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## YOUTHFUL NEW LAW FIRM DEMONSTRATES A DEPTH OF EXPERIENCE IN COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY INVOLVING FINANCIAL DISPUTES

*Anthony & Partners*

In the five years since its founding, Anthony & Partners has established itself as a leading law firm in the state of Florida in the representation of sophisticated clients in complex litigation, bankruptcy, and commercial debt restructuring transactions. The speed of the new boutique firm's success is attributable to three main factors.

First, the Firm's five senior lawyers are all extremely experienced and recognized in their areas of expertise, all receiving the "AV" rating of Martindale Hubbell, the highest recognition available by that universally recognized authority. For example, founding member Stephenie Biernacki Anthony, who began her career as a lawyer as a law clerk for Chief Bankruptcy Judge Alexander L. Paskay, is currently serving as the President of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association, a professional association of approximately five hundred bankruptcy judges, lawyers, and other professionals. Frank A. Lafalce brings a breadth of experience, not only as an attorney but as a former bank president and general counsel. Ed Whitson brings nearly three decades of ardent representation of financial institutions in state and federal loan enforcement litigation, lender liability litigation, and bankruptcy.

Second, the Firm's youthful vision and energy present a unique alternative to larger law firms that take an "institutional approach" to financial disputes. Founder John A. Anthony remarks: "We start with tremendous young lawyers from top rate law schools, and we try to preserve their enthusiasm while adding the practical experience and oversight required for each to mature and succeed. We do not rely upon the names of ancient founders to become known, but on our own names and reputations." Speed, efficiency, and quality of legal product all reflect the Firm's youthful vigor.

Third, the Firm's attorneys, paraprofessionals, and staff share a sense of mission and camaraderie with their clients that has become a defining and pervasive spirit. Allison Doucette,

a 2010 graduate of The Georgetown University Law Center, remarks: "We rejoice in the successes of our client friends, especially when we contribute to those successes." The corollary is obvious: The Firm has many loyal clients who have entrusted the lawyers of Anthony & Partners with their most challenging financial disputes for decades.

Partner Kristi Neher Davisson sums it up best: "We are experienced enough to provide prudent counsel and advocacy. We are youthful and independent enough to treat our law firm as our own, and not see ourselves as part of a large impersonal law mega-business. We care about our clients. They care about us, and we are the key to one another's success." With a motto like this, we expect to see the Firm continue building its state-wide visibility for years to come.

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