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James Fanto Appointed to Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance Board of Directors for 2027

SARASOTA, FL — Shumaker Partner James Fanto has been appointed to the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance Board of Directors for 2027, positioning him to help advance the organization's work on behalf of the region's growing business community.

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As a board member, James will bring the perspective of a seasoned litigator and trusted business adviser to the Alliance's efforts to foster connections, champion a strong business environment, and support continued economic growth across the Lakewood Ranch region.

"James spends his days helping clients protect what they've built, from their investments to their confidential information to their client relationships, and that experience carries over naturally to a board focused on helping businesses thrive," said Jan Pitchford, Managing Partner of Shumaker's Sarasota office. "His appointment is a great fit for the Alliance and reflects how much our attorneys invest in the communities where our clients live and work."

A partner in Shumaker's Litigation & Disputes Service Line, James represents large financial institutions and high-net-worth individuals in securities litigation and disputes involving alleged violations of contractual covenants. His practice also encompasses employment law, restrictive covenants, trade secrets, commercial litigation, and arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

"Lakewood Ranch has become one of the most dynamic business communities in the region, and the Alliance has been central to that momentum," James said. "I'm honored to join the board and look forward to working alongside fellow members to ensure it continues to be a place where businesses want to invest, grow, and stay for the long term."

James' appointment reflects Shumaker's commitment to leadership and civic engagement in the communities the firm serves. Through his board service, he will help strengthen relationships among area

businesses and contribute to initiatives designed to sustain the region's momentum.

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