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Shumaker Hires Kass Shuler Atty In Tampa As Partner

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Law360 (March 21, 2024, 4:31 PM EDT) -- A 13-year Kass Shuler PA attorney and one-time Florida assistant state's attorney, has joined Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP in Tampa as a partner, the firm announced Thursday.

Yusuf E. Haidermota is Shumaker's newest litigation and disputes service line partner, continuing his practice providing strategic counsel to clients on a range of litigation matters.

His practice will include working with clients to help them understand their creditors' rights, commercial consumer collections and a range of legal matters — like breach of contracts and other general business litigation issues.



Yusuf E. Haidermota

Haidermota first joined Kass Shuler in 2011, after working as an assistant state attorney for the 10th Judicial Circuit. In an interview with Law360 Pulse on Thursday, Haidermota said he wanted to move his practice from Kass Shuler because of Shumaker's reputation.

"Shumaker's got a great reputation in the local community and the legal community," he said. "With their presence in multiple states it seemed like it would be a great move to be able to service my clients and to be able to grow. Especially at a firm like Shumaker that has such a great reputation."

Haidermota's practice also includes helping clients understand the Federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, and Florida's Consumer Collection Practices Act, the firm said. His clients include financial institutions, clients working with real estate and others working with construction and development projects, according to his firm profile.

Haidermota studied law at Florida State University. He joined the State Attorney's office shortly after graduating and worked in that role for almost three years before moving to private practice with Kass Shuler.

Haidermota said his time as a prosecutor was a great opportunity to gain experience and "be able to give back and work for the citizens of Florida."

"I was given that opportunity right after I graduated from law school and thought that would be a great time for me not only to work for the state, but also to learn," Haidermota said. "And I was able to learn a lot from that office in regards to trial work and other things like that."

Haidermota said he's always wanted to be a litigator, and knew he wanted to "be able to advocate for my clients." Wanting to be that voice for his clients is in part what brought him to want to be a litigator originally, he said.

"I'm very passionate about representing my clients, from the state attorney's office to now. I work very hard for them and I make sure I provide them with the services they expect," Haidermota said. "Part of the practice I enjoy is being able to work for my clients and get good results."

Jeffrey Fabian, who leads the firm's disputes regional service line, said in a statement that Shumaker was thrilled to add Haidermota's expertise to the team.

"His deep knowledge and experience further strengthen our litigation and disputes service line and enhance our ability to deliver exceptional legal services to our clients. We look forward to the contributions he will make to our team," Fabian said in a statement.

Shumaker has made significant strides in growing its Florida presence in recent years, hiring a former Johnson Newlon & DeCort litigator in Tampa **last** November.

Shumaker launched a St. Petersburg, Florida, office last month, with some of its existing professionals and a former Englander Fischer LLP real estate and bankruptcy litigation **attorney**.

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