

# Becker & Poliakoff Restructures its Community Association Practice in Central Florida

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**MAITLAND, FL, October 31, 2011** - Becker & Poliakoff is pleased to announce the reorganization of its Maitland-based Central Florida office naming attorney Chris Draper, a firm shareholder who led that office from 1994 through 2008, to resume responsibility for the oversight of the firm's community association clients in the region. Mr. Draper, who has been practicing in the firm's West Palm Beach office since 2008, brings twenty-plus years of experience in all facets of community association law. He previously served on the Board of Directors for the Mid-Florida Chapter of the Community Association Institute and is a frequent lecturer on issues impacting condominium and homeowners association law. Additionally, the firm named Kevin Miller, the statewide leader of the firm's foreclosure practice, to supervise the team of lawyers and paralegals handling those matters for community association clients throughout Central Florida.

The firm's Central Florida office, which opened in 1990, also includes Construction Law and Litigation, Business Litigation and the firm's other areas of practice. The Construction team is led by two board certified construction legal experts, Claramargaret Groover and Scott Kiernan, both long time Orlando area attorneys. Keith Broll is the attorney in charge of the region's business litigation practice.

Becker & Poliakoff is considered a pioneer and a leader in community association law with more than thirty lawyers dedicated exclusively to the practice. The firm's unique, low cost annual retainer includes valuable services and benefits such as community visits after a disaster, educational training classes required by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for condominium board members, and the preparation of the annual meeting notice package at no additional cost.

"Our annual retainer allows communities to be protected when legal issues arise and stay up-to-date on ever-changing laws impacting communities for one flat fee." said Kenneth Direktor, Chair of the firm's statewide community

association law practice .Mr. Draper added, “The Orlando area has been home to my family since 1992. I am pleased to again be assisting Becker & Poliakoff’s community association clients throughout Central Florida.”

Becker & Poliakoff is a diverse commercial law firm with more than 145 attorneys and lobbyists in a total of 15 domestic and international offices.

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Celebrating its thirty-eighth (38th) year of serving clients, the firm has seven primary areas of practice: Real Estate, Construction Law & Litigation, Community Association, Customs & International Trade, Business Litigation, Corporate & Securities, and Government Law & Lobbying.