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William Earnest Pruitt was born and raised in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is a graduate of Forest Hill High School where he was a co-captain of the football team. He attended Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and graduated cum laude in 1976 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, majoring in finance with a minor in speech and economics. As a student he served as President of his fraternity. He received the William Hester Manley Award for outstanding finance major in his senior year.

Knowing that he always intended to return to South Florida to practice law, he attended Stetson University College of Law graduating with a Juris Doctorate. Upon passing the bar he was sworn in in May of 1979 and began to practice law in his father, William H. Pruitt's, firm. Both of Mr. Pruitt's grandfathers were attorneys in South Florida. He also had two uncles that were lawyers, one who was elected as the mayor of West Palm Beach and the other serving as a federal magistrate. Currently Mr. Pruitt practices law with his son, William Braedyn Pruitt, who went to law school after a few years playing in the New York Yankees minor-league system.

During his career he has practiced primarily with a focus on business transactions, contracts, financial issues, and civil litigation. He has represented individuals, corporations, banks, and served as a trustee for family trusts. He has tried both jury and Non-jury trials. The largest resulting in a verdict in his client's favor exceeding \$12,000,000. As a practicing attorney for 43 years he deals with mediations, contract negotiations, and settlements of disputes of various issues on a daily basis. He has negotiated business sales and purchases, real estate contracts, and represented clients in resolving litigation concerning accidents, property damage, commercial leasing, real estate disputes, construction contracts, and development deals. The range of these negotiations have involved issues and matters up to and in excess of \$40,000,000.

William E. Pruitt recognizes that not every client is the same nor is every negotiation identical. He spends the time necessary to educate himself about the issues, the client, and the adversary so that he may obtain a necessary and clear understanding of his client's goals and needs. Mr. Pruitt uses his contacts, knowledge of the history of the community learned as a lifelong resident, together with a focus on persuasion developed through his experience as a practiced negotiator and litigator, to assist his clients in reaching their desired results.

Mr. Pruitt has an AV Preeminent Rating as an attorney and in 2020 received the Sydney Stubbs Professionalism Award by the Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is a member of the Florida Bar and Palm Beach County Bar Association serving on several subcommittees including professionalism and judicial relations.

Mr. Pruitt and his family believe in giving back and being involved in the community. During his career he has served as president of the Chamber Of Commerce Of The Palm Beaches (1996), as a Director and Trustee of the South Florida Fair and Palm Beach County Expositions from 1994 through his serving as chair from 2018 to 2020. In addition he served at various times over a period of twenty two years as a

board member and special master on code enforcement boards for the City of West Palm Beach, the Town of Jupiter, and Palm Beach County. He served as chair of the Palm Beach County Business Alliance in 1996, chair of the Palm Beach County Education Commission, and as chair of the Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board (now known as Career Source Palm Beach County). He is currently a member and past chair of the Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium Advisory Board and assists The Board and the Stadium with the Dick Howser All Star Showcase for Palm Beach County high school senior baseball players.

Mr. Pruitt's firm, Pruitt & Pruitt, PA, is located at 2475 Mercer Ave. Suite 101 in West Palm Beach, Florida. In addition to the representation of clients and serving their needs as advocates, the firm is dedicated to making Florida, particularly south Florida, a better place to live and grow a family. With a family of four generations of Florida lawyers and now being a sixth generation Florida family, the Pruitts are believers in promoting and preserving Florida's unparalleled landscape and natural resources in balance with economic vibrancy and opportunity, which together make this an economically strong, vibrant and beautiful place for visitors and residents alike.