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Nominee Details:

Name: Shelby Hecht

Job Title: Associate

Company: Goodwin Procter LLP

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From the Nominator:

How long have you known the nominee? And in what capacity?

I've known the nominee for close to three years in our joint capacity working on the Welcome committee in Future PLUS. She has been an excellent leader this past year and devotes time and thoughtfully engages with the committee in order to put on excellent programming for Future PLUS members. She also makes members feel welcome at the conferences as well and does a great job in her role.

Describe ways in which the nominee has demonstrated a commitment to the industry via activities in their company, involvement with professional organizations such as PLUS, or other extracurricular activities related to PL.

Shelby has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to the professional liability industry through her leadership and volunteer service with Future PLUS. During the nearly three years that I have worked alongside her on the Welcome Committee, she has consistently gone above and beyond to support the organization's mission of developing and connecting the next generation of industry leaders. She dedicates substantial time to planning and delivering high-quality programming for members, thoughtfully contributing ideas and ensuring events provide meaningful value to attendees. Equally important, she serves as an ambassador for the industry by creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for professionals at all stages of their careers. Whether organizing committee initiatives or engaging with members at conferences, she is intentional about building connections, fostering professional development, and strengthening the Future PLUS community. Her sustained involvement, leadership, and enthusiasm reflect a genuine commitment to advancing both the organization and the professional liability industry as a whole.

How has this person already uniquely contributed to the PL industry?

What distinguishes Shelby is her ability to pair technical expertise with a genuine commitment to helping others navigate complex insurance challenges. Through her work in the representations and warranties insurance space, she helps policyholders understand and access the protection they bargained for, providing practical guidance during high-stakes situations that can have significant business consequences. She serves as a trusted advisor to her clients while also contributing to the broader industry through her leadership and involvement in Future PLUS. Whether she is helping clients resolve difficult coverage issues or volunteering her time to support and connect industry professionals, she consistently strengthens the professional liability community and exemplifies the qualities of an emerging industry leader.

Why do you consider this person to be an emerging leader in the PL industry?

I consider Shelby to be an emerging leader in the professional liability industry because she embodies the very qualities this award seeks to recognize: leadership, innovation, and a commitment to advancing the field for

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future generations of professionals. Through her work with Future PLUS, particularly her leadership of the National Conference Committee, she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to bring people together, create meaningful opportunities for engagement, and ensure that young professionals feel welcomed and invested in the industry. She leads thoughtfully and inclusively, fostering an environment where new members can build relationships, develop professionally, and become active participants in the professional liability community. Equally important, Shelby is forward-thinking in her approach to leadership. She is always looking for creative ways to improve programming and enhance the member experience, including embracing new technologies and tools, such as artificial intelligence, where they can help make events more impactful and engaging. Combined with her professional accomplishments helping policyholders navigate complex insurance issues in the representations and warranties insurance space, her dedication to mentoring and connecting the next generation of industry professionals makes her an outstanding example of the leaders who will shape the future of the professional liability industry. I can think of few individuals who are more deserving of recognition as an Emerging Leader.

Nominator's Details:

Name: Andrea Martinez

Job Title: Associate

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