John Benford Joins Wilson Elser's Orlando Office

National law firm **Wilson Elser** announces that **John Benford** has joined the firm's Orlando office as of counsel. For more than 20 years, Benford has been practicing in Orlando-area offices of prominent national law firms, and most recently as the solo practitioner of Benford Law Firm, P.A.

Benford, a litigator, concentrates his practice in the area of commercial and business disputes, handling, among other matters, business torts, unfair competition, shareholder disputes, securities litigation, commercial real estate disputes, professional liability, breach of contract and insurance coverage.

Inn a release, the firm said Benford has practiced throughout the state of Florida, representing businesses of all sizes from a broad range of industries including the real estate, technology, manufacturing and aerospace sectors.

Benford has earned the AV® Preeminent™ rating by Martindale-Hubbell, 2003–2016. He has been selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2011–2016 and has been named to *Florida Trend*'s Legal Elite, 2015–2016.

Benford is co-chair of the Orange County Bar Association Professionalism and Ethics Committee. He has received various awards for his *pro bono* service for helping members of Central Florida's indigent community.

Benford graduated *cum laude* with a B.A. degree from Washington and Lee University (1987), *cum laude* with a M.B.A degree from the University of Miami (1991), and *cum laude* with his J.D. degree from University of Miami School of Law (1994). While in law school, he was a member of the University of Miami Business Law Review and received Book Awards for his Torts and

Legal Writing.