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<u>DEAN MEAD PARTNERS FEATURED AT FICPA'S 2011 FEDERAL TAXATION®</u> CONFERENCE

Orlando, Florida – Stephen R. Looney and Christopher R. D'Amico were among the featured speakers at the Florida Institute on Federal Taxation® Conference that was held November 9 – 11, 2011 in Orlando. Their presentation was entitled, "Current Issues Affecting S Corps, Partnerships and LLCs and Disregarded Entities".

The Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants serves as the association for all CPAs certified in the state. Founded in 1905, the FICPA has been working to advance the accounting profession in Florida for more than 100 years and now has more than 19,000 members. Continued membership growth and renewal has made the FICPA one of the largest CPA organizations in the United States.

Looney represents clients in a variety of business and tax matters including entity formation (S and C corporations, partnerships, and LLCs), acquisitions, dispositions, redemptions, liquidations, reorganizations, tax-free exchanges of real estate and tax controversies. His clients include closely held businesses, with an emphasis on medical and other professional practices. He is a former Chair of the S Corporations Committee of the American Bar Association's Tax Section and currently chairs Dean Mead's tax department.

D'Amico represents companies and business owners in all types of business and tax matters, including choice of entity, mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations, and other general business matters. In addition, D'Amico represents title and mortgage companies with respect to the formation and operation of "affiliated business arrangements". He is Board Certified in Tax Law by the Florida Bar.

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