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"What I miss most about Shumaker by far is all of the wonderful people who work there, especially the Sarasota office and their great employment team."

Q: What is your current position and company?

A: I am a senior associate at Pierce Atwood, LLP in Portland, Maine, practicing labor and employment law.

Q: What was your practice area at Shumaker?

A: I was fortunate to join Shumaker in the employment practice as a "baby lawyer" fresh out of law school from 2012-2017. I worked with two excellent attorneys, Jennie Compton and Jason Collier, who trained me as an employment lawyer and mentored me both personally and professionally.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your career?

A: I love that every day and every case presents unique and interesting challenges. One of my favorite things about practicing labor and employment law is that I get to act both as a counselor to help my clients comply with the law, and as a litigator to defend clients when they get into trouble. And employment lawyers always have great stories!

Q: What is your favorite Shumaker memory?

A: I have so many fond memories of so many great people, but one of my favorites has to be the epic Halloween costume contests in the Sarasota office, and Hunter Norton playing the role of "Bubba" the auctioneer!

Q: What is the best advice you can give a new attorney?

A: It is important to be a zealous advocate but also to be professional and respectful to opposing parties. Your reputation will get around, both good and bad, and people will notice when you consistently do the right thing and treat others with respect and kindness.

Q: What news would you like to share about your personal or professional life?

A: I left Shumaker to relocate with my family to Portland, Maine, and we absolutely love living here, spending our free time hiking, skiing, and eating/drinking our way through the city. My time at Shumaker prepared me well to be successful continuing to practice employment law. I send my best regards to the Shumaker team and wish all well.