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## JIMERSON & COBB, P.A., NAMED TO INAUGURAL GATOR100 LIST

J&C is a business litigation firm focusing on construction law, condominium law and creditor's rights

Jacksonville, Fla. – February 10, 2015 –Jimerson & Cobb is pleased to announce that it has been named to the University of Florida's inaugural 2015 Gator100 list. The firm was honored at an awards luncheon Feb. 6 at the J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom in Gainesville.

Sponsored by UF, the Warrington College of Business Administration and the Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (CEI), the Gator100 recognizes the 100 fastest-growing businesses owned or led by UF alumni. Ernst & Young calculated each company's compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) over the past three years to generate the ranking.

Jimerson & Cobb was ranked No. 62, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 38.54 percent. Managing partner Charles Jimerson, graduate of the UF Levin College of Law and founder of Jimerson & Cobb, accepted the award on behalf of the firm. Other J&C Gator alums include partner James O. "Joby" Birr, partner Brent Zimmerman, associate Hans Wahl and associate Brandon Meadows.

"To quadruple the growth of our firm, I've focused on quadrupling the growth of our people," said Jimerson. "As the managing partner of a firm that has won awards as a 'fast growing company' and a 'best place to work,' I don't see why there should be a chasm between firm culture and firm growth. In fact, they are fused objectives—corporate growth requiring fulfilled personnel. I've found that the key to getting folks to enjoy their work and be happy doing it is to get them to make up their minds to be happy. As individuals, we all need to recognize that happiness depends on ourselves. As legal professionals, our true happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done, the zest of creating things new and improving things old.

Our clients and employees hold fidelity, empowerment, achievement and happiness as first principles, continued Jimerson. This shared belief system between our team and our clients extends to the way we think, the way we interact and the means by which we accomplish mutual goals. Our employees are happy employees because they take great pride in a job well done and our clients have peace of mind in entrusting complicated business and personal issues to their trusted advisors. Through employee buy-in and the confidence of our clients, we've been able to accomplish a thing or two these last five years. I'm thankful for that and wish to express to all of you my gratitude in being a part of distinguished list of special companies run by special people. All propelled from the most special launching pad our country has to offer—The University of Florida. Gators got that rama jama...oooh ahhh!"

"The Gator100 is an important initiative that recognizes entrepreneurial excellence," said Dr. Michael Morris, the Academic Director of the entrepreneurship program at UF. "It is open to any and all companies founded or run by Gator alumni, and recognizes those who are achieving growth, innovating, and making a difference in their communities."

To qualify for the Gator100, companies must have been in business for five years or more as of September 2014, and have had verifiable annual revenues of \$100,000 or more in 2011. Additionally, a UF alumnus or alumni must have met one of the following three leadership criteria:

- 1. Owned 50 percent or more of the company from Jan. 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2013; or
- 2. Served as company's chief executive from Jan. 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2013; or
- 3. Founded the company and been active as a member of the most senior management team from Jan. 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2013.

View the full list of Gator100 honorees at gator100.ufl.edu.

Formed in June 2009, Jimerson & Cobb is a Florida-based law firm that seeks to exceed client expectations through commitment to excellence and by adding value to its client's businesses. Jimerson & Cobb offers a customer-focused and cost-effective alternative to larger business law firms, working closely with clients to discover and implement customized legal solutions that best meet their needs. Jimerson & Cobb handles commercial disputes with the same dedication and intensity whether a client is a Fortune 500 company or a privately held small business. Jimerson & Cobb clients are representative of many different business industries, including construction, financial services, manufacturing and distribution, health care, franchising and community associations.

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