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**MELANIE GRIFFIN ELECTED TO LEAD THE FLORIDA BAR YOUNG
LAWYERS DIVISION**

Orlando, Florida – Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. announced today that Melanie Shoemaker Griffin has been elected as the President-Elect Designate of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division. She will be sworn in as president-elect on June 21, 2012 at the Florida Bar Convention at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando. Griffin’s presidential term will begin in June 2013.

Griffin is looking forward to her new leadership role. Asked about her opportunity to serve, Griffin said, “Service to the Florida Bar and the legal profession is extremely important to me and woven into the fabric of who I am. The needs of Florida’s young lawyers are significantly growing given the poor economy, increasing number of young lawyers competing for jobs in the state, and many other factors. During my term, I look forward to working with the members of the YLD Board of Governors to tackle the issues that are important to Florida’s young lawyers.”

Griffin has served as a member of the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division since 2010 and was named the “Most Productive Board Member” of the YLD in 2011. She also currently serves as president of the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers and is active in the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association.

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Her exemplary volunteer service to the legal profession and the central Florida community has been recognized throughout the region for several years. Last year, Griffin was honored by the *Orlando Business Journal* as a 40 Under 40 award recipient. She received the Florida Association for Woman Lawyers' Leader in the Law Award in 2010. Griffin was named as a Florida Legal Elite Up & Comer by *Florida Trend* magazine in both 2010 and 2011. She was also selected by her peers as a *Super Lawyers Rising Star* for three consecutive years.

Griffin is an Associate in the Orlando office of Dean Mead. She focuses her practice in the area of business and complex commercial litigation, concentrating on contract disputes, employment litigation, business torts and probate and trust litigation. Griffin earned her undergraduate degree in business finance in 2003, and both her law and master of business administration degrees in 2006 from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. She is admitted to the Florida Bar.

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