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**FORMER CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY BARBARA L. WILHITE
JOINS STEARNS WEAVER MILLER'S
LAND USE & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS GROUP**

TAMPA — January 14, 2008 — Stearns Weaver Miller is pleased to announce that Barbara L. Wilhite has re-joined the Firm as a Shareholder in the Land Use & Government Affairs Department. Ms. Wilhite will practice in the Tampa office.

“Ms. Wilhite brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our firm,” commented Ronald L. Weaver, Chairman of the Environmental and Land Use Law Department in the Tampa office. “She is a key addition to our expanding Land Use and Governmental Affairs platform and will be an incredible asset to our clients.”

Barbara L. Wilhite has extensive experience working with state and county offices. For the past eleven years, she served as Chief Assistant County Attorney for the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners where she provided counsel in diverse areas of law, including land use, zoning and development review. Prior to joining the County, she was an associate in the Tampa office of Stearns Weaver Miller. Ms. Wilhite earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of South Florida and received her J.D. from Stetson University College of Law.

About Stearns Weaver Miller’s Land Use & Government Affairs Group

Stearns Weaver Miller’s Land Use & Government Affairs Group represents both public and private clients on a wide variety of complex land use, environmental and regulatory matters. Our attorneys serve as counsel to several Florida local governments and governmental authorities.

Efforts of the Land Use and Governmental Affairs Group are fully integrated with other areas of the Firm's practice in order to provide counsel on all matters surrounding developments of regional impact, rezoning, comprehensive land use plan amendments, coastal development permitting, eminent domain litigation, environmental permitting, audits and consent orders and constitutional issues.

The Firm represents industrial, commercial and residential developers at all levels of the legal and administrative process necessary for successful real estate development and maintain a unique expertise in the area of environmental law.

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