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## Shumaker Names Managing Partners In Columbus, Charleston

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Law360 (January 23, 2023, 4:20 PM EST) -- Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick LLP announced Monday that it had named two new office managing partners in Columbus, Ohio; and Charleston, South Carolina.

Trusts and estates partner G.P. Diminich, who has been with Shumaker since 2018, was named managing partner in Charleston, and environmental partner Michael O'Callaghan, who joined the firm in 1998, was named managing partner in Columbus.

"I'm excited," Diminich told Law360 Pulse. "We have a good group of people here, and I've practiced law with some of them for over 10 years now. I'm looking forward to leading this office and continuing to expand and grow the office and our ability to fully serve our clients."

Along with their managing partner roles, Diminich serves as regional head of Shumaker's wealth management practice and O' Callaghan is the national head of the firm's environmental practice.

Growth was listed as the top priority for both new managing partners, with Charleston currently featuring 13 attorneys and Columbus seven attorneys and seven government relations advisors.

Diminich said that Shumaker recently expanded its space in Charleston and that the firm hopes to double its headcount in the upcoming years, both via expansion of current practice areas such as health care, real estate and tax and the addition of new ones such as employment law.

"We want to keep on growing our core competencies, but we'd also like to add certain groups that build off the existing ones," he said. "We want to continue fully serving our clients and increase the service line options we can give them."

In Columbus, O'Callaghan said that he expects significant growth in core practice areas such as environmental, real estate and litigation, adding that recent growth in Ohio's capital in population and business activity are likely to fuel further expansion.

"Columbus is a really strong and growing legal market, and with the population expansion predicted, it's a great place to be in," he said. "We're going to look inside our marketplace and find people who are a good fit for our firm. Laterals tend to do very well here and can end up in leadership positions in a short time. I look forward to expanding it significantly during my term."

Diminich, who graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law, focuses on representing ultra high-net worth individuals and families, corporations and businesses in a wide range of areas such as taxation; mergers and acquisitions; business litigation; estate planning and probate administration; probate and estate litigation; tax controversy; and real estate planning.

"In South Carolina, we just expanded our Charleston office, and G.P. has helped drive much of that growth," management committee chair Jennifer Compton said in a statement. "With a track record of success at the highest levels, we know G.P. will continue this momentum in 2023 and beyond."

O'Callaghan, who graduated from University of Detroit Law School, has a split practice primarily focused on environmental litigation, regulation and compliance. He also works on real estate matters, and he represents employers in OSHA proceedings, advising them on workplace health and safety compliance.

"Mike is a trusted adviser with an impeccable reputation — ranked a 'Best Lawyer in America' for the past 10 consecutive years," management committee vice chair Jaime Austrich said in a statement. "We are confident he will do great things for our team and clients in the Buckeye State."

The recent managing partner announcements come shortly after Shumaker announced that the Sarasota-based Compton was named the **first female chair** in the firm's history.

On the growth side, Shumaker made a number of hires throughout 2022 in both the attorney and advisory sides, adding personnel in markets such as **Tampa, Toledo, Ohio** and **St. Petersburg, Florida**.

Shumaker is home to more than 300 lawyers and advisers, according to the firm's website, with nine offices spread across Florida, the Carolinas and Ohio.

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