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**SCHROPP NAMED THE “BEST LAWYERS® 2017
LAND USE AND ZONING LAW ‘LAWYER OF THE YEAR’ IN FORT MYERS”**



Fort Myers, Florida – Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. is pleased to announce that Best Lawyers in America® has named **Russell Schropp** the “**2017 Land Use and Zoning Law ‘Lawyer of the Year’ in Fort Myers.**” Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.”

Schropp serves as Henderson Franklin’s Managing Stockholder. He focuses his practice in land use and environmental law and represents property owners and others before local, regional, state and federal agencies. He also contributes to the firm’s **Legal Scoop on Southwest Florida Real Estate** blog.

Schropp has received much recognition for his work in land use and zoning law. For ten consecutive years (2007–2016), he has been named to Florida Super Lawyers® magazine. Schropp also been recognized by Best Lawyers in America® (2011-2017) and Florida Trend Magazine’s Legal Elite (2015-2016). He also holds the highest AV-rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

Schropp is devoted to supporting the local community and serves as Co-Chair of the Business Issues Task Force of the Horizon Council, the business advisory council to the Lee County Commission. He also serves as Chair of the City of Fort Myers Nuisance Abatement Board, and has been the founding Chair of the Land Use and Governmental Law Section of the Lee County Bar Association. Schropp is also a member of the Real Estate Investment Society of Lee County (REIS).

Schropp received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University (B.A., 1978), his Master of Science Degree in Urban & Regional Planning from Florida State University (1980), and his law degree from Florida State University (J.D., 1984). He can be reached at 239.344.1280 or via email at russell.schropp@henlaw.com.

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