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Brigham Moore welcomes veteran attorney Ron Adams to Miami office

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Miami, FL – Brigham Moore LLP, Florida's oldest and largest eminent domain and property rights defense firm, today announced that Ron A. Adams will join the firm's Miami office as a partner. Adams is coming to Brigham Moore from Steel Hector & Davis LLP, where he is a senior partner in the firm's litigation department and the administrative partner of the firm's Miami office.

Adams is a veteran trial lawyer with extensive experience handling cases involving eminent domain, land use, zoning and other real estate related issues. Adams is recognized in the 2005 *South Florida Legal Guide* as a Top Attorney in eminent domain and land use litigation.

"Ron is an exceptional trial lawyer with substantial eminent domain experience, making him an important strategic hire as we continue to work to attract the best and the brightest attorneys who share our convictions and wish to focus on eminent domain law," said Andrew P. Brigham, a partner in Brigham Moore LLP. "Ron brings our firm further depth and experience that will allow us to better serve the needs of our clients in defending property rights throughout the State."

Adams has represented property owners in acquisitions by the Florida Department of Transportation, South Florida Water Management District and other condemning authorities. Among landowners that Adams has represented is Florida Crystals, a major sugar grower in Palm Beach County.

"Steel Hector & Davis is one of the best law



firms in the State of Florida, and I am thankful for having spent the first 24 years of my career working with the wonderful people there. Eminent domain law has always been one of my favorite practice areas, and the opportunity to add a second chapter to my career, focusing on such an important constitutional right with attorneys devoted to its protection, is very exciting," said Adams.

In making the move to Brigham Moore, Adams rejoins former Steel Hector partner, John W. Little III, who opened Brigham Moore's West Palm Beach office last fall. Together, Adams and Little represented Florida Power & Light Company and other clients in eminent domain, land use and local government matters throughout the State of Florida for more than 20 years. Commenting on reuniting with his former colleague, Little said, "Ron brings experience, talent and a passion for practicing in our field. I am thrilled that we will be partners again, it's a great match for Ron and our firm."

Adams is also active in bar and community work. He has served as a member of the Florida Bar Eminent Domain Committee for more than 20 years. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Coral Gables Youth Center Association. He received his bachelor's degree with Highest Honors from the University of Florida in 1977 and his J.D. with Honors from the University of Florida Law School in 1980. He is a member of the American and Dade County Bar Associations.