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CARLTON FIELDS ATTORNEYS SPEAK AT CURRENT ISSUES IN CONDO AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LAW SEMINAR

TAMPA – Carlton Fields Tampa shareholders **Robert S. Freedman** and **Adam P. Schwartz** and Tampa associate **Nicole C. Kibert** were invited to participate in the all-day seminar entitled “Current Issues in Condominium and Community Association Law: What All Practitioners Need to Know,” sponsored by the Condominium and Planned Development Committee of The Florida Bar and held in Tampa on April 16, 2010.

- Kibert co-wrote the materials for the presentation entitled “Developer Controlled Dysfunctional Associations,” and intended to be the co-presenter for the presentation; however unfortunately, a change in the date of the seminar resulted in a conflict, and Freedman stepped in and spoke on Kibert’s behalf.
- In addition, Freedman co-presented the “Annual Four-Sided Roundtable Discussion,” which was a discussion between developers’ counsel and associations’ counsel on a variety of condominium-related issues.
- Schwartz co-presented “Ethics & Advertising,” which is an critical topic for community association lawyers who are advertising to seek business.

Freedman practices in the area of real estate law, primarily practicing in the area of condominium, timeshare, and subdivision development and management, having provided legal counsel to numerous developers, lenders and bulk purchasers throughout the state. He has extensive experience in the design and operation of master planned and resort communities, obtaining regulatory approvals for the sale and marketing of projects, working on property management arrangements, preparing the various documents and instruments of record needed to ensure the proper creation of a community, preparing documentation pertaining to various types of mixed-use projects and resort, and advising clients on all matters that might arise prior to completing a community following its creation. He also has significant experience in workouts of distressed condominium assets. Freedman is the Chair of the Condominium and Planned Development Committee of The Florida Bar’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, and also is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He received his B.A. from Duke University in 1987 and his J.D. from Stetson University College of Law in 1990.

Schwartz practices white collar criminal defense, False Claims Act (qui tam), and health care matters. He represents individuals and corporations in various matters including grand jury practice and procedure, internal investigations, securities and accounting fraud, health care fraud and abuse, real estate and mortgage fraud, FCPA, defense contractor fraud, money laundering, corporate compliance, and complex civil fraud defense. He also advises hospitals and health care companies on issues including criminal and civil fraud and abuse, regulatory compliance, and pharmacy law. Prior to joining the firm, Schwartz prosecuted money laundering and asset forfeiture matters as an Assistant U.S. Attorney with Eastern District of New York. He received his B.A. from Saint Joseph's University in 1991 and his J.D. from Temple University School of Law, *cum laude*, in 1995.

Kibert is a certified mediator and a U.S. Green Building Council LEED Accredited Professional. She represents developers statewide in the creation of planned communities, condominiums and subdivisions with a special emphasis on projects involving sustainable development, renewable energy generation, and downtown and brownfields redevelopment. Kibert leads Carlton Fields' green initiative, *CF Goes Green*, and incorporates her extensive experience in environmental protection initiatives into her law practice. She received her B.S. from George Washington University in 1997, her M.S. from the University of Florida in 2000, and J.D., with high honors, from the University of Florida in 2003.

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