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NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM TO LEAD HENDERSON FRANKLIN

Fort Myers, Florida — The law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., is pleased to announce the formation of a new Executive Committee to lead the firm:



Russell Schropp will now serve as the firm's Managing Stockholder, a role previously held by Denis Noah for nine years. Schropp focuses his practice in land use and zoning and represents property owners and others before local, regional, state and federal agencies. He also serves as Chair of the City of Fort Myers Nuisance Abatement Board and Chair of the Business Issues Task Force of the Horizon Council (the business advisory council to the Lee County Commission). Schropp received the Florida Economic Development Council's Volunteer of the Year award for Southwest Florida (2013) and has also been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* (2007-2015) and *Best Lawyers in America* (2011-2015). He can be reached at russell.schropp@henlaw.com.

Beth Tyler Vogelsang has been a trial and appellate lawyer for 30 years. This is her initial term on the Committee. Since 1992, Beth has been a Florida Bar Board Certified specialist in Marital and Family Law and was previously a Florida Bar Board Certified expert in Civil Trial Law (1992-1997). She handles prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, uncontested and contested divorce matters, and other complex civil litigation. Vogelsang has handled appeals in the Second, Third and Fourth District Courts of Appeal of Florida, the Florida Supreme Court, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. She has been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* (2012-2015) and was named one of the Top 50 Women Attorneys in the State of Florida in 2014. Vogelsang was

also named the “2015 Fort Myers Family Law Lawyer of the Year” by *Best Lawyers in America*. She can be reached at beth.vogelsang@henlaw.com.

Michael Corso, Chair of the firm’s Tort and Insurance Litigation division, returns to the Executive Committee after previously serving many terms on the Committee, including two terms as Managing Stockholder, from the 1990’s to early 2000’s. After beginning his legal career in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corp, Corso’s trial practice now is heavily involved in the defense of non-medical professionals (lawyers, accountants, architects, engineers and surveyors), tobacco litigation and product liability defense. He is Board Certified (by both The Florida Bar and the National Board of Trial Advocacy) in Civil Trial Law and Business Litigation. Corso has been honored to receive the Outstanding Aerospace Engineer Award by Purdue University’s School of Aeronautics & Astronautics, the Florida Defense Lawyers Association President’s Award and the Defense Research Institute’s Exceptional Performance Citation. He also has been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* (2007-2015), *Florida Trends Legal Elite* (2009-2012) and *Best Lawyers in America* (2012-2015). He can be reached at michael.corso@henlaw.com.

John Potanovic, Chair of the firm’s Employment Law group, continues his role on the Executive Committee. He is Florida Bar Board Certified in Labor & Employment Law and provides expert advice on all aspects of employment law and defends his private and public sector clients in matters of discrimination, retaliation, whistleblowing and harassment lawsuits, including cases brought under Title VII, the ADA, and other civil rights statutes, as well as wage claims under the FLSA. Potanovic also writes and offers in-house training for management and has chaired the firm’s annual HR Law & Solutions conference for 23 years. He has been honored by *Florida Super Lawyers*® (2009-2015) and holds the highest AV rating by Martindale Hubbell. Potanovic is a member of the Association of Workplace Investigators and serves on the City of Palms Basketball Classic, Inc.’s Board of Directors and the Fort Myers YMCA Advisory Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Rotary Club Fort Myers South. Potanovic can be reached at john.potanovic@henlaw.com.

Ex officio member **David Reading**, the firm’s Director of Administration, returns for his 14th year serving the Committee. He manages all administrative and financial aspects of the law firm. Reading is past president of the Southwest Florida Chapter of ALA and is a retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering and M.B.A. from the University of Utah. Reading can be reached at david.reading@henlaw.com.

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., is one of the largest law firms between Tampa and Miami. A full-service firm, Henderson Franklin has 55 attorneys practicing in the areas of business and tax planning, estate planning, family law, commercial and civil litigation, immigration law, workers’ compensation, employment law, real estate, and land use and environmental law. One of the state’s oldest firms, Henderson Franklin was founded in Fort Myers in 1924 and operates offices in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Naples and Sanibel. For more information on Henderson Franklin, please visit www.henlaw.com.

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