



## **Merrell Bailey to Present Workshop on the Impact of the 2012 American Taxpayer Relief Act on Estate Planning**

**Orlando, FL – February 18, 2013** – Bailey Zobel Pilcher, a boutique law firm focused on the practice areas of probate, wills, trust and planning, announced today that Managing Partner Merrell Bailey will present an interactive workshop to address the major provisions of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) and the expected planning changes resulting from the new law. Hosted at the downtown Orlando office of the CPA firm Averett Warmus Durkee Osburn Henning, this WealthCounsel *Lunchtime Learning Event* will be held February 19, 2013.

The presentation will cover a wide range of topics, from the tax change impact for both individuals and businesses, to the exemption and portability aspects of the new law. The workshop is aimed at providing estate and financial planning professionals an opportunity to access timely and relevant content, as well as to network with other colleagues to understand how ATRA can best be leveraged to assist each attendees' respective clients.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 was passed by the United States Congress on January 1, 2013, enacted on January 2, 2013 and signed into law by President Barack Obama. The Act gives permanence to the lower rate of much of the Bush tax cuts, while retaining the higher tax rate at upper income levels that became effective on January 1 as a result of the expiration of the Bush tax cuts. The Act also establishes caps on tax deductions and credits for those at upper income levels.

"This law has many provisions that have significant implications on the future of estate planning," said Bailey. "As the devil always is in the details, I look forward to bringing some clarity to this issue and providing the audience with the information they need to offer sound legal counsel to their clients and in turn, help them make the most appropriate planning decisions."

### **About Bailey Zobel Pilcher**

Bailey Zobel Pilcher is a boutique law firm founded by longtime local attorneys Merrell Bailey, Hallie Zobel and David Pilcher. Located in the heart of Central Florida, the firm— widely known as "*Your Caring Law Firm*,"—offers probate, wills, trusts and planning services to clients throughout the region.

With deep roots in the community, Bailey Zobel Pilcher prides itself on its ability to deliver a rare combination of sophisticated legal advice that draws upon sound business, tax and accounting knowledge, while providing a caring, attentive, non-threatening environment for clients to make some of the most important decisions of their lives. For more information, visit [www.YourCaringLawFirm.com](http://www.YourCaringLawFirm.com).