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Shumaker's Ashley Cole Selected for Leadership Sarasota Class of 2026-2027

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SARASOTA, FL — Ashley Cole, Marketing & Client Development Coordinator in the firm's Sarasota office, has been selected to participate in the Leadership Sarasota Class of 2026-2027.

A flagship program of the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Sarasota is designed to cultivate informed, engaged leaders by providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the opportunities and challenges shaping the Sarasota region. Through an immersive curriculum focused on community development, public policy, economic growth, education, health care, and regional collaboration, participants gain valuable insight into the issues impacting the community and develop meaningful connections with fellow leaders.

In her role at Shumaker, Ashley supports strategic growth initiatives, attorney visibility, client development efforts, and community engagement activities. She works closely with more than 50 attorneys in the Sarasota office while collaborating with colleagues across the firm to execute targeted marketing and business development strategies aligned with Shumaker's priorities and client-focused approach.

"Ashley's selection for Leadership Sarasota reflects her commitment to the Sarasota region and her passion for building meaningful relationships," said Jan Pitchford, Managing Partner in Shumaker's Sarasota office. "Her dedication to community involvement aligns with Shumaker's commitment to giving back to the communities in which it serves."

Born and raised in Lakewood Ranch, Ashley has witnessed the region's growth firsthand and remains deeply invested in its continued success. She is actively involved with the Junior League of Sarasota, the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, and the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance, demonstrating her ongoing commitment to serving and strengthening the community she calls home.

Shumaker has a longstanding commitment to Leadership Sarasota, with numerous attorneys and professional staff members participating in the program over the years. The firm's continued involvement reflects its dedication to developing leaders and supporting the communities it serves.