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PATENT ATTORNEY LUCA HICKMAN SELECTED AS 40 UNDER 40 HONOREE



Fort Myers, Florida — Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., is pleased to announce that *Gulfshore Business Magazine* selected Registered Patent Attorney **Luca Hickman** as one of its 40 Under 40 honorees. Now in its 18th year, the magazine selects 40 business professionals younger than 40 and salutes Southwest Florida's most distinguished young achievers.

"Luca is a compassionate, energetic, and self-motivated young lawyer. He has the respect and admiration of his clients, colleagues and peers. He is a rising star that just keeps climbing higher," shares Michael Corso, former chair of Henderson Franklin's Tort & Insurance Litigation Division.

Hickman advises inventors, artists, and musicians and works on high profile business and contractual matters, including multimillion dollar mergers and acquisitions involving publicly traded companies and celebrities. He assists clients with the creation and management of intellectual property portfolios, brand licensing, anti-infringement matters – including anti-counterfeiting work – and creating and overseeing global trademark portfolios. With his background as an electrical engineer, Hickman understands the

underlying technical issues involved in his client's inventions and helps them prosecute, license, and litigate United States and foreign patent rights.

Hickman serves on the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Board of Directors, is the President and Director of the Fresh Foundation, Inc. He is a member of the Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section of the Florida Bar, Lee County Bar Association, the Southwest Florida Federal Court Bar Association, the Florida Defense Lawyers Association, Catholic Bar Association, and the Defense Research Institute, where he is a member of the Intellectual Property Litigation Committee.

Hickman received his undergraduate degrees from the Milwaukee School of Engineering (with high honors) and Lübeck University of Applied Sciences. He also graduated valedictorian and first in his class from Ave Maria School of Law.

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