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## STEARNS WEAVER MILLER RALLIES ITS RIDERS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

MIAMI —November 2011— For the second year in a row, Stearns Weaver Miller rallies its riders to raise awareness and funds for cancer research as an Orange Level Sponsor of the 2011 Dolphin Cycling Challenge to benefit the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. In addition to participating as a sponsor, the Firm has assembled a riding team compromised of attorneys, clients and staff from the Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Tampa offices. So far, the 26-member team has raised over \$38,000 and counting. The Firm recently hosted a jeans day in an effort to raise awareness within the Firm and to support the team.

The Firm will also send a contingent of volunteers to participate with the Miami Dolphins "Special Teams," a volunteer organization that serves the community and provides assistance at Miami Dolphin Foundation events. They have even gotten the kids involved with several kids joining the DCC "Kids Ride" on behalf of the Firm, where participants will learn that cancer can affect everyone, not just adults, as the funds they raise will be designated to benefit children being treated at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The Firm's Director of Community Involvement, <u>Jennifer Stearns Buttrick</u>, who also serves as a member of the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Board of Governors, said "We are honored to support the 2011 Dolphin Cycling Challenge and equally proud of each one of our team members and volunteers who are fundraising and spreading the word about cancer research. Sylvester relies heavily on the generous support of donors, friends, and volunteers to fuel its fight against cancer. Wonderful events like the DCC help raise awareness and help us get closer to a cure."

Launched in 2010, the Dolphins Cycling Challenge ("DCC") is a two-day tri-county charity cycling event coordinated by the <u>Miami Dolphins Foundation</u>. The purpose of the DCC is to increase cancer awareness, encourage healthy hobbies, and raise funds for the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. In its inaugural year, DCC raised \$533,106 for Sylvester, setting the bar high for future rides. This year the Dolphins Cycling Challenge will honor Dolphins legend Jim "Mad Dog" Mandich who led the team on and off the field for over 40 years and lost his courageous battle with cancer this spring. The DCC will take place on November 5th and 6th, 2011.

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