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Three Bond Attorneys Join Butler Snow in Georgia

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BRADENTON, Fla. – Butler Snow LLP has hired three new public finance attorneys in Georgia.

Kenneth B. Pollock and Laurie L. Schwartz will work in the firm's Atlanta office and James D. "Jamie" Garner will work in the Macon office.

"The experience and knowledge that Ken, Laurie and Jamie bring with them make them great additions to our public finance group and the firm," said Butler Snow Chairman Don Clark Jr. "Our public finance practice has continued to add talent across our footprint."

Pollock and Schwartz previously worked at Dentons in Atlanta prior to joining Butler Snow.

Pollock has more than 20 years of experience working on public finance transactions as bond counsel, disclosure counsel and counsel to underwriters for governmental and private entities in Georgia and several other states, the firm said.

He has been a speaker at the Institute for City and County Attorneys in Georgia and at conferences of the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association and the Georgia Charter Schools Association.

Pollock, a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, received a bachelor's degree from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Georgia.

Schwartz's experience includes municipal finance transactions, both as bond counsel and as underwriters' counsel in transactions involving water and sewer, housing, student loan, higher education, and hospitals.

Schwartz is a member of NABL, and received her bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and her law degree from Western New England College.

Garner previously worked at Smith, Hawkins, Hollingsworth & Reeves LLP in Macon, and is a certified public accountant in addition to his work in public finance.

He has served as issuer's counsel and general counsel, and has experience working with nonprofits, businesses and individuals with a focus on business transactions, tax-exempt entities, and tax and estate planning. Garner received a bachelor's degree and master of accountancy from Wake Forest University, and a law degree from Mercer University.

Butler Snow, a full-service law firm, has more than 40 attorneys in its public finance, tax incentives and credit markets group, the firm said.



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