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DEAN MEAD ATTORNEY FELIPE GUERRERO SELECTED TO THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE FLORIDA BAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Orlando, Fla. – Felipe Guerrero – an attorney with the law firm of Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. in Orlando – was selected to be an Inaugural Fellow in The Florida Bar Leadership Academy. Membership to the Academy is extremely competitive; Guerrero was selected as one of 59 inductees out of hundreds of applicants from throughout the state of Florida.

Approved by The Florida Bar Board of Governors this year, the program lasts one year and its goal is to reach out to lawyers from across the state of Florida and help give them the skills and resources to become leaders – not only in the legal profession, but in their communities. The program will include six meetings at locations throughout the state beginning at the Bar's Annual Convention, June 26-29. The curriculum will focus on developing skills and networking opportunities within the legal profession and having the fellows create projects to put their new skills to use.

Fellows of the Academy have the opportunity to network, interact, collaborate and build relationships with state and national bar executives. Guerrero said, "I'm very happy to be a part of the Academy. This will strengthen my leadership skills, help my connections grow, and put me in a position to give back to the legal community in a meaningful way."

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Diversity is an important component of the program and fellows were chosen to create a Leadership Academy class that reflects the different regions and populations of the state.

Marc Chapman, President of Dean Mead, commented, "Guerrero is a perfect fit for the inaugural class. He places a high priority on giving back to his profession through leadership in the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida and volunteering for a number of community service projects that benefit those who are less fortunate. His focus on mentoring and passion for learning are just a couple of the traits that demonstrate his commitment as a young leader paving the way for diverse lawyers throughout the region."

Guerrero received his law degree in 2005 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of Central Florida in 2001.

With more than 95,000 members, The Florida Bar is charged by the Supreme Court of Florida with the regulation of the practice of law in Florida as well as promoting the administration of justice. For more information about the Leadership Academy, visit www.floridabar.org/leadershipacademy.

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