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Monica Miller Evans is an attorney with Messer, Caparello & Self, P.A., in Tallahassee, where she heads the firm's real estate division and handles the firm's title insurance business. She also handles commercial loan workouts and various real property and construction litigation. She is involved with the firm's representation of the Florida Association of Property Appraisers, and frequently acts as counsel to county property appraisers across the state. Additionally, she acts as special counsel to Premier Bank and enjoys handling special asset needs.

Ms. Evans received her certification from the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Program in 2004. She is committed to making sure the needs of Florida's dependent children are met and has advocated pro-bono for more than 35 abused and neglected children. She serves on the Guardian Ad Litem Voluntary Advisory and Recruitment Committee and is a Pro-Bono Initiative Coordinator for the Program. Ms. Evans was the 2nd Circuit's Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer of the Year for 2009.

Ms. Evans is actively involved in the Monticello First Church of the Nazarene, and serves on the Monticello Christian Academy School Board. She proudly serves on Premier Bank's Community Board. She has been a committee chair and student mentor for Tallahassee Women Lawyers since 2006, and is also a volunteer with the Florida Attorney's Saving Homes (FASH) program. She has served on the Jefferson County United Way Fundraiser Team for several years and served on United Way's Investment Team in 2008. In addition, Ms. Evans will serve as Jefferson County Relay for Life Publicity Chair in 2010.

Ms. Evans has a six-year-old daughter. She enjoys spending time with her large family - - hunting, fishing and waterskiing. In addition to her community and pro-bono work, Ms. Evans is a member of the Tallahassee Bar Association, The Florida Bar Real Property and Trust Law Section, The Florida Association of Women Lawyers and Tallahassee Women Lawyers. She is also a member of the William H. Stafford American Inn of Court.

Ms. Evans was born and raised in Jefferson County. She attended college at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tenn. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Florida State University in 2002.