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**Claudia Haines Jones** had a career in business before she embarked on a career as a lawyer, and that has made all the difference in her approach to serving business clients in her law practice.

Claudia recently assumed leadership of Dean Mead's Viera office as a managing shareholder. Dean Mead serves business clients from six offices across Florida, and Claudia is particularly excited about the firm's work along the Space Coast, where she sees a strong economy on the horizon.

"We're seeing the emergence of a demanding and sophisticated business community, and we want to be at the top of our game to serve them," she says.

Following an 11-year career at Wall Street investment banks, Claudia earned her law degree, entered private practice and then served as general counsel for a technology incubator and a publicly-traded real estate development company, both in Florida. Claudia later returned to private practice.

"Everything I learned in business impacts the way I approach my work now as a lawyer for business clients," she says. "I have a keen appreciation for the risks that businesses – especially small businesses – face each day. When I was a general counsel, I had to know everything about the challenges my company faced – finance, changing regulations, labor, shifts in the economy – and I bring that same focus and commitment to my clients."

At Dean Mead, Claudia encourages attorneys to take a holistic approach to their work.

"That means we engage with the community, whether it's with Junior Achievement, the Economic Development Commission, private philanthropy or our churches and synagogues," she says. "And it means we think broadly about protecting our clients and helping them reach their goals. Whatever keeps you up at night, we have you covered."

To learn more about how Dean Mead can support your business, contact Claudia at (321) 259-8900 or cjones@deanmead.com.

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