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Troutman Pepper Locke Partner Shelli Willis Selected for Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

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Atlanta – [Annette Michelle \(Shelli\) Willis](#), partner at Troutman Pepper Locke, has been elected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (ABF). Membership is by invitation only and limited to 1% of licensed attorneys. Members are nominated by their peers and selected by the ABF Board.

ABF Fellows are a global honorary society of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession.

At Troutman Pepper Locke, Willis advises leading financial institutions, nonbank lenders, publicly traded companies, and real estate developers and investors on various transactional matters and strategic initiatives. With extensive experience in the real estate and banking sectors, she offers clear guidance throughout the lifecycle of commercial real estate investments, complex lending, and other key transactions.

Willis also works with corporate leaders on board strategy and corporate governance matters and has worked with companies to build and further develop corporate responsibility and sustainability programs. Additionally, Willis is a fellow at The Pepper Center for Public Service, where she contributes to addressing community challenges through research and problem-solving efforts.

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