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Delegal Law Office attorney becomes only attorney in Florida to receive administrative and employment double certification

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Nov. 27, 2007) — Last week, Tad Delegal became one of the first attorneys in Florida to receive certification in state and federal administrative practice. Delegal is the only attorney in the state to be certified in both labor and employment law and state and federal administrative practice.

Delegal was one of 58 Florida attorneys to receive certification in this new specialty and is one of less than 200 attorneys certified in labor and employment law.

"Having both certifications is particularly valuable, because I regularly represent individuals contesting the government's attempts to harm their professional statuses or careers," Delegal said.

Delegal represents licensed professionals, as well as businesses and public employees who contest governmental action.

Certification is the highest level of evaluation by the Florida Bar. The process evaluates the competency and experience of attorneys in areas of law that are approved for certification by the Supreme Court of Florida. Board certification evaluates attorneys' special knowledge, skills and proficiency in various areas of law, professionalism and ethics in practice.

"Board certification is a valuable credential that is becoming a significant trend in the legal profession," Florida Bar President Frank Angones Jr. said. "Specialization recognizes lawyers' expertise and professionalism and is a natural progression for lawyers who can demonstrate high skill levels in particular areas of law."

Attorneys who are board certified in state and federal government and administrative practice are specialists in law that includes but is not limited to rulemaking, adjudication or advocacy for state or federal government contracts, licenses, orders, permits, policies, or rules. The specialty also includes appearing before or presiding as an administrative law judge, arbitrator, hearing officer, or member of an administrative tribunal or panel over a dispute involving an administrative or government action.

Tad Delegal practices with Attorney Elizabeth Oakes at Delegal Law Offices, P.A.. He has served as an officer of the Florida Chapter of the National Employment Lawyers Association and currently serves on the Florida Bar's labor and employment certification committee. He also chairs the special needs children committee for The Jericho School for children with autism and related disabilities. Delegal is a member of the regional advisory committee for the University of Florida.

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