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**CARLTON FIELDS' SHAREHOLDER JOEL B. GILES APPOINTED CO-CHAIR OF THE
PINELLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

TAMPA (April 21, 2010) – Carlton Fields' Tampa shareholder **Joel B. Giles** was recently appointed Co-Chair of the Pinellas County Economic Development Council. Chair of the Pinellas County Commission Karen Williams Seel is the other Co-Chair.

Giles practices in the areas of complex real estate and commercial transactions. He represents the developers of large mixed-use and commercial and residential projects. Giles can also speak in detail about the Light Rail System. This includes the Hillsborough Ballot Initiative, efforts for the Pinellas Ballot Initiative, and the Sun Rail in Orlando. Giles is very familiar with the plans, at what stage each of these projects are at, can connect to people from the County Commissioners' offices, and can speak on the proposed routes or stops. He received his J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law in 1982 and his B.A. from the University of Florida in 1980.

The Pinellas County Economic Development (PCED) works with existing businesses to encourage expansion and seeks to attract new companies with high-wage careers to Central Florida's Gulf Coast. Through investment tools, professional courses and business counseling sessions, trade missions to open new markets, as well as local, regional and statewide partnerships, PCED fosters a pro-business climate in Pinellas County. For more information about the Pinellas County Economic Development Council, please visit <http://www.pced.org/>

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