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A.P.D./Director Mason, Recognized Expert on Juvenile Delinquency, Contributes to Florida Bar Publication

Jacksonville, FL: In the latest edition of Florida Juvenile Law and Practice, a biennial publication of the Florida Bar Association local attorney Rob Mason is among the select group of judges, scholars and leading practitioners around the State to contribute content. Mr. Mason serves as an Assistant Public Defender and the Director of Juvenile Court in the Fourth Circuit office of Public Defender Matt Shirk.

“This publication serves an important purpose, and it’s an honor to author one of the chapters,” said Mason. “Juvenile law is an area of law that constantly changes, and it’s essential to be current and knowledgeable when representing children. The disposition of a juvenile case can affect a child for the rest of his or her life.”

Director Mason authored a 33 page chapter entitled “Disposition in Delinquency Cases” in the Eleventh Edition of Florida Juvenile Law and Practice which was released in November 2009. The content analyzes the complex statutory sentencing laws for juveniles alleged to have committed delinquent acts and also discusses the emerging statewide case law related to the statutes. The Florida Bar Association publishes this law book every two years because of the continually changing dynamics of case law and Florida statutes. This publication which is intended to provide guidance to attorneys who represent juveniles is widely used in both public and private law offices throughout the state.

“On matters involving juvenile justice, Rob Mason is extremely well-versed and understanding of the system and his knowledge is an incredible asset to this office and to the Fourth Circuit,” said Shirk. “Over the course of his career, Rob has concentrated his practice and research on issues of juvenile delinquency and has become a recognized authority throughout Florida and even nationally.

Rob Mason has been an Assistant Public Defender in Jacksonville since 1990. After serving as a Juvenile Division Chief 1999-2007, he currently is the Director of Juvenile Court. He’s also past chair of the Florida Juvenile Rules Committee. Additionally, he represents juveniles that the state prosecutes in adult court. The Ohio native graduated in 1989 from the University of Florida College of Law where he was an assistant editor of the Law Review. Presently, he is a member of various local and national legal associations and has served as an adjunct professor in law-related subjects at area colleges.

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Director of Juvenile Court Rob Mason



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(L-R) Shirk, Mason at Camp Reward



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