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**STEARNS WEAVER MILLER EXPANDS
REAL ESTATE AND CORPORATE PRACTICES
WITH ADDITION OF THREE ATTORNEYS**

Three Senior Attorneys from Proskauer Rose Join Firm

Fort Lauderdale, FL (February 2008) – The law firm of Stearns Weaver Miller has bolstered the profile of its Fort Lauderdale Real Estate and Corporate practices with the addition of three new attorneys. The new attorneys are:

John M. Fox-Snider: John M. Fox-Snider joins the Firm as a Shareholder in the Real Estate Department. Mr. Fox-Snider handles a variety of commercial real estate transactions, including the purchase, sale, financing, development and leasing of properties. He represents sellers and buyers in purchase and sale transactions involving vacant land, office buildings, development agreements, construction contracts and sale and lease-back transactions. His leasing experience includes the representation of landlords and tenants in office, industrial and retail lease negotiations, including multi-tenant and single-user premises. He also represents lenders and borrowers in construction and permanent financing transactions.

George A. Pincus: George A. Pincus joins the Firm as Shareholder in the Real Estate Department. George's practice focuses on office, industrial, retail and build-to-suit leasing, real estate finance and loan work-outs, acquisition and sale transactions and real estate private equity, including the formation of real estate investment funds and negotiation of joint venture agreements. George has had the opportunity to represent a variety of developers, private equity funds, pension funds, commercial lenders and individual investors in a wide variety of real estate transactions. George has been actively involved in the *National Association of Office and Industrial Properties (NAIOP)* and has served in a variety of leadership positions in NAIOP's local, state and national chapters, including service as the President of both the South Florida Chapter and NAIOP of Florida.

Donald E. "Rocky" Thompson, II: Donald E. "Rocky" Thompson, II, joins the Firm as a Shareholder in the Corporate Department. Mr. Thompson's practice includes mergers and acquisitions, securities transactions, computer technology and e-commerce. He represents clients ranging from emerging business enterprises to private equity funds and their portfolio companies to long-standing publicly traded companies. Mr. Thompson has experience representing and counseling both buyers and sellers in asset purchase transactions, stock purchase transactions, mergers and corporate reorganizations and has particular expertise in the representation of private equity funds in acquisitions and industry roll up activities. He has significant securities experience, handling venture capital private placements and public

offerings, as well as reporting obligations of public companies. He also maintains an active computer technology and e-commerce practice. Mr. Thompson has served as a Director and President of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Greater Palm Beach County, Florida Chapter.

Stearns Weaver Miller's Managing Director, Richard E. Schatz, said "I am thrilled to welcome this distinguished group to the Firm. They are each very well regarded and enjoy excellent reputations for providing impeccable transactional work to local and national clients. The addition of this team strengthens our Corporate and Real Estate practices and enhances our presence in the Fort Lauderdale market."

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