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President Elect John Howe Joins the Law Offices of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC



WEST PALM BEACH — Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC (LLL&S) announces that John M. Howe, founding attorney of the Law Offices of J.M. Howe and President Elect of Palm Beach County Bar Association, has joined the Firm on an “Of Counsel” basis, and he will be focusing in the practice areas of personal injury, commercial litigation and criminal defense. The announcement was made by LLL&S Managing Partner Gary S. Lesser.

Howe is a trial attorney with more than twelve years of experience representing victims and families devastated by serious and fatal injuries, individuals charged with crimes and individuals, and companies involved in business disputes. As a former County Court Division Chief and Felony Level Trial Attorney with the Public Defender's Office for the 15th Judicial Circuit, he has represented a large number of clients charged with serious criminal offenses. He currently represents citizens and organizations in civil and criminal matters in both state and federal courts.

A native of West Palm Beach, Florida, John M. Howe earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida-Levin College of Law while concurrently earning a Masters in Business Administration degree also at the University. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance from Loyola University.

“John brings significant litigation experience and a reputation of integrity that make him a valued member of our team,” said Gary S. Lesser. “We are pleased that John has joined our firm as we share a strong commitment to excellence and compassionate client advocacy strengthened by a guiding principle of ‘giving back’ to the community through volunteerism and through contributions of time and resources.”

Active in the Palm Beach County Bar Association, Howe will be sworn in as President on June 4, 2011 at the association's Installation Dinner, following such leadership roles he has held in the Association as founder and Co-Chair of the organization's Diversity Task Force and Chair of its Docent Training Program for Lawyers and Judges at the 1916 Historical Courthouse & Museum.

In addition, Howe is a Past President of the Palm Beach Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of the Palm Beaches, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Urban League of Palm Beach County, and the Historical Society of the Palm Beaches. Howe also served on the Palm Beach County Bar Association Professionalism Council.

A member of the Florida Bar Association for more than 12 years, Howe was appointed to serve on its Member Outreach Committee. In February 2011, he was recognized by the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida as a Legal Trailblazer for his achievements, including his being the first African-American to be elected to the office of President-Elect of the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Howe has also been recognized by ICABA as one of South Florida's Most Accomplished Blacks in Law. He is also a member of the National Bar Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Hispanic Bar Association of the Palm Beaches, Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, F. Malcolm Cunningham Bar Association, Palm Beach County Justice Association, Florida Blue Key, and the Gator Club of the Palm Beaches. He is a volunteer/teacher in Florida Supreme Court Justice Teaching Program and a volunteer/supporter for Palm Beach Lakes High School Law Magnate Program.

Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC (LLL&S), the third oldest law firm in Palm Beach County, was established in 1927 by Joseph H. Lesser in West Palm Beach, and has been serving clients throughout Florida for more than 80 years focusing on serious personal injury and wrongful death cases. LLL&S (www.lesserlawfirm.com) enjoys a reputation in the community for superior legal skills, hard work, client service, and high ethical standards. The Firm partners are "AV" rated by Martindale Hubbell, the highest rating in ethics and legal ability. LLL&S is active in the community, and has donated significant time and financial support to numerous charities. The Firm has obtained significant settlements and verdicts over the years and is well known to insurance companies and insurance defense lawyers as skillful advocates. This experience and reputation allows the Firm to obtain the best possible results for its clients.

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