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### **Corcoran & Johnston Government Relations Expands Footprint** *Michael Cantens To Lead South Florida Office*

TAMPA -- Named by Florida Trend as one of the state's Top Lobbying Firms, Corcoran & Johnston Government Relations today announced the firm's expansion, opening a South Florida office to be led by Michael Cantens, former Director of Legislative Affairs for the Florida Department of Health.

"We are excited to expand our firm's operations with Michael Cantens leading our South Florida office," said Michael Corcoran, CEO, Corcoran & Johnston Government Relations. "Michael's years of experience, beginning as a staff member for a Miami-Dade County Commissioner, a legislative aide to a member of the Florida House of Representatives and most recently, as Director of Legislative Affairs for Florida's Department of Health, will greatly benefit our clients and add to our team's knowledge, expertise and capabilities."

Prior to joining Corcoran & Johnston Government Relations, Michael served as Director of Legislative Affairs for the Florida Department of Health, where he worked closely with the executive branch, legislators, and committee staff to develop and successfully advocate for the Department's policy agenda and \$2.8 billion budget. Michael began his career, more than ten years ago, as an aide to Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and later went on to work for former State Representative Marcelo Llorente.

"I am excited to join the dedicated team at Corcoran & Johnston Government Relations," said Michael Cantens. "I look forward to this new opportunity to serve the firm's clients, and build on our strong and growing South Florida presence."

In addition to his public policy experience, Michael has assisted and managed numerous political campaigns throughout Florida and is well versed in campaign strategy and grassroots organization. Most recently, Michael served as the campaign manager for former State Representative, and current Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Juan C. Zapata's final re-election campaign to the Florida House of Representatives.

Michael is a graduate of Florida State University where he earned his Master of Arts degree in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Born and raised in Miami, Michael and his family welcome the opportunity to return to Miami from Tallahassee.

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