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**SEVEN DEAN MEAD ATTORNEYS NAMED AS FLORIDA'S LEGAL ELITE BY
FLORIDA TREND MAGAZINE**

ORLANDO, Fla. – The publication *Florida Trend* magazine has named seven Dean Mead attorneys as *Florida's Legal Elite 2012*. The ninth annual edition of *Florida Legal Elite* recognizes a prestigious list of attorneys representing different practice areas in cities across the state. The finalists are selected by their peers and a panel of previous Legal Elite winners. The list consists of approximately 2% of the more than 67,000 active Florida Bar members who practice in Florida.

In addition, Darryl M. Bloodworth and Lauren Y. Detzel are new inductees into the **Florida Legal Elite Hall of Fame** which is a high honor. These attorneys have been consistently ranked in the top tier in Legal Elite voting over the past nine years.

A list of Dean Mead's *Florida Legal Elite 2012* honorees is provided as follows:

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Office</u>
David J. Akins	Wills, Trusts & Estates	Orlando
Darryl M. Bloodworth	Commercial Litigation	Orlando
Lauren Y. Detzel	Wills, Trusts & Estates	Orlando
Charles H. Egerton	Tax	Orlando
Stephen R. Looney	Tax	Orlando
Nichole M. Mooney	Commercial Litigation	Orlando
Melanie S. Griffin	Up and Comer	Orlando

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To compile the list, actively practicing Florida attorneys were asked by *Florida Trend* to name the attorneys that they hold in highest regard as professionals – lawyers with whom they have personally worked and would recommend to others. Recently installed Florida Bar President Gwynne A. Young notes, "Florida Legal Elite provides the public with a useful peer-based resource."

About Florida Trend:

Florida Trend magazine provides excellent, forward-looking, and in-depth reporting on business, finance and public policy in Florida. Florida Trend reaches more than 250,000 business executives, government officials and civic leaders. In addition, the magazine's website reaches approximately 80,000 unique visitors monthly. For more information, please visit www.FloridaTrend.com.

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