Anthony A. Garganese Finalist for 2006 City Attorney of the Year Award

Winner to be announced at awards program hosted by the Florida League of Cities

The Florida League of Cities recently announced **Anthony A. Garganese, City of Winter Springs** as one of five finalists for its *City Attorney of the Year Award* -- one of 10 awards to be presented during the *Florida Cities of Excellence Awards* program. Other finalists include: **Pam Akin**, Clearwater; **James R. English**, Tallahassee; **John Hubbard**, Dunedin; and **Samuel S. Goren**, Coral Springs, North Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, and Tamarac.

"We would like to salute **Anthony A. Garganese** and the other exceptional municipal attorney's who make up our finalists," said Rene Flowers, Florida League of Cities president and council vice chair, St. Petersburg. "These finalists are examples of some of the finest municipal attorney's in our state. They serve as excellent role models to other dedicated public servants across Florida, and truly epitomize the expression *excellence in public service*."

The program is designed to focus public attention on all the good things cities do to improve the quality of life in Florida and honor outstanding city leaders and cities for their excellent, innovative and highly praised programs.

The *City Attorney of the Year* honors a city attorney who displays exceptional excellence in the following areas: judgment; initiative; integrity; innovation, professionalism commitment and citizen relations.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized by such an exemplary organization such as the Florida League of Cities and to represent the City of Winter Springs," said Anthony A. Garganese. Mr. Garganese has been representing the City of Winter Springs since 1999 and listed as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* in municipal law.

All finalists are invited to attend the awards ceremony November 17, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, where all winners will be announced. Winners will receive a "MUNI" award and be featured in the League's award-winning publication, *Quality Cities*.

Other award categories include: Florida City of Excellence Award, City Citizen of the Year, City Spirit Award, Mayor of the Year, Council Member of the Year, City Manager of the Year, City Clerk of the Year, City Finance Officer of the Year and City Employee of the Year.

For more information about the Florida Cities of Excellence Awards, please visit the Florida League of Cities Web site at www.flcities.com.

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