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Shumaker Adds Community Associations Atty In Tampa Office

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Law360 (June 30, 2023, 4:11 PM EDT) -- Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP said it has added a staff attorney and former assistant public defender to its litigation and community associations practice in an effort to keep up with clients' demand.

The firm announced Thursday the addition of Tawnee Bradham, who spent the last three years with the Office of the Public Defender for Florida's Sixth Judicial Circuit. Bradham is based in Shumaker's office in Tampa.

"Shumaker continues to invest in new growth in 2023, and we are pleased to welcome Tawnee to our team. Her experience allows her to uniquely see things from a client's perspective and anticipate their needs. She will be a great asset to our clients and the firm," said Jonathan Ellis, the firm's community associations business sector chair, in a statement.



Tawnee Bradham

Shumaker said community associations law is one of the fastest growing areas of the legal industry. In Florida alone, the firm estimated 3.9 million of the state's 8.6 million homes are in a homeowners association.

The firm credits Bradham as having an ability to "fully understand and empathize" with those on both sides of a case. Her role as an assistant public defender in Pinellas County provided her with courtroom experience and experience communicating with clients, the firm said.

Bradham had to handle a very high caseload, including misdemeanor and felony cases, in her previous role. Additionally, she had to try cases by jury in both county and civil courts.

A graduate of Stetson University College of Law, Bradham holds a bachelor's degree in magazine journalism and multimedia journalism from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, according to her profile on the firm's website.

Earlier this month, Shumaker announced it added **two new partners** to its litigation and disputes service line from their own firm, Murnaghan Ferguson & Schmidt PA.

Peter P. Murnaghan and Jill K. Schmidt joined Shumaker in Tampa as part of the firm's effort to enhance its litigation practice by addressing a growing demand for legal services in construction defect cases and the defense of business clients against personal injury claims, the firm said.

Bradham wasn't immediately available for an interview Friday.

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