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LIGHTFOOT HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL 'WHITE COLLAR INSTITUTE'

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (May 18, 2018) — For the second year in a row, Lightfoot, Franklin & White LLC has hosted its White Collar Institute featuring noted judges and lawyers from around the country who addressed topical issues of concern for in-house counsel. Members of Lightfoot's **White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Investigations practice group** also served as speakers and moderators.

The theme of the 2018 event, held May 17, was the #MeToo movement. Speakers addressed the issue from a variety of standpoints, covering everything from jury selection and internal investigations to how the federal judiciary is approaching cases involving sexual harassment and assault.

In addition to #MeToo, other sessions during the day discussed topics involving Title IX, the criminalization of NCAA rules, parallel proceedings and the privacy and safety implications of cybercrime. Lightfoot's **Liz Huntley** keynote speech over lunch focused on her memoir, "More than a Bird."

"It was a privilege to have again brought together such a knowledgeable array of speakers," said Lightfoot partner **Jack Sharman**, who spearheaded the event and spoke at its opening and closing. "Each and every one provided thoughtful, actionable insights into some of the toughest white-collar issues facing in-house counsel today. In particular, it was instructive for everyone to learn how '#MeToo' issues affect white-collar defense, corporate internal investigations and risk management."

Speakers and moderators for the 2018 Lightfoot White Collar Institute included:

- **The Honorable Gray M. Borden**, United States Magistrate Judge, Middle District of Alabama
- **Michelle Diago**, The Focal Point (Oakland, California)
- **Louis V. Franklin, Sr.**, United States Attorney, Middle District of Alabama
- **Megan S. Glowacki**, Thompson Hine (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- **Susannah Carr Gordon**, Tilden Thomas Cordell LLP (Seattle, Washington)
- **Brian McEvoy**, Polsinelli (Atlanta, Georgia)
- **Caroline Judge Mehta**, Zuckerman Spaeder (Washington, D.C.)
- **Jim Stiff**, The Focal Point (Dallas, Texas)
- **Joe Whitley**, Baker Donelson (Atlanta, Georgia)

Lightfoot lawyers who served as moderators and speakers included: Tenley E. Armstrong, **Brandon K. Essig**, **Sara Anne Ford**, **Rachel M. Lary**, **Lana A. Olson** and **Clint Speegle**.