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## Shumaker Elevates Four Attorneys to Firm Partnership

**TOLEDO, OH** – Shumaker announced today that four lawyers have been elected to firm partnership effective January 1, 2023. The new class includes members from the firm's Charlotte, Tampa, and Toledo offices.

### SERVICE LINE

Corporate, Tax and Transactions  
Intellectual Property  
Litigation & Disputes  
Wealth Strategies

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"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" said Chair of Shumaker's Management Committee and Sarasota Managing Partner Jennifer Compton. "They have contributed significantly to the firm, and we are excited for their continued successes and contributions to our clients and our firm."

"This talented group enriches our culture and legal capabilities through their profound knowledge, broad experience, and business acumen," added Vice Chair of Shumaker's Management Committee Jaime Austrich.

#### New Partners:

[Tom BenGera](#) (Charlotte, NC) An intellectual property (IP) lawyer, Tom focuses specifically on trademark, patent, and copyright law. He represents and counsels technology clients in IP matters, including pre-suit diligence, fact and expert discovery, motion practice, depositions, and at trial.

Representing clients in federal courts across the country, including California, Delaware, Texas, and Nevada, Tom has counseled clients on the offensive and defensive side of patent, antitrust, and trademark disputes, and has represented some of the world's premier multinational corporations. His practice covers a wide range of technology.

[Nicolas A. Linares](#) (Toledo, OH) Nicolas is a partner in the Wealth Strategies Service Line where he focuses on the areas of trust and estate planning and administration, probate litigation, business succession planning, insurance and tax planning, and elder law. He is skilled in the area of sophisticated estate planning and wealth preservation and frequently helps clients develop and implement strategies to efficiently protect and distribute assets.

[Thomas F. McDonnell, Jr.](#) (Tampa, FL) Tommy is a corporate transactional attorney representing clients in forming, operating, and ultimately selling their businesses. Tommy frequently handles mergers and acquisitions ranging from closely held companies to large capitalization transactions. He also handles private market securities issuances, commercial finance transactions, general corporate governance matters, and business disputes.

[Terence S. Reynolds](#) (Charlotte, NC) Terence's practice focuses primarily on defending medical malpractice and catastrophic personal injury litigation on behalf of medical providers and institutions. With over a decade of experience, Terence's clients rely on him to achieve favorable outcomes in and out of the courtroom.

Terence has a diverse civil litigation defense background spanning cases involving professional liability, nursing home and long-term care liability, product liability, construction defect, insurance coverage disputes, premises liability, and motor vehicle negligence. He has successfully secured several defense verdicts and awards for his clients as lead counsel in both jury trials and arbitration.