

Shutts & Bowen Opens Jacksonville Office

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Shutts & Bowen announced today it has opened its 8th office, with the addition of five attorneys from the [Jacksonville](#) office of Gillis Way & Campbell.

Joining Shutts & Bowen are [H. Timothy Gillis](#), who was named managing partner of the Jacksonville office, partner Jason E. Campbell, partner Catrina H. Markwalter, of counsel [Sue VanLeeuwen](#) and associate [Morgan Foster](#).

“Shutts is a 107 year old statewide firm with an established client base in Northeast Florida. We are a full service commercial law firm and some of the key areas in which we practice are banking and financial services, corporate, real estate and land use, taxation, intellectual property, insurance, health law and life sciences, commercial litigation and construction litigation. We have considered opening a new office in Jacksonville for quite some time, and we think this is the right fit at the right time,” said [Micky Grindstaff](#), statewide managing partner of Shutts & Bowen. “We are excited to open the new office anchored by Tim Gillis and his existing team.”

Gillis said, “With our client mix, our scope of work and our community ties, it made sense to join forces with Shutts & Bowen. We are particularly excited about Shutts’ statewide platform and the firm’s excellent reputation within the legal community.”

Established in 1910, Shutts & Bowen also has offices in Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Orlando, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach.

[Gillis](#), a 1995 graduate of Jacksonville University, received his law degree from Florida State University in 1998. He holds a Master of Laws in taxation from Georgetown University and served as a law clerk in the United States Tax Court. Gillis holds an AV Preeminent peer review rating in Corporate Law, Business Law and Taxation from Martindale-Hubbell, and is a former adjunct professor at Florida Coastal School of Law. Gillis is a past President of the Association for Corporate Growth, North Florida Chapter, was Chairman of the 2012 and 2016 AGC Florida Capital Connection, is a past chair of the Transactional Law Section of The Jacksonville Bar Association, and is currently chair of the JBA’s Corporate, Business, and In-House Counsel Committee.

Campbell, a 1992 graduate of the University of Virginia, received his law degree from Florida State University in 1997. Campbell focuses his practice on corporate, business law, real estate and commercial leasing. He has extensive experience representing buyers and sellers in various industries including domestic and international franchise matters. Campbell has also represented credit unions in all facets of their operations. He is a member of the Jacksonville Bar Association, The Florida Bar Business Law Section and the American Bar Forum on Franchising.

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Markwalter is an SBA-approved litigation attorney whose practice specializes in both 7(a) and CDC/504 SBA loan litigation, complex commercial litigation and business matters. Markwalter represents secured and unsecured creditors in state and federal courts. She also represents businesses and individuals from a wide range of industries in matters primarily related to business formation, contract negotiations and disputes, entity restructuring, business torts and financial disputes. A graduate of Florida Coastal School of Law, Markwalter is active in the Jacksonville Bar Association and in the business law and the real property and probate sections of the Florida Bar. She was selected as a Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2016.

[VanLeeuwen](#) is a 2005 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Florida and a 2009 graduate of the University of Florida College of Law. VanLeeuwen focuses her practice on corporate and healthcare law. She earned Phi Kappa Phi, International Honor Society; Golden Key, International Honor Society; and Treasurer of the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Honor Society. She also earned a Book Award in Legal Drafting in Fall 2007.

[Foster](#) graduated from the University of Florida and received her law degree from Florida State University. She is a member of the Jacksonville Bar Association and the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association.

About Shutts & Bowen LLP: Established in 1910, Shutts & Bowen is a full-service business law firm with more than 260 lawyers in offices in Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach. Learn more about Shutts & Bowen at www.shutts.com.

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