

## Allan H. Weitzman of Proskauer Rose Named President of Academy of Florida Management Attorneys

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February 7, 2007 (Boca Raton, FL) - Proskauer Rose LLP, an international law firm with over 700 lawyers worldwide, is proud to announce that Allan H. Weitzman, a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment Law Department, has been elected President of the Academy of Florida Management Attorneys (AFMA). Mr. Weitzman was selected by the membership of the statewide organization, which consists of the preeminent practitioners of labor and employment law on behalf of employers.

"Allan is one of the most esteemed labor and employment attorneys in the state and a valued member of the Firm. Becoming President of the AFMA is a great honor and we congratulate him on this achievement," said Albert W. Gortz, partner and head of Proskauer's Boca Raton office.

The scope of Mr. Weitzman's multifaceted practice includes personnel policy planning, sexual harassment, avoiding litigation when terminating employees, union election campaigns, and employee benefit plans. He often litigates in state and federal court at the trial and appellate levels and also represents employers before administrative agencies responsible for the enforcement of the numerous antidiscrimination laws and before the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Weitzman's experience includes negotiating collective bargaining agreements and arbitrating contract disputes and he provides day-to-day and crisis advice to clients in a wide range of businesses including retailers, insurance companies, banks, the securities industry, health care, hotels, television networks, maritime industry, public utilities, a major sports and entertainment arena, beer distributors, manufacturing facilities, and the construction industry.

Mr. Weitzman also represents companies when their former employees engage in conduct that violates their non-compete agreements and took a case - *Corporate Express Office Products, Inc. v. Phillips*, 2003 WL 1883697 (Fla. April 17, 2003) - to the Supreme Court of Florida and successfully argued that a successor employer can enforce a non-compete agreement signed with a former employer even when the agreement does not contain a successors and assigns clause and where the employees have not assented to its assignment.

Mr. Weitzman is Board-certified by the Florida Bar as a Specialist in Labor and Employment Law and is a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. In 2006, he was named in *Chambers USA*, a directory of America's leading business lawyers, as a "notable practitioner" who is an "excellent advocate with strong ethics and an unrivalled understanding of business." He has also been selected by his peers for the 2005-2007 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*, the nation's definitive guide to legal excellence, and in 2005-2007 he was listed in *Florida Super Lawyers*, a magazine featuring the top five percent of attorneys in the state.