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## Shumaker's Real Estate Team Welcomes Megan Proulx Dempsey

**TAMPA, FL** – the law firm of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP is pleased to announce it has added another seasoned lawyer to its existing Real Estate team. Megan Proulx Dempsey has joined our Tampa office as a partner in the Real Estate practice group. Megan brings nearly two decades of experience to Shumaker, including serving as corporate counsel to TECO Energy.

"Megan's extensive experience in commercial property transactions and land use solutions offers our real estate clients invaluable insights to help address the most complex issues their businesses face in today's market," said Shumaker's Tampa Managing Partner Mark Catchur. "Even more important to us, her knowledge is shaped by an innovative, forward-looking attitude. Megan's work in the ever evolving and complex utility regulation sector is an example of her entrepreneurial mind-set and represents an opportunity for the firm to continue to be along the leading edge in supporting our clients." "Megan's arrival not only expands our Real Estate practice team, but broadens our capabilities. Our full-service capabilities, geographic footprint, rates, and collegial culture provide an ideal platform for Megan." Catchur continued "Additionally, the real estate industry is a vital driver of the local, state national economy, and real estate-related legal issues increasingly demand innovative solutions. Businesses today face a wide range of sophisticated legal matters; real estate deals regularly have implications for corporate, finance, tax, IP, and construction law, as well as litigation. We are pleased to be able to offer our clients the depth and breadth of legal solutions backed by the power and presence of Shumaker's team of more than 260 attorneys in 7 offices nationwide."

"Shumaker's impressive experience and plans for growth provided an incredible opportunity for me to join the team," said Dempsey. "I have valued my working relationship with the lawyers at Shumaker for years, I truly believe the firm's extensive multi-industry experience and the innovative cross-functional industry team approach gives Shumaker a competitive advantage."

Megan is a highly effective transactional attorney, community advocate, and corporate leader who uses practical experience and seasoned judgment to achieve results. A property law practitioner for more than 19

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Real Estate, Construction, & Development

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years, Megan's practice encompasses all areas of commercial transactions, title and use solutions, and land development and entitlement. She is experienced in representing companies in condemnation as both the condemning authority and an impacted owner. Megan is skilled at identifying and acquiring project sites for various uses. Often called upon to balance the best interest of a variety of stakeholders, Megan frequently negotiates with state agencies and regulators. She has transacted on the acquisition, sale, financing, and development of shopping centers, office buildings, condominiums, and master planned communities. She has performed complex leasing transactions, including long-term ground leases for landlords and tenants.

Prior to joining Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, Megan was senior corporate counsel at TECO Energy, where she worked in multiple practice areas serving virtually all areas and levels at TECO. Most recently, focusing on utility scale solar, locating and constructing linear facilities, and legal and regulatory challenges facing the utility industry. During her 11 years at TECO Megan's practice focus was primarily real estate driven. Her accomplishments include transacting on thousands of acres of land and resolving almost every variety of land dispute. However, she also delivered results in the areas of transportation, including road, rail and water, environmental, and human resources.

When Megan isn't focused on her busy practice, she spends time with her family, which includes efforts to stay on trend for her teenagers. Megan is also an advocate for the health and safety of children and families in Tampa Bay and she is a long-term gubernatorial appointee and the current chair of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

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