

## Shook Hardy Lands Bicoastal Trial Team From Carlton Fields

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*Law360 (April 18, 2024, 3:26 PM EDT)* -- Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP announced Thursday that it has brought on a highly experienced, four-attorney complex litigation team from Carlton Fields that is based in Los Angeles, Miami and Atlanta.

The new partners are Steven B. Weisburd and Jan Dodd in Los Angeles, Ryan Cobbs in Miami, and Ashley Drumm, who splits her time between Miami and Atlanta, a statement from the firm said.

"These top-notch litigators are a natural fit for our firm," Madeleine McDonough, Shook Hardy chair, said in a statement.

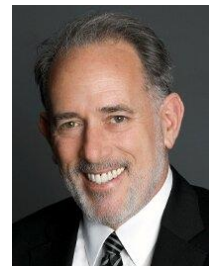
"We are known as the go-to firm for science, health, and technology, and these lawyers expand our presence on both coasts," McDonough said. "We are already getting requests from clients who know these lawyers and appreciate even greater depth and breadth in service."

Together, the team represents name-brand consumer product manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, and technology, internet and software businesses in complex class action, product liability and other disputes at the trial and appellate levels.

Weisburd told Law360 Pulse in an email Thursday, "Throughout my career — first at Munger Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles, then Dechert in Austin, and most recently back in Los Angeles at Carlton Fields — I have worked closely with so many of the great lawyers at Shook Hardy & Bacon, in consumer class actions, products liability cases, and mass torts."

"The incredible quality and breadth of talent in the firm's growing Los Angeles office is impressive, and that is true throughout the firm," Weisburd said. "It is invigorating to join such a great team."

Coming aboard with Shook Hardy's class action and appellate litigation group, Weisburd was managing shareholder of the Los Angeles office when he left Carlton Fields after nearly six years with the firm, according to his LinkedIn profile. He practiced at Dechert LLP in the Lone Star State for nearly a decade before that and was at Munger Tolles & Olson LLP for nearly 12 years, his LinkedIn profile shows.



Steven B. Weisburd



Jan Dodd



Ryan Cobbs



Ashley Drumm

Weisburd earned his law degree from Stanford Law School, holds a Master of Laws from the University of Cambridge and has a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Cobbs, who joins the Shook Hardy general liability litigation practice, was chair of the mass tort and product liability practice at Carlton Fields, the firm said. He represents manufacturers in mass tort and product liability litigation in industries including consumer, automotive, chemical and pharmaceutical, the firm said.

Cobbs told Law360 Pulse Thursday that in addition to having a longtime best friend who has worked at Shook for years, he has developed relationships with a number of firm attorneys as they "did different work for the same clients over the years."

"It just made sense," Cobbs said. "I have a ton of respect for them, and working with them has given me a really good sense of the culture there, the people, which was really important to me. Also, their national reach makes sense for my practice and the others who've joined with me."

Cobbs practiced with Carlton Fields for more than 17 years before making the move to Shook Hardy, according to his LinkedIn profile. Before entering private practice there, Cobbs clerked for two years for a Florida federal judge.

Cobbs earned his law degree from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law and holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State University.

Dodd is a trial lawyer with expertise in product liability, mass torts and toxic exposure litigation, according to her firm bio. She has extensive experience trying cases across the country in state and federal courts. She also has experience at state and federal appellate courts.

"I have a great deal of respect for Shook's product liability team and look forward to collaborating with lawyers who have a winning reputation in the courtroom and finding solutions to very complex matters," Dodd said in a statement.

Dodd was a shareholder at Carlton Fields for just more than two years, after 11 years at Norton Rose Fulbright, her LinkedIn profile shows. She earned her law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri.

Drumm is experienced in mass tort and product liability litigation and has led teams representing large companies in defense of personal injury and wrongful death claims, the firm said. She has come aboard to Shook Hardy's general liability litigation practice, the firm said.

Drumm joined Carlton Fields nearly a decade ago, her LinkedIn profile shows. She earned her law degree from the University of Florida's Levin College of Law and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami.

Drumm could not immediately be reached for comment Thursday.

Shook Hardy is a national law firm operating from 19 locations across the country.

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