



## **Horst Shewmaker Welcomes Newly Sworn Attorney to Strengthen Litigation Practice**

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Horst Shewmaker, LLC has expanded its litigation capabilities with the addition of Valerie Jane Pallos, an associate attorney who was recently sworn in to the Supreme Court of Georgia by Justice Ellington. The Alpharetta-based personal injury law firm announced that Pallos will focus on litigating cases for the firm's clients, bringing specialized expertise in motor vehicle collisions, premises liability, food poisonings, wrongful death, and dog bite cases.

Pallos joins the firm after distinguishing herself during her legal education at Mercer University School of Law, where she began representing clients in her second year through the Habeas Project legal clinic. Her commitment to client advocacy earned her two prestigious honors in 2025: the Honorable Walker P. Johnson, Jr. Memorial Award for excellence in litigation, professionalism, and ethics, and the Clover Award for courage, tenacity, and advocacy in dedication to clients.

"Valerie brings a unique combination of academic excellence and practical litigation experience that will significantly benefit our clients," said Zachary S. Shewmaker, partner at Horst Shewmaker. "Her client-focused approach, combined with her demonstrated advocacy skills, aligns perfectly with our firm's

commitment to fighting for the rights of personal injury victims throughout Georgia."

The addition of Pallos to the legal team strengthens Horst Shewmaker's position as a leading personal injury firm in the region. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, from DePaul University in 2022 and a Juris Doctor from Mercer University School of Law in 2025. During her law school tenure, she gained valuable courtroom experience that prepared her for immediate client representation.

Pallos's practice areas will encompass the full spectrum of personal injury cases handled by the firm, including auto accidents involving cars, motorcycles, trucks, bicycles, pedestrians, and rideshare vehicles. She will also handle cases involving brain injuries, spinal injuries, slip and fall incidents, and wrongful death claims. Her experience before the Supreme Court of Georgia adds an additional layer of expertise to the firm's litigation capabilities.

The timing of this addition reflects the firm's strategic growth to meet increasing demand for experienced personal injury representation in Georgia. With over 30 years of combined experience among its attorneys, Horst Shewmaker continues to expand its team to ensure comprehensive legal support for accident and injury victims. Those seeking legal representation can reach out to the Horst Shewmaker team for a free consultation to discuss their case and understand their legal options.

Horst Shewmaker, LLC maintains offices in Alpharetta and Augusta, Georgia, providing personal injury legal services throughout the state. The firm specializes in securing compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, pain and suffering, and other damages resulting from accidents and injuries caused by negligence. The firm's attorneys, including Michael W. Horst, Zachary S. Shewmaker, Jarrett L. Miller, Torrie L. Dale, and now Valerie Jane Pallos, are committed to providing compassionate and effective legal representation to injury victims across Georgia.

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