Defense Attorney Mark Seiden Recognized in 2011 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

MIAMI – Veteran defense attorney Mark Seiden has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. (www.bestlawyers.com)

Seiden has been a prominent Miami-based defense attorney for 27 years. He is the founder of the Law Office of Mark Seiden, P.A. (www.markseidenlaw.com). His practice areas are Criminal Defense, both trials and appeals.

According to *Best Lawyers*, the current 2011 edition of the annual referral guide is based on more than 3.1 million detailed evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers. The publication "compiles lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting exhaustive peer-review surveys in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. *The Best Lawyers in America* includes 39,766 attorneys in 80 practice areas covering all 50 states and the District of Columbia."

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Miami-based attorney Mark Seiden is the founder of the Law Office of Mark Seiden, P.A. www.markseidenlaw.com). Mr. Seiden has been a defense attorney for 27 years. His practice areas are Criminal Defense, both trials and appeals. He was recently admitted to practice in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Seiden has been recognized by his peers in Super Lawyers, The Best Lawyers in America, The Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, and The South Florida Legal Guide. Mr. Seiden is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating given to practicing attorneys.

Representative cases include: State v. William Kennedy Smith, State v. Officer William Lozano, State v. Eller Media, and State v. Officer Luis Alvarez.. For the past 15 years, Mr. Seiden has been, representing members of the Miami-Dade Hispanic Police Officers Association who become involved in police shootings.

While a member of the Metro-Dade Police Department from 1970 – 1981, Mr. Seiden served as a patrol officer, (Police Officer of the Year 1971) supervising sergeant, firearms and tactics instructor, and also held the position of detective sergeant. He honorably retired with the rank of sergeant in 1981. Mr. Seiden's training includes: Medico-Legal Investigation of Death, Criminal Investigation, Terrorism and Counter Terrorism, Advanced Arson Investigation, Police Weapons and Officer Survival, and the Art of Interrogation and Interview.

He has also completed a course in shooting reconstruction and teaches how to investigate the use of deadly force by police officers to the detectives who investigate those shootings.

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Mr. Seiden is often called-upon by the local and national media for his commentary regarding high profile cases.

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