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Shumaker's Ali W. Latif Receives National Arab America Foundation 40 Under 40 Award

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COLUMBUS, OH – The Arab America Foundation recently announced the awardees of their 40 Under 40 initiative, and Shumaker lawyer Ali W. Latif was among the awardees.

The Arab America's 40 Under 40 is a celebration of accomplished young Arab Americans, spotlighting Arab American professionals in all fields and business sectors who have great achievements both in the workplace and in their communities.

With nearly four million Arab Americans in the United States, the Arab America Foundation is a national nonprofit organization that empowers Arab Americans through advocacy, entrepreneurship, and professional networking. The organization is focused on the dissemination of accurate information about Arab Americans and the Arab world, providing up-to-date events and the latest news and information about churches, mosques, cultural and social service organizations, commerce, restaurants, ethnic grocery outlets, and music.

"We are excited that Ali has the opportunity to be celebrated for his passion and leadership in connecting and empowering Arab Americans," said Shumaker Partner and Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair Cheri Budzynski. "As part of the firm's commitment to diversity and inclusion, we recognize that our legal system needs to adapt to represent diversity and the people of our nation."

A member of Shumaker's Litigation and Disputes Service Line, Ali is a Palestinian-American attorney licensed in New York and Ohio. He focuses his practice on business and environmental litigation and immigration law. Clients benefit from his personalized approach to representation and the fact that he is trilingual in English, Arabic, and Spanish. Ali previously ran his own law firm, where he zealously represented marginalized individuals in immigration, business, and domestic law. He also volunteered hundreds of hours at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, where he provided free legal services to low-income clients and was recognized for his hard work with the 2019 LASC/CBA/CBF New Attorney Pro Bono Award. In addition, he served as a legal extern in the office of former Columbus, Ohio, Mayor Michael B. Coleman.

