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**ATTORNEY DAVID PODEIN SELECTED TO THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD OF  
FIRST DESCENTS, A GROUP DEDICATED TO YOUNG ADULT CANCER FIGHTERS**

**MIAMI** – February 27, 2013 – Attorney David Podein, an associate with the Law Office of David B. Haber, P.A., has been selected to the Alumni Advisory Board of First Descents, a national nonprofit organization that provides outdoor adventures for adults ages 18 to 39 who are cancer survivors, or who are still fighting the disease.

“I am thrilled to be a part of this great organization,” said Podein, who is a proud cancer survivor of more than five years. It’s a one-of-a-kind group that provides outstanding support to these young adults, and I know from first-hand experience as a participant in First Descents’ programs.”

Podein focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, real estate/construction litigation, and commercial real estate transactions. Last year, he set aside his law books, shed his coat and tie, and headed off to the Alaskan Mountain Range, where he took part in a six-day mountaineering expedition on the Coffee Glacier in the Alaskan Mountain Range with five fellow cancer survivors.

The Alaska expedition was organized by First Descents. It was a life-changer for Podein and the five other young adult cancer survivors. Members of the group had to build their own base camp, prepare their own meals, ice-climb, and successfully complete crevasse-rescue simulations.

“The expedition impacted me in ways that I could never imagine,” said Podein, who was diagnosed with cancer during his second year at the University of Miami School of Law, and underwent three months of rigorous chemotherapy. “It was an eye-opening experience, and now I have a special opportunity to give back to First Descents as a member of its Advisory Board.”

The original First Descents trip took place in 2001, when 10 cancer survivors hit the rivers of Colorado in whitewater kayaks led by professional kayaker Brad Ludden, who

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was just 20 at the time.

Ludden founded First Descents after his aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer and is currently the non-profit's chief executive. The organization's website is located at [www.firstdescents.org](http://www.firstdescents.org).

"I'm excited to be on Brad's team, to help him and everyone else at First Descents bring these incredible experiences to the young adult cancer community," said Podein.

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