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Leonard H. Gilbert Honored for Promoting Literacy in Hillsborough County

TAMPA, Fla. (May 31, 2018) – Holland & Knight's Leonard H. Gilbert, a partner in the firm's Tampa office, was honored with the Barbara Hancock Literacy Award presented by The Hillsborough County Literacy Association on May 14. On the same occasion, he was presented with the Celebrate Literacy Award by the International Literacy Association.

The awards recognize Mr. Gilbert's dedication to enhancing literacy in Hillsborough County communities. Mr. Gilbert helped create the John F. Germany Read to Dream program, a volunteer-staffed reading program that addresses the lowest reading levels of children in Hillsborough County public schools by providing engaging reading activities and books. Many of the volunteers include lawyers recruited through the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

Mr. Gilbert is a graduate of Harvard Law School and a member of Holland & Knight's Financial Services Practice Group. He has represented numerous state, national and international banks and other financial institutions, as well as public bodies and secured and unsecured creditors' committees. He has had significant involvement in high profile and complex cases receiving international attention. He is consistently recognized as a top bankruptcy and creditors' rights lawyer by *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, and is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell.

Mr. Gilbert is a former president of The Florida Bar, the Hillsborough County Bar and the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. He is a current member of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and formerly served as the director of the American Bar Foundation.

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