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MICHAEL A. SILVA, ESQ. NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ANNUAL MEETING



MIAMI--January 27, 2011--Michael A. Silva, Esq. was installed as Chairman of the Miami Lighthouse Board of Directors at its annual meeting January 26th at the Kelley Roy Gallery. Mr. Silva has served two terms on the Miami Lighthouse Board of Directors and previously provided pro bono legal counsel, including revisions to bylaws and other board governance issues.

"It is our pleasure to welcome Michael into this leadership position at Miami Lighthouse," said outgoing Board Chairman Owen S. Freed, Esq. "We look forward to working with him over the next two years as Miami Lighthouse fulfills its goals as a Center of Excellence in Low Vision and Vision Rehabilitation."

"Michael's pro bono counsel and guidance as a Board Director has been such a blessing to us in recent years," said Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia A. Jacko. "His forward-thinking leadership will help us accelerate our progress as we serve ever more people in this community."

Mr. Silva is a Tax Partner with Hunton & Williams LLP. His practice focuses on international tax law, estate planning and representation of foreign investors and banks. He has been selected as one of "Florida's Legal Elite," a listing of the state's top 1.7% of "lawyers held in the highest regard," by *Florida Trend Magazine* three years in a row, and was named among the top lawyers in Florida by *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*. He also was named one of the "Top Up and Comers in South Florida" for tax law by the *South Florida Legal Guide*. Mr. Silva graduated from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and the Fisher School of Accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant and certified by the Florida Bar in Tax Law and International Law. In 1993, he served as Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Allen J. Kornblum, Probate Division of Circuit Court, Miami.

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Miami Lighthouse has been transforming lives over the past eighty years at the same location, with clients of all ages ranging from blind babies to seniors with low vision.

MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT:

*To provide vision rehabilitation
and eye health services
that promote independence,
to educate professionals,
and to conduct research in related fields.*

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