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AKINS AND LOONEY ELECTED TO DEAN MEAD'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Orlando, Fla. - David J. Akins and Stephen R. Looney, attorneys in the Orlando office of Dean Mead, have been elected by the shareholders of the firm to serve on its board of directors beginning July 1.

Akins represents clients 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. He earned his Master of Laws in Taxation from Emory University School of Law and both his law and undergraduate degrees from the University of Florida. Akins co-chairs the firm's Trust, Estate and Fiduciary Litigation Industry Team and was recently elected president of the Central Florida Estate Planning Council, 2009-2010.

Looney represents clients in a variety of business and tax matters including entity formation, acquisitions, dispositions, redemptions, liquidations, reorganizations, tax-free exchanges of real estate and tax controversies. He is a nationally recognized expert in laws governing S-corporations. Looney earned his Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida, graduating first in his class, his law degree from the University of Missouri Columbia School of Law, *cum laude*, and his undergraduate degree from Drury College, *magna cum laude*. He is Board Certified as an expert in Tax Law by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and is chair of Dean Mead's Tax Department.

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