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## Shumaker Elects 4 New Partners In NC, Fla., Ohio Offices

By **Madison Arnold**

Law360 (January 24, 2023, 3:31 PM EST) -- Shumaker Loop & Kendrick LLP announced Tuesday that it has promoted four attorneys to its partnership ranks across offices in Florida, Ohio and North Carolina.

Tom BenGera, Nicolas A. Linares, Thomas F. McDonnell Jr. and Terence S. Reynolds are the newest partners at Shumaker. They are spread across four different practice areas, but management committee chair and Sarasota, Florida, managing partner Jennifer Compton said in a statement that they all have contributed significantly to the firm.

"We are extremely proud of our new partners who have earned a reputation for providing high-quality legal advice, a commitment to client service, and deep experience in their areas of practice," Compton said. "They have contributed significantly to the firm, and we are excited for their continued successes and contributions to our clients and our firm."

BenGera is based in the firm's Charlotte, North Carolina, office and is an intellectual property lawyer. More specifically, he handles trademark, patent and copyright matters for his clients, the firm said.

He often represents and advises technology clients related to prelawsuit diligence, fact and expert discovery, motion practice, dispositions and during trials.

His experience includes representing clients in federal courts in states like California, Delaware, Texas and Nevada and helping clients on both the offensive and defensive side of patent, antitrust and trademark disputes. Finally, BenGera has represented multinational corporations and covers a wide range of technology.

BenGera is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and holds a bachelor's degree from the College of New Jersey, according to his profile on the firm's website.

Linares works in Shumaker's Toledo, Ohio, shop and practices in the wealth strategies service line. He focuses on the areas of trust and estate planning and administration, probate litigation, business success planning, insurance and tax planning, and elder law.

The firm credits Linares with being skilled in sophisticated estate planning and wealth preservation. In his practice, he helps clients develop and implement strategies to protect and distribute their assets, the firm said.

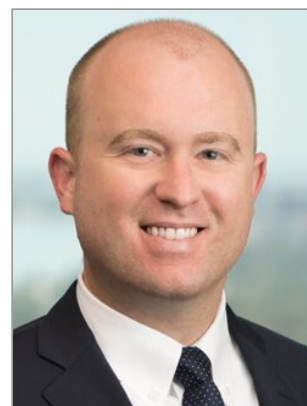
Linares' law degree comes from the University of Toledo College of Law, and he holds a bachelor's degree from the same university, according to his profile on the firm's website.



Tom BenGera



Nicolas A. Linares



Thomas F. McDonnell Jr.

McDonnell is the sole Florida attorney promoted to partner and is based in the Tampa office. He is a corporate transactional attorney and represents clients in the formation, operation and selling of their businesses.

His practice involves frequently handling mergers and acquisitions involving closely held companies or large capitalization transactions, the firm said. He also works on matters related to private market securities issuances, commercial finance transactions, general corporate governance and business disputes.

McDonnell graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center and earned a bachelor's degree in finance and political science from Florida State University, according to his firm profile.



Terence S. Reynolds

Reynolds is also based in Shumaker's Charlotte office. His work involves defending medical malpractice and catastrophic personal injury litigation for medical providers and institutions. He has more than a decade of experience, and the firm said his clients rely on him to win favorable outcomes, both inside and outside the courtroom.

His experience includes a diverse range of civil litigation defense, including cases involving professional liability, nursing home and long-term care liability, product liability, construction defects, insurance coverage disputes, premises liability and motor vehicle negligence. Reynolds has won multiple defense verdicts and awards for his clients as lead counsel in jury trials and arbitration, the firm said.

Reynolds' law degree comes from Fordham University School of Law, while his bachelor's degree is from Quinnipiac University.

"This talented group enriches our culture and legal capabilities through their profound knowledge, broad experience, and business acumen," Shumaker management committee vice chair Jaime Austrich said in Tuesday's statement.

Shumaker recently made a big move in firm leadership, announcing last week that it **elected Compton as its first-ever female chair**. Along with that decision, the firm also announced that it selected Austrich for the vice chair role.

Compton was not available for an interview on the new partners Tuesday.

--Editing by Daniel King.