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Allen Mooney Barnes to Join First Clearing

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First Clearing Correspondent Services (First Clearing) announced today that it has welcomed Allen Mooney Barnes Brokerage Services, LLC (AMB) to its portfolio of client firms.

Based in Thomasville, GA, with four offices in other Southern cities, AMB is actively engaged in wealth management, investment banking and client services. Since opening in 1985, the firm's hallmark is its singular focus on clients in order to be "the kind of firm where relationships matter more than scale."

"Our attention to relationships parallels the way First Clearing does business – that is, by building strong, lasting connections with client firms," said **AMB Managing Partner M.H. Allen, Jr.** "We're on the same page, and in more ways than one.

"Because of First Clearing's commitment to helping firms grow, we see this as the next logical step in the development of AMB," he continued. "Working together will support our goal of growing AMB while providing even better service to our clients."

AMB's financial professionals have access to First Clearing's full complement of products, information and technology, as well as its culture of service excellence and the intellectual capital that distinguishes the company as an industry thought leader.

"AMB's and First Clearing's values and strategic thinking dovetail beautifully," said **First Clearing President John G. Peluso**, **Jr.** "Our aim is to further empower this respected firm in its quest to grow. To that end, we'll be deploying a combination of organic growth services, recruiting assistance and new-advisor onboarding support. The growth potential for AMB is striking. Together we should be able to make great strides."

About Allen Mooney Barnes

AMB was created to offer its clients a better way of managing and preserving their wealth. AMB works to solve corporate challenges based on long-term client relationships and a focus on quality advice, rather than quantity of services offered. Given that many financial-service firms have been acquired by large financial conglomerates, AMB is unique in its singular focus on clients, unencumbered by bundled products.

The management team at AMB has more than 100 years of combined experience in the financial-services and insurance industries. AMB's insistence that the client should always come first is what makes the firm's top executives — Managing Partners M.H. Allen, Jr. and Richard G. Mooney, III, and the Managing Director of AMB Client Services, LLC Rodney Hunter, CPA — industry leaders.

The firm has offices in Thomasville and St. Simons Island, Georgia; Tallahassee, Florida; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Charleston, South Carolina. Discover the Difference of AMB. More information is available at www.AMBwealth.com

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