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CHARLES H. EGERTON NAMED 2012 ORLANDO TAX LAWYER OF THE YEAR
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Orlando, Florida – Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. announced today that *Best Lawyers*, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession, has named Charles H. Egerton as the “Orlando *Best Lawyers* Tax Lawyer of the Year” for 2012. He is the only tax lawyer in Central Florida to be selected for this prestigious honor this year.

Egerton is one of the founding shareholders of Dean Mead. He is a tax and corporate attorney whose practice emphasizes tax planning for real estate transactions including tax-free exchanges, planning to preserve long-term capital gains in dispositions of real estate, tax planning for debt restructuring and workouts and tax structuring of joint ventures for the acquisition and development of real properties; negotiating and drafting partnership and limited liability company agreements; mergers, sales and acquisitions of businesses; and the handling of federal tax controversies at the audit, trial and appeals levels. Mr. Egerton is the Immediate Past Chair of the American Bar Association’s Section of Taxation, the nation’s largest organization of tax lawyers.

Egerton is recognized for his experience and knowledge, having been repeatedly listed as an outstanding tax lawyer by numerous national and regional publications including: *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers USA*, the *International Who’s Who of Corporate Tax Lawyers*, *Florida Trend Magazine’s* Legal Elite, *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*, *Orlando Business Journal*, and *Orlando Magazine*. He is also a 1998 recipient of the Gerald T. Hart Award as the Outstanding Tax Attorney in the state of Florida by the Florida Bar Tax Section.

Egerton has served in leadership positions for numerous professional organizations including: the American Bar Association, The Florida Bar, American College of Tax Counsel, Southern Federal Tax Institute, American Bar Foundation, and the Florida Bar Foundation. He earned his Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from the New York University School of Law, New York, New York in 1971. He received his law degree from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, Florida in 1969, and his undergraduate degree from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia in 1966.

After more than a quarter of a century in publication, *Best Lawyers* is designating “Lawyers of the Year” in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.”

Best Lawyers compiles its lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The current, 18th edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* (2012) is based on more than 3.9 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

The lawyers being honored as “Lawyers of the Year” have received particularly high ratings in our surveys by earning a high level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism, and integrity.

Steven Naifeh, President of Best Lawyers, says, “We continue to believe – as we have believed for more than 25 years – that recognition by one’s peers is the most meaningful form of praise in the legal profession. We would like to congratulate Charles H. Egerton on being selected as the ‘Orlando *Best Lawyers* Tax Law Lawyer of the Year’ for 2012.”

About Dean Mead:

Dean Mead is a business law firm that 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, general commercial litigation, employee benefits, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights, real estate and health law. For more information, please visit www.deanmead.com.

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