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Shumaker Confirms Commitment to Serving Clients in South Carolina with Opening of Greenville Office

GREENVILLE, SC – Shumaker confirmed today that it has opened an office in Greenville, expanding the firm's presence in South Carolina. It is the firm's eighth office and the third in the Carolinas, following the firm's well-established offices in Charlotte and Charleston.

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The Greenville office launched under the leadership of Steve Meckler, a litigator who is also the Charlotte Managing Partner and a Member of the firm-wide Management Committee, and Jason Smith, a key Partner in the firm's Intellectual Property Group.

"The strategic opening of our Greenville office is the next logical step to continuing to provide a collaborative approach in our work and assisting our clients in the communities where they conduct business. We are excited about establishing roots that will enable us to serve these valued clients, while also allowing us to offer our expertise to establish new relationships. We are equally excited to be a member of the Greenville community and look forward to following our motto of being "Involved" and contributing however we can to the community as a whole," said Steve.

Shumaker's Litigation and IP practice groups help protect and defend clients in a broad range of matters throughout multiple industries.

Shumaker's experienced and high-performing Litigation practice group takes a strategic approach to business litigation, working to obtain positive outcomes both inside and outside the courtroom. Representing market-leading clients in complex business disputes in state and federal courts and in all stages of litigation, the team includes more than 80 litigators across eight offices, including several litigators who have been selected as fellows in the Litigation Counsel of America, as well as team members who are board certified in areas, such as appellate, bankruptcy, business litigation, civil trial, and construction law.

The more than 35 professionals in Shumaker's full-service IP group advise clients on the clearance, selection

development, preparation, prosecution, registration, protection, enforcement, and transactions related to patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and other proprietary rights. Shumaker's IP practice is comprised of lawyers who have worked as engineers and in-house patent, trademark, and copyright counsel for organizations of all sizes and in a broad range of technologies, including aircraft interiors, automotive components, biological diagnostics, chemical manufacturing, fuel cell systems, polymer and pharmaceutical chemistry, medical and dental devices, and software, just to name a few.

"As Greenville is a rapidly expanding business market and tourist destination, we are very happy to expand into South Carolina's upstate area and look forward to forming long-term relationships with the regions many diverse manufacturers and universities," said Partner Jason Smith.

The new Greenville office will not only enhance Shumaker's IP and Litigation practices in South Carolina, but will also support the firm's services nationwide, increasing the ability to provide multidisciplinary responses to clients' with ties to the area.

