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**STEARNS WEAVER MILLER
BOLSTERS LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE
WITH ADDITION OF PREEMINENT EMPLOYMENT ATTORNEY**

Senior Attorney from Morgan Lewis Joins Firm

Miami, FL (June 18, 2008) – Stearns Weaver Miller has further bolstered the profile of its marquee Labor and Employment practice with the addition W. Russell Hamilton, III.

“We are thrilled to have Russ join our labor and employment practice. He is one of the preeminent labor and employment lawyers in Florida and brings great experience, knowledge and skill to the table. We’ve known each other for 25 years and have long spoken of how much fun it would be to practice together,” said Robert T. Kofman, Co-Chair of the Firm’s Labor and Employment Department.

W. Russell Hamilton, III, joins the firm as a Shareholder in the Labor and Employment Department. Mr. Hamilton’s practice focuses on labor, employment and employee benefits matters, representing employers, employer associations, and employee benefit plans and fiduciaries. He routinely represents clients in equal employment opportunity and affirmative action matters, wage and hour laws compliance and litigation, traditional labor/management relations, arbitration of all types of employment issues, employee benefits laws compliance, employee benefits and fiduciary litigation, WARN, USERRA, Sarbanes-Oxley and FMLA compliance and litigation, and litigation of employee torts.

Mr. Hamilton obtained the highest ranking in Florida in labor and employment in *Chambers USA* (2003-2008), is AV rated in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory and is a member and past president of the Academy of Florida Management Attorneys. Mr. Hamilton earned his B.A. from Stetson University and his J.D., *cum laude*, from Mercer University School of Law.

Robert S. Turk, Co-Chair of the Labor and Employment Department remarked, “Russ is a very highly respected labor and employment attorney by both his peers and clients. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber join us and become a role model for the attorneys in our Firm. I am looking forward to the expertise he brings to us.”

“Russ Hamilton, Bob Kofman and Bob Turk are all rated in the top tier of labor and employment lawyers in Florida by *Chambers USA*. I do not know any other law firm in Florida that has an equal concentration of talent in this practice area,” added Rick Schatz, the Firm’s Managing Director.

About Stearns Weaver Miller’s Labor and Employment Department

Stearns Weaver Miller’s prestigious Labor and Employment Department provides counsel for local, national and international corporations in all areas of labor relations including, litigation, audits, wage and hour representation, union avoidance, interpretation of employment and union contracts, collective bargaining, trade secrets and non-competition agreements, wrongful discharge, employment policies, supervisory training, immigration practice and bilingual capacity.

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