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3 Partners Elected To Shumaker's Management Committee

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Law360 (January 16, 2024, 3:52 PM EST) -- Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP said Tuesday it has elected three partners based in North Carolina, Ohio and Florida to serve on its firmwide management committee.

W. Reed Hauptman, Andrew S. Culicerto and Michele Leo Hintson are among nine partners who make up the team along with the firm's chief executive and chief financial officers, the firm said in a statement.

Jennifer Compton, chair of the management committee, said in a statement Tuesday, "Andy, Reed and Michele are exceptional lawyers with a deep understanding of our firm's values and goals," and "their diverse perspectives and proven leadership will play an instrumental role in making a difference for the firm, our clients and in the communities we serve."

In their new roles, Hauptman, Culicerto and Hintson will help shape Shumaker's strategic direction, foster relationships with clients and advance the firm's commitment to delivering high-quality legal services, the firm said.

"We are thrilled to welcome these exceptional individuals to our management committee," management committee vice chair Jaime Austrich said in a statement from the firm. "Their dedication to our clients, combined with their extensive legal acumen, will further elevate our capabilities and reinforce Shumaker's position as a leading national law firm."

Hauptman, who is based in Toledo, Ohio, has previously been on the committee and has been with Shumaker since earning his law degree from Vanderbilt Law School more than two decades ago, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Hauptman's practice is focused on banking and commercial law, real estate finance and development, land use planning and business development, according to the firm. He has extensive experience representing businesses and developers in a broad array of transactions, including business formation and funding.

Culicerto, who is based in Charlotte, North Carolina, has been with the firm for nearly two decades, according to his LinkedIn profile. His leadership at Shumaker is not limited to the management committee, the firm said, noting that he was recently elected managing partner of the Charlotte and Greenville, South Carolina, offices, and that he previously was co-chair of the firm's real estate, construction and development business sector practice.

Culicerto's practice is focused on representing clients in the construction industry and those facing



W. Reed Hauptman



Andrew S. Culicerto



Michele Leo Hintson

complex business disputes, the firm said. He earned his law degree from the West Virginia University College of Law and has a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University.

Hinton, based in Tampa, Florida, has been a Shumaker litigation partner for nearly 17 years, according to her LinkedIn profile. She has more than two decades of experience as a business litigator and is a certified mediator with the Florida Supreme Court, the firm said. Her practice is focused on representing clients in a variety of business disputes, particularly in the areas of development, construction and general commercial matters, the firm said. She was formerly Shumaker's litigation and disputes regional service line leader, according to the firm.

In an email to Law360 Pulse on Tuesday, Hinton said, "I am filled with gratitude and pride to have been selected by my partners to serve the firm in this way. I hope to continue the management committee's long tradition of pursuing excellence in client service and attorney satisfaction for years to come."

Hinton earned her law degree from Georgia State University College of Law and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida.

Shumaker has 11 offices across Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Minnesota, and employs more than 300 attorneys and advisers, according to the firm's website.

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