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DEAN MEAD ATTORNEY WINS 2011 PRO BONO PROJECT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Jane Callahan is recognized for her outstanding work in the Tax Clinic Project

Orlando, Florida -- Jane Callahan, a shareholder of Dean Mead, was selected as a recipient of this year's Pro Bono Project Award of Excellence for her work in the Tax Clinic Project by the Board of Trustees of the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association. She received the recognition at a formal ceremony that took place on May 18, 2011. Callahan prepared individual tax returns for lower income taxpayers in central Florida.

Callahan joined the Earned Income Tax Credit Clinic Project and pro bono panel in 1995. The project helps working poor file their tax returns for free and focuses on assisting such wage earners to obtain the Earned Income Tax Credit. Over the past 15 years, Callahan has volunteered for seven full evenings during tax season.

Callahan represents taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service to resolve tax issues at the audit and administrative appeals level, and represents taxpayers in the U.S. Tax Court and other federal courts. Callahan also represents a wide range of charities and other tax-exempt organizations, from their inception to handling tax and corporate issues

Callahan received her undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University (B.A., 1984) and her law degree from the University of Florida Levin College of Law (J.D., 1987). She earned her master of laws in

taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law (LL.M. in Taxation, 1988). She was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1989.

About Dean Mead:

Dean Mead provides full-service legal representation to businesses and individuals throughout Florida. The firm has nearly 50 attorneys practicing in multiple practice areas including: tax, estate planning and succession, business law, general commercial litigation, employee benefits, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, real estate and health law. With 18 tax attorneys, Dean Mead has one of the largest corporate tax practices in Florida. The firm's offices are located in Orlando, Fort Pierce, Gainesville and Viera. For more information, please visit www.deanmead.com.

About the Legal Aid Society of OCBA:

The Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA) was begun in the early 1960's as a volunteer organization and created by attorneys who were members of the Orange County Bar Association. In 1967, the organization was formally incorporated in Florida as a not for profit under the name of Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc. It hired its first director and full time staff and offered free civil legal services. Currently, Legal Aid employs about 45 staff including 18 attorneys and coordinates the contributions of time and money from over 3000 volunteers, both attorneys and non-attorneys. Legal Aid remains a local program with core support from volunteers whose dedication enables it to provide civil legal services primarily in Orange County. Individual Awards of Merit were first awarded in 1983 and are given out annually. To learn more, please visit <http://www.legalaidocba.org/>

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