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Shumaker Expands Team with Two New Associates

TAMPA, FL — Shumaker, a premier national law firm, has added two new associates to its team. Regan S. Jones and Preston A. Whittemore have joined Shumaker to support the firm's expanding Litigation and Disputes and Corporate, Tax and Transactions Service Lines.

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Regan joins Shumaker's Litigation and Disputes Service Line, where she focuses her practice on Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases and related adversary cases. Her background includes vigorously representing trustees, creditors, and debtors in matters such as claim objections, preference disputes, fraudulent transfers, plan confirmation proceedings, and motion practice. Prior to joining Shumaker, Regan worked for a national law firm in Houston, Texas as part of its bankruptcy and complex litigation practice areas.

Preston brings his proficiency in transaction and general business tax planning and structuring, with a particular focus on corporate and partnership taxation, to Shumaker's Corporate, Tax and Transactions Service Line. Prior to joining Shumaker, Preston spent five years working for a Big Four accounting firm, where he advised a variety of clients, including large, multinational corporations, on pre- and post-transaction tax structuring, restructuring, investments and divestitures, and tax diligence. Preston's mergers and acquisitions background is a value added to his clients.

"We are excited to welcome Regan and Preston to our team. Their backgrounds and dedication to client service align perfectly with our firm's commitment to delivering exceptional legal counsel," said Vice Chair of Shumaker's Management Committee and Tampa Managing Partner Jaime Austrich. "As the firm continues to grow and adapt to meet the evolving needs of its clients, the addition of these talented associates reinforces the firm's ongoing commitment to excellence."

Shumaker's Litigation and Disputes Service Line has more than 120 experienced litigators and represents clients in a broad range of matters throughout the United States. Shumaker lawyers take the time to understand clients' businesses and the issues at hand, balance the strength of the allegations against potential damages, and advise clients on how to successfully resolve the dispute and meet their goals.

Members of Shumaker's Corporate, Tax and Transactions Service Line blend creativity and strategic vision to advise clients on the full spectrum of business matters, from entity formation to dissolution. Rather than

taking a "one-size-fits-all" approach, Shumaker attorneys create strong working relationships rooted in exceptionally responsive service that align with clients' interests and growth plans in order anticipate potential obstacles and have the skill and flexibility to step in as special counsel, as well as the consistency to handle ongoing issues.