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### **HAINES JOINS DEAN MEAD**

**VIERA, FL.**--Claudia F. Haines has joined the Viera law office of Dean Mead in an Of Counsel capacity. Haines represents clients in the area of business/corporate law with an emphasis on business combinations and divestitures, corporate governance, business contracts, the legal and business issues unique to technology start-ups, and business negotiations, including informal dispute resolution.

Prior to joining Dean Mead, Haines was Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Levitt Corporation, a public company headquartered in Fort Lauderdale. Before earning her law degree, Haines was a Wall Street executive at bulge bracket investment banks, advising Fortune 500 companies on foreign currency risks and structuring transactions in the international capital markets.

Haines earned her law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law in 1995, and her undergraduate degree in economics from Principia College in 1981. She is a member of The Florida Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States Federal Court, Southern District of Florida and the Southern District of Florida, Federal Bankruptcy Court.

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