

## Woody Pollack Awarded Tampa Connection's Betty Tribble Citizen of the Year Award

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Woodrow "Woody" Pollack, a partner in Shutts & Bowen LLP's Tampa office, was recently honored by Tampa Connection as the recipient of the 2023 Betty Tribble Citizen of the Year Award.

Woody, a graduate of the 2011 Tampa Connection program class served on the organization's Board of Directors for six years, including serving as Tampa Connection's Chair. He is being recognized for his dedication and countless hours of community service in the Tampa Bay area. Woody currently serves the Board of Directors of Feeding Tampa Bay, a non-profit dedicated to providing food to nearly 1 million food insecure families in the 10-county area of West Central Florida.

"I am truly humbled by this award. Betty Tribble is a dear friend of mine whom I had the privilege of serving with on the Tampa Connection Board," said Woody. "Winning an award that bears her name means more to me than I can express. I'm proud of the work that Tampa Connection does for our great community, and I've enjoyed my decade-plus involvement with the organization, as I've watched leaders from across our community rise up and make the Tampa Bay area an even better place to live and work. Thank you again to Tampa Connection for its great contributions to our community, and for honoring me with this amazing recognition."

In 2005, Tampa Connection began the tradition of recognizing its outstanding alumni with the "Citizen of the Year" award. Award recipients have been selected based on their significant accomplishments in the Tampa Bay Community. The Betty Tribble Award is given to a member of the Tampa Bay community who is not a current Tampa Connection Class Member or a current Tampa Connection Board Member and who has exemplified the qualities and commitments of Betty through community involvement, continued Tampa Connection involvement, strong community leadership, and other significant accomplishments.

Tampa Connection is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide local business professionals with the necessary tools to become active leaders and volunteers in the Tampa Bay Community. Each year, a select group of applicants are chosen to participate in the Tampa Connection "class." The year-long program exposes class members to leadership development, social, and community service opportunities while immersing them in the local community.

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### About Woodrow "Woody" H. Pollack

Woodrow "Woody" Pollack is a partner in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen, where he is a member of the Intellectual Property practice group. Woody is Board Certified in Intellectual Property Law by The Florida Bar, and has served as the Chair of the Florida Bar's Intellectual Property Certification Committee. He focuses his practice on litigating complex patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret disputes. He litigates matters in state and federal courts as well as patent validity issues before the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board. He also counsels clients extensively in developing patent and trademark portfolios. A Martindale-Hubbell AV® rated attorney, Woody has been recognized by *Chambers and Partners*, *Best Lawyers in America®*, *Florida Super Lawyers*, and *Florida Trend's Legal Elite*. Woody also serves on the Executive Council of the Florida Bar Business Law Section and has chaired its Intellectual Property Committee and Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Task Force.

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