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## J. Jared Simms and Thomas E. Vanderbloemen Elected Shareholders at Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.

Greenville, SC – Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. is pleased to announce the election of <u>Jared Simms</u> and <u>Tom Vanderbloemen</u> as shareholders. Gallivan, White and Boyd is one of the Southeast's leading law firms for business, with significant experience in complex litigation. Founded more than six decades ago in Greenville, South Carolina, the firm's attorneys serve clients from four offices: Greenville, Columbia and Anderson, South Carolina and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Simms' practice focuses on the defense of employment and workers' compensation matters on behalf of employers, insurance carriers, self-insured corporations, third party administrators, and claims servicing agencies. He is a member of the firm's <a href="Workplace">Workplace</a> <a href="Practices Group">Practices Group</a> and has presented matters for clients before the North Carolina Industrial Commission and the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Simms now leads the firm's North Carolina workers compensation practice.

Simms joined GWB as an associate in 2011. Simms earned his undergraduate degree from Queens University of Charlotte. Prior to attending and graduating from law school at UNC Chapel Hill in 2006, he lived in France for two years undertaking missionary work. Simms believes that, in addition to serving his clients, service to his community is

critical. He is very active in his church as well as professional and community organizations.

As part of the firm's <u>Business and Commercial Practice Group</u>, Vanderbloemen handles a wide range of litigation in the Federal and State courts, with an emphasis on business litigation, <u>intellectual property matters</u>, and appeals. He assists clients in pursuing, defending, and resolving disputes concerning patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and technology as well as other related intellectual property matters. Vanderbloemen serves on the Board of Directors of the Carolina Patent, Trademark & Copyright Law Association, is a registered patent attorney, Chair of the South Carolina Bar's Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section Council, Treasurer of the South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association. He was selected as "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers in 2014 for Greenville Litigation - Intellectual Property, received the Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating, and has been recognized in South Carolina Super Lawyer and Greenville Business Magazine's Legal Elite.

Managing Partner <u>John T. Lay</u> states, "We are proud of Jared and Tom's professional accomplishments. GWB is a much stronger firm as a result of their contributions."

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Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A. has offices in Greenville, Columbia and Anderson, SC and Charlotte, NC. Practice areas include business and complex litigation, strategic risk assessment and counseling, and corporate representation. For more information about the firm, see <a href="https://www.GWBlawfirm.com">www.GWBlawfirm.com</a>.