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## Shumaker Attorneys Sara S. Jawad and Hillary E. Thornton Appointed Officers of the Hillsborough County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors

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**TAMPA, FL** – Shumaker lawyers Sarah S. Jawad and Hillary E. Thornton have been appointed to the Hillsborough County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (HCBA YLD) Board of Directors, where they will serve as officers and contribute to various initiatives aimed at supporting the professional development of young attorneys.

The HCBA YLD is comprised of approximately 1,000 members who are younger than 36 years of age or have been practicing fewer than five years. The mission of the YLD is to support the initiatives and goals of the HCBA, promote professionalism and ethical conduct, provide guidance and support to new lawyers, provide educational opportunities for members, organize programs and events of interest to young lawyers, and encourage community involvement.

"Shumaker attorneys have a long history of supporting the HCBA Young Lawyers Division, and we are proud of Sara and Hillary for being appointed to the Board of Directors," said Jaime Austrich, Managing Partner of Shumaker's Tampa office. "They are dedicated to the practice of law and the community, and we are confident that they will continue to excel in their new officer roles, benefiting both the YLD and the broader legal community."

Sara has been an active member of the HCBA YLD, serving as a Chair of the Member Services Committee (2023-2024) and currently as a Liaison to the Hillsborough County Bar Foundation. Her appointment to the HCBA YLD Board of Directors reflects her continued passion for supporting emerging legal professionals.

Hillary has also shown an outstanding commitment to Hillsborough County's legal community. In addition to being a newly appointed officer of the HCBA YLD Board of Directors, she was asked to serve as the Historian for the 2024-2025 year. Most recently, Hillary graduated from the Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers (HAWL) Leadership Academy, furthering her commitment to fostering the next generation of female leaders in the legal community, and she was a Chair of the Hillsborough County Bar Association Bar Leadership Institute (2023-2024). She has also served on various committees for the HCBA YLD over the past 5 years.

Both Sara and Hillary are associates in Shumaker's Litigation and Disputes Service Line.