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**Laird A. Lile appointed by Chief Justice to serve on Guardianship Work Group**

NAPLES, Fla. (Nov. 10, 2016) – Laird A. Lile, the board-certified wills, trusts and estates attorney in Naples who recently was appointed by Chief Justice Jorge Labarga of the Florida Supreme Court to the Judicial Management Council, has been named to the JMC’s newly formed Guardianship Work Group.

The Guardianship Work Group will examine judicial procedures and best practices pertaining to guardianships to ensure Florida state courts are protecting the well-being of persons deemed by a judge to be incapacitated and those alleged to have diminished capacity, according to Justice Labarga.

The creation of the work group is intended to advance the mission of courts to ensure that guardians are acting professionally to promote the welfare of those whose affairs they are managing, he said.

The JMC is a focused advisory board that assists the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court in identifying potential crisis situations affecting the judicial branch and developing a strategy to timely and effectively address such events; evaluating opportunities to improve the performance and effectiveness of the judicial branch; developing and monitoring long-range planning for the judicial branch; and reviewing the various court and Florida Bar commissions and committees to recommend consolidation or revision.

Now serving his sixth term as an elected member of the Board of Governors for The Florida Bar, Lile serves on the Supreme Court’s Florida Courts Technology Commission and is the chair of the Second District Court of Appeal Nominating Commission.

Lile is past chair of the Bar’s 10,800-member Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section. An elected member of the Board of Regents, past state chair and a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Lile has been included in Woodward/White’s The Best Lawyers in America for 21 consecutive years and was inducted into Florida Trend’s Legal Elite Hall of Fame in 2010. He recently was named a Top 100 Florida Super Lawyer for the sixth consecutive year.

Lile & Hayes offers legal counsel on estate- and trust-related matters, including estate planning, estate and trust administration, probate-related litigation and tax matters. The firm’s office is located at 3033 Riviera Drive, Suite 104, in Naples. For more information, call 239-649-7778 or visit [www.Lile-Hayes.com](http://www.Lile-Hayes.com).

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