

For Immediate Release

For Information

Jean Triskett
Marketing Director
Richardson Plowden
803.576.3737

jtriskett@richardsonplowden.com



Emily R. Gifford



Shelton W. Haile

Richardson Plowden names Gifford and Haile as shareholders

COLUMBIA, S.C., January 11, 2011 - - [Richardson, Plowden & Robinson, P.A.](#) is pleased to announce that attorneys [Emily R. Gifford](#) and [Shelton W. Haile](#) were recently named shareholders in the firm. Gifford joined Richardson Plowden in 2005 and Haile joined in 2006.

“Emily and Shelton provide outstanding services to their clients, professional organizations and their community,” says Steve Pugh, managing shareholder at Richardson Plowden. “Their recognition as shareholders demonstrates their commitment to the integrity of the legal profession and the growth of our firm.”

Gifford is a member of Richardson Plowden’s Construction Practice Group. She focuses her practice in construction law and insurance defense. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina (USC) Honors College and then went on to earned her Master’s degree in health administration while simultaneously completing her Juris Doctor at USC. In

-more-

*Richardson Plowden-Gifford/Haile Shareholders
Add-1*

addition to her work at Richardson Plowden, Gifford is a *pro bono* special prosecutor for the Office of the Attorney General, assisting in the prosecution of criminal domestic violence cases. She is very involved with the American Bar Association's (ABA) Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS). Within this group, Gifford serves as the executive editor of the section's publication, *TortSource*; she is a member of the TIPS Outreach to Young Lawyers Taskforce; and is also the Chair-elect of the TIPS Self Insurers and Risk Managers Committee. She is actively involved with the Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Bar, is a member of the Palmetto Health Hospice and Palliative Care Board, and is a member of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association Construction Law Committee.

Haile is a member of the firm's Medical Malpractice Group and focuses his practice on medical malpractice and nursing home defense, general litigation, and civil rights litigation. He graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of South Carolina (USC) in 2000 and received his Juris Doctor from the USC School of Law in 2004. Haile is a member of the South Carolina Bar, the Richland County Bar Association, the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, and the Defense Research Institute. He has served on the South Carolina Bar's Law Student Liaison Committee and Young Lawyers Division's Professional Development Committee and currently serves on the Medical Malpractice Law Committee of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association. Haile is also a member of the Palmetto Health Institutional Review Board.

About Richardson Plowden

Established in 1973, Richardson Plowden Robinson, P.A., is among the 20 largest law firms in South Carolina, with more than 30 attorneys in offices in Columbia and Myrtle Beach. A full service law firm, Richardson Plowden has more than 25 practice areas providing legal counsel to local, state and national clients. For more information, visit www.RichardsonPlowden.com.

###