



## **Ballard Partners Expands, Jessica Baker Joining Jacksonville Office**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Florida’s leading government affairs firm, Ballard Partners, today announced the addition of Jessica Baker to its team of professionals in the Jacksonville and Tallahassee offices. Baker will be based in the Jacksonville office, but will work in Tallahassee during the legislative session.

“We are excited to welcome Jessica,” said Brian Ballard, president of Ballard Partners. “Her legal acumen and knowledge of the legislative process will be a vital resource for our clients. She’ll be a great addition working in the Jacksonville office with professionals like Susie Wiles and Tony Boselli. We look forward to watching her thrive.”

Baker previously worked as an Associate and Lobbyist at Sachs Sax Caplan, P.L. in Tallahassee. In that role, Baker worked with clients in a variety of industries, including education and transportation, to further their goals and interests before the Legislative and Executive branches. She also strategized with clients to develop a plan of action for accomplishing legislative goals and met directly with House, Senate and Executive branch members on client issues.

“Ballard Partners is the most prestigious government affairs firm in Florida and I am honored to join the strong and successful team that Brian has assembled,” said Baker. “I look forward to working in Tallahassee and helping to grow the Jacksonville practice, too.”

Prior to her position at Sachs Sax Caplan, P.L., Baker was a legal intern in the Office of the Florida Senate Deputy Majority Leader, where she conducted in-depth research on various legislative issues and analyzed proposed legislation for potential conflicts between Senate and House bills. Baker also served as a legal clerk and research intern for Mike Haridopolos for United States Senate, where she researched and drafted domestic briefs related to policy issues such as health care, energy and taxes.

Baker received her Juris Doctorate and Business Law Certificate with Cum Laude distinction and her Bachelor of Arts in Communications with Magna Cum Laude distinction from Florida State University. She has been a member of The Florida Bar since 2013.

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