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**MARKS GRAY ATTORNEYS AMONG 2015 FLORIDA LEGAL ELITE AND UP AND COMER BY FLORIDA TREND MAGAZINE**

(JACKSONVILLE, FLA: April 15, 2015) Marks Gray, P.A. is pleased to announce Jephtha F. Barbour was selected by his peers as a Legal Elite and Jill F. Bechtold has earned the distinction as an “Up and Comer” by *Florida Trend* magazine in 2015. Both Mr. Barbour and Ms. Bechtold are listed in the Civil Trial category.

“Having Mr. Barbour and Ms. Bechtold named to the *Florida Trend* magazine’s 2015 Florida Legal Elite and “Up and Comer” list is a great honor,” said firm President, Gerald Weedon. “We are pleased that they have earned this designation from their peers.”

Lawyers were asked to name attorneys whom they hold in the highest regard or would recommend to others. Voters were also asked to name three “Up and Coming” attorneys, as well as in a separate category, outstanding attorneys working in the government and non-profit sectors.

The ballots were processed and each lawyer was given a score based on the number of votes he or she received, with more weight given to votes from outside the firm. The list was further examined using membership status and histories provided by the Florida Bar. A panel of previous Legal Elite winners, representing different practice areas in cities across the state, reviewed the selection process and the list of finalists. The resulting lists represent fewer than 2% of the active Florida Bar members who practice in Florida.

Marks Gray, P.A. is a multi-faceted law firm with offices in Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra Beach. The firm has 25 attorneys who specialize in providing highly personalized service while offering clients access to an experienced legal team across a broad spectrum of practice areas. The lawyers at Marks Gray represent national, regional and local clients in a variety of matters. The firm has a diverse practice that includes extensive commercial and professional liability and other tort defense litigation as well as banking, real estate, business law, probate, tax law, estate planning, immigration and workers’ compensation.