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Shumaker Rounds Out its Litigation, Labor and Employment, and White Collar Crime and Investigations Practice Groups with the Addition of Accomplished Former Federal Prosecutor Ashley A. Futrell

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**TOLEDO, OH –** Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP has secured former Assistant United States Attorney Ashley A. Futrell, who worked in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio. An established litigator, Ashley's extensive litigation experience reinforces Shumaker's Litigation, Labor and Employment, and White Collar Defense and Investigations practice groups.

"We're very excited to have Ashley join the Shumaker team. Her accomplished background as a federal prosecutor, staff member in the U.S. Congress, and her community involvement, make Ashley a great addition to our already deep bench of talent," said Partner and Litigation Practice Co-Administrator Mark Wagoner.

"We are eager to utilize Ashley's experience and investigation capabilities to assist with our corporate clients," said Partner and Diversity Committee Co-Chair Rebecca Shope. "Her background and skills make her a natural fit in our labor and employment group. We look forward to introducing her to our clients."

As a former Federal Prosecutor, Ashley investigated and prosecuted federal crimes, including public corruption and white collar cases. She served as a point of contact for federal and state agencies on federal crimes.

"As a former prosecutor, Ashley can leverage an intuitive knowledge of strategies used to investigate and prosecute white collar criminal cases to stay one step ahead of the government and proactively present the most effective defense possible," said Partner David Axelrod.

Ashley began her law career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where she investigated and prosecuted all phases of misdemeanor and felony cases and represented New York County in criminal hearings and trials. Before law school, Ashley served as a senior staff member on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., where she advised several Members of Congress on a wide variety of legislative issues. She also worked to secure federal funding for urban parks and conservation and built national coalitions for national conservation organizations.

Ashley is a leader in her community. In 2019, she was the recipient of Toledo's 20 Under 40 Leadership Recognition Award. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Toledo Bar Association, the Toledo Opera, United Way of Greater Toledo's Women's Initiative, Leadership Toledo, and the Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts (a merger of the Toledo Symphony and Toledo Ballet), as well as a member of the Thurgood Marshall Law Association and a former board member of Junior League of Toledo. Ashley is also a member of the Toledo Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and the International Women's Forum.

