

Charla M. Burchett Joins Shutts & Bowen's Sarasota Office as a Partner

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Charla Burchett, a leader in estate planning law in the Sarasota area for more than two decades, has joined Shutts & Bowen LLP as a partner in the firm's Trusts and Estates Group. A Board Certified Wills, Trusts, and Estates attorney, Ms. Burchett moves to Shutts & Bowen from her own firm, the Sarasota Law Office of Charla M. Burchett. There, she has worked with clients in all areas of estate planning, estate administration, and trust administration.

"Charla is a great addition to our team in Sarasota, and she has earned great trust throughout the Gulf Coast as well as the respect of her peers," said Michael "Micky" Grindstaff, firmwide Managing Partner.

Ms. Burchett established herself as a leader early in her career, both in her field and in the community. She has chaired the estate planning and solo divisions of the Sarasota County Bar Association, served as president of the Southwest Florida Guardianship Council, and president of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Florida State Guardianship Association. She served as a director of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County from 2003 until 2011, including a term as chair. She is a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent® rated attorney.

"We have been working professionally with Charla on behalf of mutual clients for many years," said John Patterson, senior partner in the Sarasota office and immediate past president of The Florida Bar Foundation. "We have done so because of her excellent work, strong values and engaging personality. We are very pleased to have Charla join the Trusts and Estates Group in Sarasota."

"I am very pleased to join the firm of Shutts & Bowen and look forward to working with an outstanding group of attorneys who share my commitment to providing the highest quality of legal representation to our clients," said Charla M. Burchett. "I am also very excited to be an integral part of the development and future growth of the Trusts and Estate Group in the Sarasota office."

Born and raised in Kentucky, Ms. Burchett received her bachelor's degree with high honors from the University of Kentucky and her J.D. from the University of Louisville School of Law. She obtained her Masters in Law in Estate Planning (L.L.M.) from the University of Miami School of Law, the only institution in the country that offered such a degree at that time.

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