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Q: What was your position/practice area when you were at Shumaker?

A: White Collar Criminal Defense and general litigation in Shumaker's Columbus office.

Q: What is your current position and company?

A: Protection Plan Counsel for Delta Defense, LLC, servicing the U.S. Concealed Carry Association (USCCA, Inc.). The USCCA has over 300 employees and 550,000 members. It focuses on firearm education and training, responsible gun ownership, and provides Protection Plan self-defense benefits.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your career?

A: Collaborating with team members to implement common goals and seeing those goals come to fruition within the company. I also enjoy being part of an organization that wants to make a difference; our organization is not a political one, we care about responsible gun ownership. Our members are top notch and I love talking with them and hearing their stories.

Q: What is your favorite memory of your time working at Shumaker?

A: The great mentorship from Columbus office lawyers. I was also fortunate enough to attend the firm retreat in 2019, where I met members of the Shumaker family from other offices, with whom I had previously only communicated with on the phone or via email.

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

A: Trust your instincts, you know more than you think, but also know when to slow down and learn from those around you. Be professional and courteous to everyone you meet (including opposing counsel); people remember, and you never know who may send over the next referral, job opportunity, or just be a friendly face at your next CLE.

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

A: 2020 has been an interesting year for everyone. I miss being able to see my former co-workers at happy hours and community events. I've been spending most of my time with my significant other and our two dogs. When not at work, I am usually out running with my three-year-old dog Kiruna – a pit/husky mix named after a city in Sweden where I went dog sledding in 2017.

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