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Shumaker Partners Gregory C. Yadley and Williard A. Blair Play Key Roles at 42nd Annual Federal Securities Institute and M&A Conference

TAMPA, FL — Shumaker Partners Greg Yadley and Will Blair played key leadership roles at the 42nd Annual Federal Securities Institute and Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) Conference, held Feb. 26-27, 2026, at the Tampa Marriott Water Street. A premier national event in the securities, M&A, and governance fields, the Institute brought together over 100 leading regulators, practitioners, and industry experts to discuss the latest developments in corporate and federal securities law and regulation. Greg served as Chair of the Institute Steering Committee, while both he and Will moderated panels, guiding discussions on emerging issues and best practices in the industry.

The event featured Honorable Collins J. Seitz, Jr., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware, as well as national speakers from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Wall Street law firms, investment banks, and major corporations.

"The Federal Securities Institute plays an important role in convening leaders who are actively shaping securities and transactional law," said Greg. "Serving as Chair of the Steering Committee for this year's program was a rewarding opportunity to help guide discussions on the evolving regulatory, M&A, and governance landscape. The perspectives shared by the judiciary, SEC representatives, and practitioners

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highlighted why forums like this are essential as capital markets and dealmaking continue to grow more complex."

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"By leading panels and engaging directly with attendees at this year's Federal Securities Institute, we were able to explore emerging challenges in M&A and securities law and exchange practical insights with regulators and peers," said Will. "Forums like this are invaluable for fostering collaboration and advancing effective transactional practices."

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