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## BRANDON ESSIG, SARA FORD AND JACK SHARMAN QUOTED IN BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS JOURNAL SERIES ON 'LEGAL HOTSPOTS'

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**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (June 28, 2018) —** Three Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC partners were featured in a recent Birmingham Business Journal series about "legal hotspots" in the Birmingham community.

**Brandon K. Essig**, **Sara Anne Ford** and **Jack Sharman** are among the attorneys who addressed key legal issues businesses should consider to avoid potential legal pitfalls or litigation.

Essig and Sharman, both members of the firm's **White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations** practice, discussed the topics of compliance and corruption in **the April 13th issue** of the publication. In a **separate article about cybersecurity**, Ford provided insight into the implications of the 2018 Alabama Data Breach Notification Act for business owners.

Essig joined Lightfoot after nearly eight years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Middle District of Alabama where he tried multiple felony jury trials a year, including public corruption, money laundering and various fraud cases. Prior to his time at the Department of Justice, Essig served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. His experience also includes serving in the legal department of a major defense contractor.

Ford has been practicing law for more than three decades. She has wide-ranging litigation experience, having handed everything from shareholder derivative suits to medical device litigation. Her specialty is complex commercial litigation and class actions. Ford is active in the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Rotary Club of Birmingham and St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Sharman has practiced law for nearly 30 years and leads the firm's White Collar Criminal Defense and Corporate Investigations practice. He was the former special counsel to the House Banking Committee during its Whitewater investigation of President Bill Clinton in the 1990s. In 2016, Sharman was appointed as **special counsel to the Alabama House Judiciary Committee** for the impeachment investigation of former Alabama Governor Robert Bentley.