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Retired

"Best wishes to all of my colleagues and staff members at Shumaker."



Q: *What is your current position and company?*

A: I am retired from practicing law.

Q: *What was your practice area at Shumaker?*

A: I worked in the Columbus office of Shumaker from December of 2006 through December of 2018 in the Litigation and Mediation practice group.

Q: *What do you enjoy most about your career?*

A: What I enjoyed the most in my legal career was trying civil cases, including all the preparation work. I particularly liked the investigative aspects of trial preparation and trying to figure out people's motivations behind their actions or failure to act.

Q: *What is your favorite Shumaker memory?*

A: Honestly, I don't have a favorite Shumaker memory, but I miss interacting with the staff.

Q: *What is the best advice you can give a new attorney?*

A: The best advice I can give to a new attorney is to find a practice area that lines up with their individual skillset and personality. I would also warn anyone interested in litigation to think twice as it is a highly stressful practice area that has become more contentious and less collegial over the span of my career.

Q: *What news would you like to share about your personal or professional life?*

A: I am actively involved in Kairos Prison Ministry, the Kindway/Embark reentry program to aide ex-offenders when they leave prison life, music worship team at Riverside United Methodist Church, volunteer ranger/starter at Safari Golf Club, and grandparent duties. Number five is due in September.