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Matt Newton Appointed to Plant City Planning and Zoning Board

PLANT CITY, FL — Shumaker Partner Matt Newton has been appointed to the Plant City Planning and Zoning Board, where he will serve the community with his unique combination of legal knowledge, practical experience, and thorough understanding of the issues that shape Florida's cities.

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As a Board Certified expert in City, County, and Local Government Law, Matt understands the power of local governments to regulate growth in their communities, as well as the property rights of Florida landowners. His ability to distill complex legal and regulatory issues into clear, practical considerations will provide valuable perspective as the Board evaluates matters that impact Plant City's future growth and development.

"Plant City is a special community," said Matt. "Like many Florida cities, it has experienced substantial growth in recent years. More growth is expected. Thankfully, our community has sound land development regulations and a thoughtful comprehensive plan in place to address this future growth. I am grateful for the opportunity to impartially evaluate proposed future developments against the goals of that comprehensive plan, one application at a time."

"Matt's appointment is a tremendous opportunity for him to serve the Plant City community and to approach the law from a new perspective," said Juan Villaveces, Partner and Real Estate, Construction & Development Service Line Lead at Shumaker. "His knowledge of local government and development issues, combined with his legal acumen, will be a valuable asset to the board."