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STEARNS WEAVER MILLER PROMOTES THREE ATTORNEYS TO SHAREHOLDERS

MIAMI — October 31, 2008 — The law firm of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. announced the promotion of three attorneys from Associates to Shareholders. The newly promoted attorneys are Carlos J. Canino (litigation), Peter D. Lopez (real estate) and Gordon McRae Mead, Jr. (litigation).

Carlos J. Canino joined the Firm in 2001. He earned his J.D. from Florida State University and his B.S. from the United States Military Academy. Mr. Canino is a member of the Litigation Department and regularly represents clients at the trial and appellate levels in both state and federal courts in the areas of Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act litigation, contract and real estate matters, creditor's rights, commercial landlord-tenant relations, aviation, and insurance coverage litigation.

Peter D. Lopez joined the Firm in 2002. He earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law and his A.B., *cum laude*, from Duke University. Mr. Lopez is a member of the Real Estate Department and has experience in all aspects of commercial real estate lending, including acquisition, development, construction, and permanent financing. Mr. Lopez also has experience in the representation of developers and operators in connection with the acquisition sale, developments construction, and leasing of commercial real estate.

Gordon McRae Mead, Jr. ("Grey") joined the Firm in 2007. He earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School with high honors, was elected to be a member of the Order of the Coif and was Editor-in-Chief for Volume 68 of *The University of Chicago Law Review*. He received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Dartmouth College. Mr. Mead is a member of the Litigation Department and practices in all areas of commercial litigation. Prior to joining the Firm, he served as a clerk for the Honorable Jerry E. Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Houston, Texas and was an associate in a prominent New York law firm.

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