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# Melody Lynch Named Vice-Chair of the ABA Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section's Ethics and Malpractice Committee

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Orlando, FL – Lowndes is pleased to announce that Shareholder Melody Lynch has been appointed vice-chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section's Ethics and Malpractice Committee. The Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section is a leading national forum for lawyers and currently includes over 25,000 members. The Ethics and Malpractice Committee focuses not only on the ethical and malpractice issues that can arise in the estate and trust context, but also best practices in planning, administration and litigation situations. Lynch's appointment is effective September 1, 2021.

Lynch focuses her practice on probate, trust & fiduciary litigation, contested guardianships, and complex business disputes. Her MBA complements her law degree when she analyzes financial statements and handles other complicated issues involving assets. A significant portion of Melody's practice is devoted to resolving conflicts among family members and other estate beneficiaries, fights over missing assets and property ownership, claims by or against fiduciaries, guardianship challenges, and other proceedings requiring the interpretation of wills and trusts. She frequently helps charitable organizations, foundations, trustees and other institutional beneficiaries of large estates navigate the probate process.

Melody's experience extends to other business disputes too, particularly in the employment law arena with matters involving restrictive covenants as well as non-compete and non-disclosure agreements. She has protected employers in a wide range of industries, including medical devices, pest control, physicians and physician practices.

In addition, she is a Guardian ad Litem for the Legal Aid Society where she represents the interests of abused and neglected children. She also is a pro bono attorney for Seniors First where she represents the interests of indigent elderly wards.

A former apprentice dancer with a professional ballet company and a native of Orlando, Melody's passion for both the arts and the area informs her leadership roles in the Central Florida community. She serves as president of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, was named to the prestigious Orlando Business Journal's "40 under 40" list, and was awarded the Presidential Leadership Award by the Orange County Bar Association.