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FOUR HENDERSON FRANKLIN ATTORNEYS HONORED AS FLORIDA TREND MAGAZINE'S 2018 LEGAL ELITE

Fort Myers, Florida — Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. is pleased to announce that Attorneys **Amanda Barritt**, **Thomas Gunderson**, **Russell Schropp** and **Robert Shearman** were named to the *2018 Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite*.® To compile the list, Florida Trend asked actively practicing Florida attorneys to name the attorneys that they hold in highest regard, lawyers with whom they have personally worked and would recommend to others. The resulting list represents less than 1.2% of active Florida Bar members.



Barritt is Florida Bar Board Certified in Condominium & Planned Development Law and serves as Chair of the firm's Condominium and Homeowners' Associations Practice Group. She frequently speaks to condominium association management groups and writes on these topics on the "Legal Scoop on Southwest Florida Real Estate" blog. Barritt also holds the highest AV rating by Martindale Hubbell. She received her undergraduate degree from Auburn University and her law degree from Florida State University.



Gunderson is Florida Bar Board Certified in Real Estate Law and is Chair of the firm's Real Estate Department. He uses his expertise to assist his clients with sophisticated commercial real estate development projects such as commercial subdivisions, apartment complexes, office buildings and shopping centers. Gunderson has been honored numerous times throughout his career by *Florida Super Lawyers*® magazine, as well as *Best Lawyers in America*®. He is also AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Gunderson received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University and his law degree from the University of Florida.



Schropp is the firm's Managing Stockholder and also serves as Chair of the Land Use & Environmental Law Department. He represents property owners before local, regional, state and federal agencies to obtain zoning and development approvals. Schropp has significant experience in multi-acre residential communities and other complex projects that may face environment issues associated with wetlands, flow ways and protected species. He has been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers®* magazine, *Best Lawyers in America®* and is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell. Schropp received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University, his Master of Science

Degree in Urban & Regional Planning from Florida State University, and his law degree from Florida State University.



Shearman is Florida Bar Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator. He represents public and private entities with respect to constitutional claims, wrongful termination, and discrimination and harassment matters. Shearman also represents law enforcement agencies and officers, as well as real estate professionals, in civil litigation and administrative actions. He frequently provides preventative harassment and discrimination training and lectures on employment law, real estate and tort litigation. Shearman has been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers*® magazine, *Best Lawyers in America*® and is AV-rated by

Martindale-Hubbell. He is co-chair of the 2018-2019 United Way Campaign. Shearman received his undergraduate degree from Emory University and his law degree from Florida State University.

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