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**DARRELL PAYNE AND ROBERT JACOBOWITZ
JOIN STEARNS WEAVER MILLER**

MIAMI — November 2, 2009 — The law firm of Stearns Weaver Miller announces the recent addition of Darrell Payne, immediate past Board President of Legal Services of Greater Miami. Robert Jacobowitz joins the Trusts and Estates Department.

Darrell Payne joins the Firm as a Shareholder in the Litigation Department. His practice covers a wide range of complex commercial litigation and business torts. He has experience in contract disputes, intellectual property litigation and law suits involving banking, real estate and construction. Mr. Payne also has experience with cargo loss claims, distributorship issues, accounting negligence, tax assessment challenges and land use claims. He handles all phases of litigation in state and federal courts throughout Florida, including mediation, arbitration and appeals. After graduating with honors from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Mr. Payne completed a clerkship with United States District Judge Kenneth L. Ryskamp.

Robert Jacobowitz joins the Firm as a Shareholder in the Trusts and Estates Department. Mr. Jacobowitz counsels clients on a variety of estate planning matters, including the development and implementation of their estate plans to maximize and protect the transfer of wealth from generation to generation. Mr. Jacobowitz also represents individual and corporate fiduciaries in connection with probate and related testamentary issues, including IRS estate tax audits. Mr. Jacobowitz earned his J.D., with honors, from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

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