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**HR Florida Legislative Affairs Director Receives
Honorable Volunteer of the Year Award**

Accolade presented to Don Works at 2017 Annual HR Florida Conference & Expo

Orlando, Fla. – (August 30, 2017) – [HR Florida State Council](#) (HR Florida) recently recognized Don Works, HR Florida legislative affairs director, with its Volunteer of the Year award. Announced each year at the annual conference, the award recognizes a volunteer who actively supports, promotes and develops the human resources profession through volunteerism.

Don Works was selected by the committee as this year's honoree based on his overall contributions in supporting local chapters, advancing the profession and driving council effectiveness. Under his chairmanship of the annual Day on the Hill event, the organization has enjoyed year-over-year increased participation from chapters as well as achieved greater visibility by connecting HR professionals with lawmakers and stakeholders in state legislation.

"I'm honored to be recognized by my peers at HR Florida," said Works. "Being part of this organization has allowed me to help connect my colleagues with state and local lawmakers to ensure key decision makers understand issues affecting businesses and workplaces. Empowering them to advocate for positive change gives me great pride."

Works is currently in his fifth year as HR Florida legislative affairs director where his primary focus has been on state legislation. He is both SHRM – SCP and SPHR certified. He is also an active member of the Greater Orlando Society for Human Resource Management, past president of Human Resource Association of Broward County (HRABC) and has taught certification prep courses at the HR Florida conference for several years.

"Through Don's passion, leadership and encouragement, he has positioned HR Florida as a statewide recognized expert on workplace issues and has trained our chapters and council members to have a positive impact when setting public policies," said HR Florida State Council President Lynnette Holsinger. "From his advocacy for certification to his leadership in growing "Day on the Hill" into a legislative conference, Don enables HR Florida to be successful in serving the human resources profession. It is a pleasure to present him with this award."

In addition to his service with HR Florida, Works is the office managing principal for Jackson Lewis P.C. in Orlando where he defends employers in connection with discrimination, harassment, retaliation claims, and wage and hour collective actions. Works has also been recognized as a leader in his field in the 2017 edition of ***Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business***, a prestigious annual guide ranking the leading law firms in the U.S.

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About HR Florida State Council

Representing over 14,000 human resource professionals and 6,300 Florida employers, HR Florida State Council is the state affiliate for the [Society for Human Resource Management](#) (SHRM). HR Florida facilitates services and programs for the collective interest of the state's SHRM and local chapter membership, and promotes activities that serve and advance the human resources profession. Its primary objective is to support the mission and initiatives of SHRM through education. HR Florida is a 100 percent volunteer organization consisting of 28 SHRM-affiliated chapters across the state. For more information, go to HRFlorida.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#).