MATTHEW MANDEL NAMED LITIGATION CHAIR FOR WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA COLE & BONISKE

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – Matthew Mandel, a partner with the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske, P.L., was named Chair of the firm's Litigation group. With more than fifty attorneys, Weiss Serota Helfman offers clients counsel on areas of law ranging from administrative law and government affairs to complex commercial transactions and litigation.

"We are pleased to have Matthew chair our litigation practice," said managing director Jamie Cole. "His long term commitment to the firm, his superior litigation skills and his ability to work with others make him the ideal person to take on this role."

Practicing in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office, Mandel has extensive trial experience and specializes in municipal and commercial litigation at both State and Federal levels. Specifically, he litigates a wide array of cases for both municipal and private clients including contractual and business disputes, civil rights violations, police liability claims, land use challenges, sign code challenges, and personal injury claims. Mandel also has significant appellate experience at both the State and Federal levels and has numerous favorable cases published on Westlaw and Lexis.

Mandel earned his B.A., with honors, from the University of Miami and his J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, from the University of Miami School of Law. He is the secretary of the Federal Bar Association - Broward County Chapter. He is also the Chair for the 2010-2011 Leadership Development Committee for the Broward County League of Cities.

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