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DEAN, MEAD & BOVAY OPENS NEW OFFICE IN GAINESVILLE

***Florida law firm expands prominent tax and estate planning presence
by combining forces with Jack Bovay, Esq.***

Gainesville, Florida -- Dean, Mead & Bovay announced today the opening of their new office in Gainesville on January 1, 2011. The Gainesville location expands Dean Mead's footprint to four offices and nearly 50 attorneys strategically positioned throughout Florida. Jack Bovay, widely known as one of north central Florida's leading tax and estate planning attorneys, has been tapped to serve as managing shareholder for the Gainesville office.

Dean, Mead & Bovay provides clients with unique expertise as one of Florida's largest tax, estate and succession planning firms. The firm's depth of resources includes 20 lawyers practicing in tax and estate planning for companies, families and high net worth individuals. There are four attorneys who are Board Certified in the areas of Wills, Trusts & Estates and Tax Law by the Florida Bar, as well as 16 attorneys with their masters of law in taxation. In addition, one of the founding shareholders, Charles H. Egerton, is the Chair of the American Bar Association Tax Section.

In addition to tax and estate planning, the firm provides full-service business experience in areas such as mergers and acquisitions, financing, commercial litigation, and employee benefits. For more than 30 years, Dean Mead has focused on advising clients in key industries including agribusiness, healthcare, financial institutions and real estate development.

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“We’re excited to call Gainesville our home because the community and the university have done an extraordinary job in paving the way for Florida’s entrepreneurs,” said Michael D. Minton, president of Dean Mead. “Our goal as good corporate citizens is to support the University of Florida Innovation Hub, the Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator, the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and CEO to help those companies flourish.”

One such effort the firm is spearheading is a partnership with Gainesville intellectual property law firm, Saliwanchik, Lloyd & Saliwanchik, Bush & Ross, P.A. in Tampa, and the University of Florida Levin College of Law to launch a new course aimed at entrepreneurs. Beginning in January, attorneys will serve as adjunct professors to instruct the class geared toward third-year law students with an interest in business law. Using a team based, interactive approach, students will learn how to advise business owners on the legal complexities of a start-up company.

“The expansion of Dean Mead to the Gainesville community is unlike any other law firm that currently has a local office”, said Jack Bovay, managing shareholder, “The benefit to our clients is access - to 50 attorneys with unique expertise and statewide business relationships - that allows us to tailor our services to the needs of our clients.”

The Gainesville office is home to three attorneys including Jack Bovay, Julia M. Cook, and Richard I Withers. Bovay has a varied practice that includes estate, succession and asset protection planning for high net worth individuals and families who desire to preserve that wealth for future generations. He also handles the statutory and tax aspects of probate and trust litigation.

Bovay graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1979. He received both his law degree and LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Bovay is Board Certified as a specialist in both Wills, Trusts and Estates Law and also in Tax Law. In addition, he is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the state of Florida.

Bovay is an AV-rated lawyer and was recognized as one of the 2007 *Florida Super Lawyers*. In addition to his law practice, Bovay serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He also serves on the board of the University of Florida Law Center and the Southeast Tissue Alliance.

Cook practices in the areas of wills, trusts and estates, business succession planning and tax. Cook received her Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida in 2004.

Withers practices in the area of estate planning, business succession planning, probate and trust administration and tax planning for businesses and individuals. Withers earned his Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida in 2007.

About Dean Mead:

Dean Mead provides full-service legal representation to businesses and individuals throughout Florida. The firm has nearly 50 attorneys practicing in multiple practice areas including: tax, estate and succession planning, corporate, agribusiness, healthcare, real estate, general commercial litigation, employee benefits, bankruptcy and creditors' rights. The firm's offices are located in Gainesville, Orlando, Fort Pierce, and Viera. For more information, please visit www.deanmead.com.

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