initiative to Stop the Taking of Our Land (PISTOL), which was adopted by the Nevada State Constitution in 2006. With a combined 55 years of experience, Waters and Leavitt have worked to assist Americans in condemnation suits, in which the United States Government has taken and attempted to undercompensate landowners.

“We want nothing more than justice for the loss of a land that is, and will always be, invaluable to us,” said Patrick Sheahan, co-owner of the Groom Mine and retired Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army. “We’re confident that Mr. Waters, Mr. Leavitt and the attorneys at Kermit L. Waters are going to fight for that.”

Since the early 1940s, the Sheahan family has fought tirelessly to keep their land, which was, until the bombing of their mill on June 23, 1954, their primary source of income. After that fateful day, the family sought justice to no avail. They did, however, maintain ownership of their land, which serves as the final resting place for two family members and a former miner.

“Our family has sacrificed and suffered greatly for the crimes they (the United States Government and their agents) have committed against us,” said Daniel R. Sheahan Jr., co-owner of the Groom Mine. “Now, they want to take our land without paying just compensation, and we’re going to fight that through all legal means possible.”

For more information or questions, please contact Kermitt Waters at Jim@KermittWaters.com or 702-733-8877. All media requests should be sent to Amanda Sheahan or Rachel Gregory, whose information is provided at the top of this press release.

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**About The Groom Mine and Residence**

The Historic Groom Mine and residence has been owned an operated by the Sheahan family since 1889. Rich in several precious metals including lead, silver and gold, the land is also wealthy in history, as the government established a Nevada Test and Training Range within its boundaries. For 70 years, the Sheahan family has worked tirelessly to cooperate with government officials to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship. However, leaders within the government have consistently disregarded the family’s Constitutional Rights, forcing them to visit their property under constant duress.