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Susan Stephens Elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

Tallahassee, FL – July 28, 2022 – Stearns Weaver Miller announced that that Shareholder <u>Susan Stephens</u> has been elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (ABF). Fellows comprise a global honorary society of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession and to the welfare of their communities. The ABF is an independent, nonprofit organization that seeks to advance the understanding and improvement of law through research projects on issues facing the legal system in the United States and the world.

Established in 1955, Fellows support the research of the ABF through annual contributions, and sponsor seminars and events of direct relevance to the legal profession. Membership is selective, limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction. Fellows are recommended by their peers and elected by the Board of the ABF.

Susan has 29 years of experience practicing environmental and natural resource and administrative law, including rulemaking practice and procedure and administrative litigation. Her practice focuses on balancing property and resource use with competing private, governmental and citizen interests. Susan represents clients before various federal, state, regional, and local environmental agencies with the obtainment, interpretation, compliance and enforcement of environmental permits for a wide variety of industrial, commercial, and development activities. She is also Board Certified by The Florida Bar in State & Federal Government & Administrative Practice. With only 7% of eligible members certified, Board certification is The Florida Bar's highest level of evaluation of a lawyer's competence and experience in a particular area of practice. To achieve certification, a lawyer must endure rigorous examination and testing and be evaluated by their peers.

In addition to the ABF, Susan is involved with several other professional organizations. She has various leadership roles within the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (SEER) and is a member of the Administrative and Regulatory Law Section. Susan is also a member of the Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law (ELULS) and Administrative Law sections. For the past two years, she has also served as an Adjunct Professor at Florida State University College of Law.

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