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## Wyche Names Two Members and Adds Two Associates

Wyche Burgess Freeman & Parham, P.A. is pleased to announce that [Rita Bolt Barker](#) and [David H. Koysza](#) have been named members of the firm and [Sarah Sloan Batson](#) and [Martin M. Tomlinson](#) have joined the firm as associates.

Wyche welcomes **Ms. Barker** as a member of the firm. She practices in the areas of Environmental Law, Litigation, and Architectural Works Copyright Infringement Litigation. Prior to joining Wyche, Ms. Barker was an associate at King & Spalding, LLP in Atlanta after serving as law clerk to the Honorable Beverly B. Martin, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Ms. Barker is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Clemson University and earned her law degree from Harvard Law School, where she was Executive Editor of the *Harvard Women's Law Journal* and served as President of the Board of Student Advisors. Ms. Barker is a member of the boards of directors of Greenville Forward and Friends of the Reedy River. She also serves on the Green Ribbon Advisory Committee for the City of Greenville, is a volunteer for Upstate Forever, and is a member of Leadership Greenville Class 37.

Wyche also welcomes **Mr. Koysza** as a member of the firm. He practices in the areas of Business Litigation and Commercial Bankruptcy. Before joining the firm, Mr. Koysza practiced Supreme Court litigation with the U.S. Solicitor General in Washington, D.C., and he served as law clerk to the Honorable William W. Wilkins, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Furman University and *magna cum laude* from Duke University School of Law. At Duke, he was Executive Editor of the *Duke Law Journal*, winner of the Hardt Cup Moot Court Competition, and a member of the Order of the Coif. Mr. Koysza serves as Chair of the Downtown Symphony Club, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Fall for Greenville, and as a Sunday School teacher at First Presbyterian Church.

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**Ms. Batson** joins Wyche as an associate, concentrating her practice in Appellate, Employment Litigation and Counseling, Corporate, and Estate Planning and Probate. Before joining Wyche, she served as law clerk to the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Ms. Batson graduated *summa cum laude* in 2006 from the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business, earning degrees in Finance and Management. She then earned her Juris Doctor degree *summa cum laude* from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2009, graduating first in her class. Ms. Batson was Chief Justice in the Order of the Wig and Robe and was a member of the Order of the Coif. She also served on the editorial board of the *South Carolina Law Review* and as Chair of the Honor Council.

**Mr. Tomlinson** joins Wyche as an associate having just completed a clerkship with the Honorable Michael A. Chagares, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He previously served as law clerk to the Honorable P. Michael Duffy, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. Mr. Tomlinson has held the position of Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing at the Charleston School of Law and Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the College of Charleston. Mr. Tomlinson plans to concentrate his law practice at Wyche in the areas of Appellate, First Amendment, Antitrust, Intellectual Property, and Litigation. He is a *summa cum laude* graduate of the College of Charleston, having earned B.A. degrees in Political Science and History and a B.S. degree in Sociology. He earned his law degree from Yale Law School in 2007, where he was Managing Editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and Editor of the *Yale Law and Policy Review*. Mr. Tomlinson also trained as a Professional Baseball Umpire at the Harry Wendelstedt School for Umpires in 2000.

Wyche is a full service law firm, which has practiced law and served the community for over 100 years. In that time, Wyche has participated in landmark litigation, served as counsel on cutting-edge transactions, and provided community leadership that has helped shape and drive our region's growth and success.

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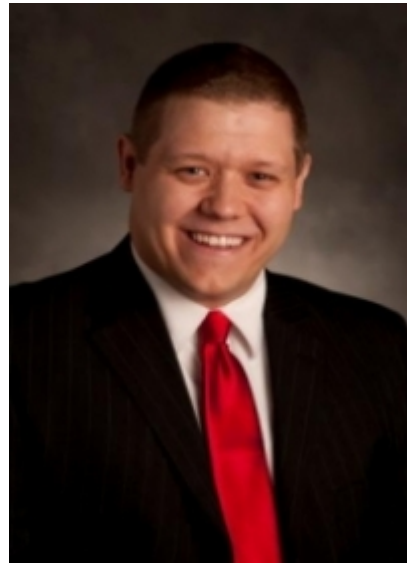
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