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**FORMER US ATTORNEY AND FLORIDA LEGISLATOR DEXTER LEHTINEN JOINS TEW CARDENAS**

MIAMI (Nov. 4, 2010) ---- Prominent Miami attorney Dexter Lehtinen, a former United States Attorney for the Southern of District Florida and Florida Representative and State Senator, has joined the law firm of [Tew Cardenas LLP](#) as a partner focusing on commercial and environmental litigation and white-collar criminal defense.

Lehtinen was most recently the founding and managing partner of the law firm of Lehtinen Riedi Brooks Moncarz, P.A. in Miami through which he served as the general counsel for the Miccosukee Tribe. He has extensive and diverse litigation experience. Lehtinen has argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and Florida Supreme Court, as well as scores of civil cases in both state and federal trial and appellate courts. He also has a great deal of experience in administrative/regulatory, environmental and federal Indian law matters. Earlier in his career, he tried cases as a federal prosecutor in Los Angeles and Miami.

Lehtinen's former partner, Claudio Riedi is also moving to Tew Cardenas. Riedi, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Switzerland, concentrates his practice in the areas of complex civil litigation, international business transactions, corporate transactions, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, and environmental law. Lehtinen and Riedi join the firm's well established practice in a wide range of complex business litigation and financial civil and criminal defense matters.

Lehtinen joins partners [Thomas Tew](#), [Jeffrey Tew](#) and [Joseph DeMaria](#) in representing individuals and corporations in local, state and federal civil and criminal investigations and related litigation with an emphasis on financial, accounting and tax fraud. This includes criminal

investigations and related litigation arising out of corporate and bank failures, securities, and RICO and customs violations.

“Dexter’s political experience and law enforcement work as a federal prosecutor and United States Attorney for South Florida make him an invaluable resource for our clients,” said Thomas Tew, the founding partner of Tew Cardenas. “His years of work in investigating and prosecuting financial and banking industry fraud cases as well as serving as the general counsel for the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida also make him uniquely qualified to counsel and represent many of our clients with significant legal matters and business enterprises.”

Lehtinen’s professional, civic and community commitments include the Federal Judicial Bar and Community Liaison Committee. He has previously served on the Federal Judicial Nomination Commission for the Southern District of Florida; Florida Commission on Money Laundering; South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force; Governor’s Commission on the Everglades; and the Governor’s Commission on a Sustainable South Florida. A decorated war veteran, Lehtinen received a purple heart in 1971 for his service in the Vietnam War.

Lehtinen received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Miami and earned a Master’s and an MBA from Columbia University. He received his Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School, finishing first in his class. A long-time adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law, Lehtinen will teach Florida Constitutional Law for the 2011 spring semester and is currently teaching “The Vietnam War in the Cold War” to undergraduates at Florida International University.

He is married for more than 26 years to Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and they have two children together. Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen, the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee is currently the most senior Republican representative in the U.S. Congress having served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1989.

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