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Shumaker Lawyers Graduate from Tampa Connection

TAMPA, FL – Shumaker is pleased to announce that Jill Askren and Haley D. Kole have graduated from the Tampa Connection program as emerging leaders in the local community.

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The year-long program exposes class members to leadership development, social, and community service opportunities while immersing them in the local community. At the core of Tampa Connection's mission and the class experience are three foundational principles: leadership, relationships, and community.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in Tampa Connection and for the long-lasting relationships I forged with other developing leaders who share a common goal of building a stronger community," Haley said.

During the program, Haley and Jill participated in educational seminars, collaborative projects, and community initiatives all aimed at building a comprehensive leadership toolkit.

"Participating in Tampa Connection was truly a privilege," Jill shared. "The program has allowed me to gain exceptional leadership qualities, which reinforce my strong commitment to making a positive impact in Tampa Bay."

Haley is an associate in Shumaker's Labor and Employment Service Line, where she is a passionate advocate and works steadfastly to represent her clients' interests. While in law school, Haley spent her time working as a summer judicial extern for Judge M.K. Thomas of Florida's First District Court of Appeal, a research assistant for Professor Wayne Logan, and a summer associate with Shumaker's Tampa office in 2019.

An effective advocate for her clients, Jill devotes her practice to complex litigation in both state and federal courts, representing clients in individual, class action, and government enforcement matters, as well as commercial business disputes. Jill has worked on matters from the pre-litigation stage through final disposition or resolution. She has experience conducting discovery, researching, and drafting a wide variety of motions, including dispositive motions, preparing witnesses for deposition, expert witness preparation, and other aspects of preparing complex cases for trial. Her practice has also included advising clients facing government enforcement actions.