Chamberlain Hrdlicka Announces New National Chair of Real Estate Practice

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is pleased to announce that Stephanie Friese is the new national chair of its Real Estate Practice. In this capacity, Friese will foster collaboration across the firm's four offices, leading attorneys with strong real estate backgrounds to advise clients on many different aspects of commercial real estate transactions. These include land assemblages and development, to leasing, construction, financing and disposition in the office, industrial, manufacturing, multi-family, hotel and retail sectors. Under her leadership, the practice group is well positioned to serve clients with real estate assets or developments throughout the United States.

"I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to lead our Real Estate Practice," said Friese. "Our practice group understands both legal and business aspects of real estate, and we know what it takes to help our clients move a development from concept to reality. Being part of a tax-focused firm with a strong corporate group gives us the additional bench we need to provide the depth of expertise owners and users of real estate need. I am grateful for Bill's leadership. It's an honor to follow in the footsteps of such a well-respected and talented member of our real estate bar. I have also found the firm's support in building our team refreshing and encouraging and look forward to what the future holds."

"Stephanie is a leader within our firm, and we are excited for her to step into this role," said Larry Campagna, Chamberlain Hrdlicka's managing shareholder. "She is dedicated to her clients and has a proven track record of achieving success on their behalf. With great direction from our outgoing Real Estate Practice Chair Bill Montgomery, we look forward to the practice's continued success under Stephanie's leadership and her commitment to providing integrated services on legal matters related to real estate transactions."

Friese also serves as co-managing shareholder of the firm's Atlanta office and is a member of the firm's board of directors. In addition to transactional work, she counsels clients involved in real estate litigation and dispute resolutions, including foreclosures, evictions and federal enforcement actions. Her clients typically own, develop and manage commercial office, retail, multifamily and industrial properties across the United States. As an active member in the commercial real estate and legal community, she is a past president of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers and CREW Atlanta. She also is a former board member of the Atlanta Women's Foundation and the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors.

"Stephanie is a highly respected and resourceful attorney whose services to clients in the real estate profession are greatly valued. She is insightful, energetic, well organized and a direct and effective communicator which benefits our clients and the Chamberlain real estate team. Her talents and leadership will continue to strengthen our practice," said Bill Montgomery, shareholder and outgoing real estate practice chair. "Her extensive experience in leasing and real estate related litigation is an invaluable resource to our clients and we are excited for our promising future under Stephanie's baton."

Friese earned her undergraduate degree from Stetson University and her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law.

About Chamberlain Hrdlicka Chamberlain Hrdlicka is a diversified business law firm with offices in Atlanta, Houston, Philadelphia and San Antonio. The firm represents both public and private companies, as well as individuals and family-owned businesses across the nation. The firm offers counsel in appellate law, bankruptcy, commercial and probate litigation, construction law, corporate, employee benefits, energy and maritime law, ERISA, estate planning and administration, intellectual property, international and immigration law, labor and employment, privacy and data security, real estate, securities and finance, tax controversy and tax planning.

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