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Shumaker Selects New Partner As Minnesota Office MP

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Law360 (October 6, 2023, 3:40 PM EDT) -- Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP has chosen an attorney who joined the firm in June to serve as office managing partner in its Bloomington, Minnesota, office, the firm announced Thursday.

Amy L. Court is Shumaker's inaugural office managing partner in Bloomington, an office and practice she first joined in June, **alongside** a team of attorneys from her former firm, McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb Chtd. Those attorneys included Roger Stelljes, Christy Lawrie and Scott Crossman. Cindy Davis also joined to make up the new office in June, but joined from Kutak Rock.

Court has over two decades of legal experience, having joined Shumaker in June from McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, according to her LinkedIn profile. A Mitchell Hamline School of Law graduate, Court's practice focuses on labor, employment and benefits matters, advising trustees and plan administrators on benefit matters, the firm said.

She's been designated a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist by the International Foundation of Employee Benefits Plans, the firm said. Her practice also involves working as a courtroom advocate for plan trustees.

As office managing partner, Court will help lead the office in setting a strategic direction and help foster a collaborative environment, the firm said.

In an interview with Law360 Pulse on Friday, Court said she and the team of former McGrann Shea attorneys had hit the ground running with setting up the new office when they came over in June.

"What we're really excited about is that we have a more national presence now, and we have our team in Ohio. We have been meeting each other's clients and cross marketing, and we're really excited about some opportunities that are on the horizon to work [with] some regional and national clients," she said.

Compton said she studied business in college and assumed she would end up working as a corporate transactional lawyer. But employee benefits work found her after she worked as a law clerk locally in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

"And then I sort of got bit by the litigation bug and I had a very focused litigation practice for almost 20 years and I still definitely do some litigation, but I'm sort of evolving into a more transactional role," she said. "I think benefits finds you, I'm not sure you find it."

Jennifer Compton, chairwoman of Shumaker's management committee who chose Court for the role, said in a statement that Court was the clear pick for the position. Although she was new to the position, she was looking forward to her new responsibilities and taking on the challenge, she said.

"Amy's vision for growth and commitment to upholding the highest ethical standards, paired with her stellar reputation in the legal community, makes her the perfect choice to lead Shumaker's



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Bloomington office into a bright and successful future," Compton said.

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