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Shumaker Adds Fla. Litigator From Johnson Newlon & DeCort

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Law360 (November 13, 2023, 2:47 PM EST) -- Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP has added an attorney from Johnson Newlon & DeCort PA to its national litigation and disputes service line in Tampa.

Alison P. Bowlby is an associate who practices commercial litigation, product liability and the defense of personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits, the firm said Thursday. She joined a team of 116 attorneys in the litigation and disputes practice that represents clients in a range of matters throughout the country.

"I always knew that I wanted to practice law and I always felt myself drawn to litigation," Bowlby said in an interview with Law360 Pulse Monday, adding, "I enjoy that it's constantly challenging, and I love working on a team. And I think it definitely leads to collaboration with colleagues."



Alison P. Bowlby

Bowlby followed in the footsteps of nearly 20 new attorneys who have joined the firm's litigation and disputes service line since the beginning of the year, the firm said.

"Shumaker is an outstanding full-service law firm, and it has a close-knit community feel within the firm and ample opportunities to succeed both personally and professionally," Bowlby said.

This growth is part of a strategic effort to increase Shumaker's capabilities in certain practice areas and includes the acquisition of an **insurance recovery group** earlier this year. That group is a nine-attorney team from Ohio business firm Brouse McDowell LPA.

Outside of her practice, Bowlby serves as a provisional member mentor for the Junior League of Tampa, co-chairs the member services committee for the Hillsborough County Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division, and is a member of the Florida Bar Young Lawyers' Division and the Tampa Connection Class of 2024, Shumaker said.

Bowlby spent the last two years working as an associate attorney and law clerk at Johnson Newlon, according to her LinkedIn profile. A 2022 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law, she holds a bachelor's degree in political science and government from the University of Florida.

"We are pleased to welcome Alison to our team, which adds to our already deep trial bench. She is a great addition as we continue to expand and build a diverse and impressive team to better serve our clients," said Michele Leo Hintson, litigation and disputes regional service line leader, in a statement.

Shumaker was founded in 1925 and has grown to employ more than 300 attorneys and advisors. The firm has 11 locations listed on its website, including offices in Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Minnesota.

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