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**SCHROPP AND SIMS HONORED BY
FLORIDA TREND MAGAZINE'S 2015 LEGAL ELITE**

Fort Myers, Florida — [Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.](http://www.henlaw.com) is pleased to announce that Attorneys **Russell Schropp** and **L. David Sims** were named to *Florida Trend Magazine's* Twelfth Annual Legal Elite.® The list represents fewer than 2% of all active Florida lawyers. To compile the list, Florida Trend asked actively practicing Florida attorneys to name the attorneys that they hold in highest regard as professionals – lawyers with whom they have personally worked and would recommend to others. The entire 2015 Legal Elite report can be viewed at www.FloridaTrend.com/LegalElite.



Schropp serves as the firm's Managing Stockholder. He focuses his practice in land use and zoning and represents property owners and others before local, regional, state and federal agencies. In the community, Schropp serves as Chair of the City of Fort Myers Nuisance Abatement Board and is Chair of the Business Issues Task Force of the Horizon Council (the business advisory council to the Lee County Commission).

Schropp has received much recognition throughout his legal career, including being honored by *Florida Super Lawyers* (2007-2015), Best Lawyers in America (2011-2015) and achieving the highest AV rating by Martindale Hubbell. He also was the recipient of the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award for Southwest Florida by the Florida Economic Development Council. Schropp received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University (B.A., 1978); his graduate degree from Florida State University (M.S., Urban & Regional Planning, 1980); and, his law degree from Florida State University (J.D., 1984). Schropp can be reached at russell.schropp@henlaw.com.



Sims is a Florida Bar Board Certified Marital and Family Lawyer, a Certified Family Mediator and Chair of the firm's Divorce, Marital and Family practice. He concentrates his practice in all areas of divorce, marital and family law, including dissolution of marriage, adoption, paternity, mediation, and prenuptial and postnuptial agreements. Sims is also AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named to Florida Super Lawyers® magazine for seven consecutive years (2009-2015).

Sims is also active in the local community and serves on the National Alliance on Mental Illness Lee County Board of Directors and is a member of the Florida Adoption Council, the Association of Family Law Professionals, and the Florida Chapter of the Association of Family Law and Conciliation Courts. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida (B.A.E., with honors, 1972) and his law degree from the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University (J.D., 1975). Sims can be reached at 239.344.1119 or via email at david.sims@henlaw.com.

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