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The Florida Bar

MELANIE SHORE APPOINTED AS A PUBLIC MEMBER ON THE FLORIDA BAR BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tallahassee - The Florida Supreme Court has appointed Melanie Shore, APR, of Gainesville as a public member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors.

Since 1987, two public members have served on the Bar's 52-member governing board, after the Supreme Court of Florida approved the organization's request to have nonlawyer representation on the board. Only 12 other state bar associations have public members on their governing boards. The Board of Governors oversees the Bar's lawyer discipline program, continuing legal education programs, legislative activities, and the overall administration of The Florida Bar.

Shore will replace Joseph "Jody" D. Hudgins, Naples, whose second two-year term expires June 2023.

Shore is Senior Vice President and Private Banker with Seacoast Bank. She has been a banker for over 30 years. A native of Lakeland, she is a graduate of Western Carolina University with a BSBA in Marketing/Management. She is accredited through the Florida Public Relations Association and has received the designation of APR (Accredited Public Relations professional). She is a graduate of Leadership Gainesville and Leadership Florida.

Shore has been a president, board member and campaign chair for United Way of Alachua County, and served many years on the United Way of Florida Board of Directors. She currently serves on the board of The Community Foundation of North Central Florida, and is a past board chair. She is a University of Florida Performing Arts emeriti board member, a past president of the WUFT Friends of Five Board of Trustees and The Education Foundation of Alachua County. She is a board member of the Board of Trustees at North Florida Medical Center and recently completed a three-year term on the Citizens Advisory Committee of The Florida Bar, and also serves on the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

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