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Indian Rocks Beach Appoints Shumaker Attorney Matthew Maggard as City Attorney

INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FL — The City of Indian Rocks Beach has selected Shumaker attorney Matthew E. Maggard to serve as City Attorney to help guide the community through a pivotal time of growth and coastal resilience.

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"Indian Rocks Beach is a wonderful and inclusive community entering a new chapter of opportunity and challenge," said Mayor Denise Houseberg. "With Shumaker, Ron Christaldi, and Matt Maggard at the helm, our city is positioned to advance critical initiatives—whether protecting our shoreline, guiding smart growth, or navigating evolving regulations."

"I'm humbled and deeply honored to serve as City Attorney and look forward to working with City leaders and residents to preserve Indian Rocks Beach's character while planning for a resilient future," said Shumaker Partner Matthew E. Maggard.

"The City of Indian Rocks Beach is renowned internationally as a vibrant beach community, with unique local character," said Shumaker Partner Ron Christaldi. "This appointment underscores the city's dedication to proactive governance and legal excellence as it faces 21st-century coastal community challenges."

In May, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for legal services to secure a new City Attorney. Proposals were due by June 6, and on June 10, following public comment, the City Commission unanimously approved a resolution to hire Shumaker, identifying Maggard as the lead attorney, with the support of the firm's experienced legal team.

To ensure a smooth and effective transition, the City Commission also designated Assistant City Attorneys to work alongside Maggard. These include Shumaker attorneys Ron Christaldi, Jennie Tarr, Matt Newton, and Sarah Glaser.

Maggard is a member of Shumaker's Public Policy and Government Affairs, Real Estate and Development, and Litigation and Disputes service lines. He currently serves as City Attorney for the City of Zephyrhills, a Special Magistrate for Pasco County, and a Hearing Officer for Pasco County, bringing a wealth of municipal law experience to his new role.

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