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**AKINS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL FLORIDA  
ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL**

**ORLANDO, Fla.**, - David J. Akins, a shareholder in the Orlando office of Dean Mead, was recently elected president of the Central Florida Estate Planning Council for 2009-2010.

Akins provides representation in the area of personal wealth planning, with an emphasis on gift planning, charitable planning, estate planning, probate, and the administration of estates and trusts. A significant portion of his practice is related to planning for family owned and closely held businesses. He represents taxpayers in gift, estate and GST tax controversies with the IRS. Akins also represents fiduciaries and beneficiaries in disputes involving estates and trusts.

Akins is named as an Outstanding Wills, Trust & Estate Attorney in *Florida Trend* magazine's *Legal Elite* and one of Florida's Top Estate Planning & Probate Attorneys in *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine. He is an executive council member and circuit representative of The Florida Bar Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section.

Akins received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida. He earned his master of laws in taxation from Emory University School of Law.

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