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Mitchell A. Chester, Esq. is a civil trial lawyer practicing in South Florida. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and an AV rated attorney. In practice for over 37 years, he is deeply concerned about developing legal, social, housing and financial adaptation solutions for communities threatened by swelling oceans due to sea level rise (SLR) and other dimensions of climate change and extreme weather. Mr. Chester is Chief Executive Officer of Climate Monitor Media, Inc., which offers media products including Climate Monitor on Roku TV and Amazon Fire TV/Alexa. The company operates a website at ClimateMonitor.tv.

Mr. Chester is Editor of **RaisingFields.org** (how agriculture can adapt to sea level rise and increased heat), **SLRAmerica.org** (which explores legal and practical financial issues pertaining to sea level rise), **FinancialAdaptation.org** (monetary tools for sea level rise), and **MySeaLevelRise.org** (SLR issues). His focus is on people, including homeowners, renters, business owners and agricultural interests as we jointly prepare for altered coastlines with increased heat.

He is a past Director of the **CLEO Institute**, which educates government leaders and students in Southeastern Florida about sea level rise and climate issues.

Mr. Chester has presented SLR and climate issues in Southeastern Florida including events at the University of Miami School of Architecture, the Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science, Florida Atlantic University, the University of Florida Levin College of Law, the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, Miami-Dade College, Barry University, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades, the Environmental Coalition for Miami and the Beaches, the Coral Gables Museum, the Florida Bar Environmental Law Section, the Florida Bar Real Property, Probate and Trust Section, the American Institute of Architects 2016 National Convention and other venues. He is a past contributor to TheNatureOfCities.com and writes on SLR issues for that international forum. He has appeared on SiriusXM Radio ("Tell Me Everything with John Fugelsang") to speak about financial adaptation issues.

Mitch has been involved in various hurricane relief and severe weather recovery efforts in South Florida and was involved in a project advocating the shipment of surplus portable classrooms to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. He helped initiate the American Board of Trial Advocates Fort Lauderdale Chapter annual

scholarship for NSU law students and has served on the Chapter's Board of Directors. In January, 2016, he was named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Fort Lauderdale ABOTA Chapter. Mitch was involved in community efforts to relocate IKEA to the City of Sunrise, in the re-design Interstate 595 to prevent the double decking of that major roadway due to safety and environmental concerns and has advocated for affordable housing in Court proceedings and in the Town of Davie as a former Chair of the Town's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.