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STEARNS WEAVER MILLER EXPANDS LABOR, LITIGATION DEPARTMENTS: THREE ATTORNEYS JOIN FIRM

Miami, FL (June 11, 2009) – The law firm of Stearns Weaver Miller announced the addition of three new attorneys. Glenn M. Rissman and Rossana Arteaga-Gomez join the Labor and Employment Department; Abigail E. Corbett joins the Litigation Department.

Glenn M. Rissman rejoins the Firm as a Shareholder in the Labor and Employment Department. Mr. Rissman's practice focuses on employment law, immigration, and accessibility. He regularly counsels clients regarding a wide variety of employment law claims arising under various aspects under Title VII, Section 1981, ADA, ADEA, FMLA, WARN Act, FLSA, ERISA, and the Florida Civil Rights Act. He also advises employers regarding hiring, termination, and discipline of employees; compliance with federal, state, and local discrimination laws and wage and hour issues; sexual harassment matters; I-9 compliance and unauthorized employment; and mass layoffs and plant closings.

Mr. Rissman also practices in the area of employment-based immigration and naturalization. He represents employers and investors seeking temporary visas and permanent residence for employees and has successfully obtained non-immigrant visas (H-1B, L-1, TN, O, P, E) for employers in industries such as retail, hospitality, pharmaceutical, and manufacturing. Mr. Rissman also counsels clients regarding I-9 compliance, audits and inspections.

Rossana Arteaga-Gomez joins the Firm as an Associate in the Labor and Employment Department. Prior to joining the Firm, she served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Edwin G. Torres and the Honorable Marcia G. Cooke of the United States District Court Southern District of Florida. Prior to her clerkships, Ms. Arteaga-Gomez practiced at a Miami litigation firm where she represented clients in Florida Bar disciplinary and admissions proceedings, criminal prosecutions, personal injury matters, and commercial disputes.

Abigail E. Corbett joins the Firm an Associate in the Litigation Department. Prior to joining the Firm, she served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge Paul C. Huck of the United States District Court Southern District of Florida. Prior to her clerkship, Ms. Corbett was an Associate in the Washington, D.C. office of an international law firm.

Stearns Weaver Miller's Managing Director, Rick Schatz, said "We are delighted to welcome Glenn back to the Firm. His employment-based immigration practice brings more depth to an already well rounded Labor and Employment Department. Both Arteaga-Gomez and Corbett are rising stars that will be great additions to the firm." For more information, contact Rick Schatz at 305-789-3570 or rschatz@stearnsweaver.com.

Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. is a full-service law firm with 120 attorneys serving clients throughout Florida and nationwide. With offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa, and Tallahassee, we serve business clients facing a wide array of legal issues, with a focus on litigation, real estate, labor and employment, bankruptcy, and corporate and securities.

While we are proud of the landmark legal victories achieved for our clients, we are equally proud of our *pro bono* efforts on behalf of those unable to afford counsel. We are dedicated to community-based, charitable organizations and provide regular contributions of time and financial resources to those in need.

Consistently recognized as among the best in Florida, we enjoy numerous accolades from top publications, including *The National Law Journal*, *Chambers USA*, and *The Best Lawyers in America*.

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