



Meet Our Memphis Attorneys

Effective May 1, 2006

Fifteen attorneys formerly with Armstrong Allen PLLC have joined Adams and Reese, adding a new Memphis office to the firm. The addition of a Memphis office further strengthens the firm's regional footprint and adds more depth, experience and value to the client services of the firm. Effective May 1, 2006, Adams and Reese will have ten offices in nine markets including: Memphis and Nashville, TN; New Orleans and Baton Rouge, LA; Birmingham and Mobile, AL; Houston, TX; Jackson, MS and Washington, DC.

Attorneys joining Adams and Reese in Memphis include:



Cannon F. Allen concentrates his practice in civil litigation. He focuses his practice on complex business and personal injury litigation and health care. He is an experienced litigator who has represented clients in numerous jurisdictions in disputes involving class action claims, professional negligence defense, toxic torts, insurance coverage disputes, products liability defense, and commercial litigation. He is a member of the Federal, American (Litigation Section), Tennessee and Memphis Bar Associations, Past Chairman and Director of Westminster Academy, Director and President of Binghampton Foundation, member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Who's Who in American Law and Who's Who Among Top Executives. He is admitted to practice in Tennessee Supreme Court, United States Supreme Court, and all State and Federal Courts in Western and Middle Tennessee. He received his A.B. cum laude in 1984 from Princeton University and his J.D. in 1987 from the University of Virginia.



Donna L. Boyce focuses her practice on litigation matters, primarily in the areas of health care and medical malpractice defense. She is a member of the Memphis, Tennessee, Mississippi, and American Bar Associations. She received her B.S.N. in 1990 from the University of Memphis and her J.D. in 1994 from the University of Memphis. She is admitted to practice in Tennessee and Mississippi.



Brian S. Faughnan concentrates on commercial and civil litigation in both state and federal courts, including extensive work in media law, products liability defense, class actions, personal injury litigation, and ethics and disciplinary matters. Brian is also a frequent presenter and speaker on issues of legal ethics and professional responsibility. He is a member of the Memphis, Tennessee and American Bar Associations and a member of the Tennessee Bar Association Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility and the Tennessee Bar Association House of Delegates. He is a member of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers and the Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law Class of 2005. He received his B.A. in 1995 from Rhodes College and his J.D. in 1998 magna cum laude from the University of Memphis Law School.



James B. McLaren, Jr. concentrates his practice on business transactions including state and local governmental tax incentives, municipal finance, mergers and acquisitions, real estate development, and asset based lending. He is a member of the Memphis, Tennessee and American Bar Associations, National Association of Bond Lawyers and was named among the "Top 150 Lawyers in Tennessee" by *Tennessee Business Magazine*. He received his B.A. in 1977 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and his J.D. in 1982 from Washington & Lee University.



Lucian T. Pera focuses his practice primarily on civil trial work, including a wide variety of commercial, health care, media, intellectual property, and professional malpractice litigation, as well as counseling of lawyers and law firms in the area of ethics and professional responsibility. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Tennessee Ethics Handbook (5th edition), Chair of the Tennessee Bar Association Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Chair, Editorial Board, ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Responsibility, 2002 to present and a member of the American Law Institute. He is admitted to practice in Tennessee, the U.S. District Courts for the Western and Middle Districts of Tennessee, and Eastern District of Arkansas; and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He is also listed in Best Lawyers in America®. He received his A.B. in 1982 from Princeton University and his J.D. in 1985 from Vanderbilt University School of Law.



Henry C. Shelton III focuses his practice on business, commercial and bankruptcy litigation, workouts and reorganizations; health care litigation; intellectual property litigation; and employment litigation. He is a member of the Memphis Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committees; Tennessee Bar Association; American Bar Association, Sections on Antitrust Law and Business Law; Association of Attorney Mediators and American Bankruptcy Institute. He is also listed in Best Lawyers in America®. He received his B.A. in 1972 from Wesleyan University and his J.D. in 1975 from Vanderbilt University.



Jeffrey C. Smith concentrates his practice on healthcare, franchise distribution law, employment, corporate law and related corporate litigation, commercial litigation, franchise distribution litigation and employment benefits/executive compensation litigation. He is a member of the Memphis, Tennessee and American Bar Associations and admitted to practice in Tennessee. He received his B.A. cum laude in 1990 from the University of Mississippi and his J.D. in 1993 from the University of Mississippi School of Law.



Joseph B. Walker has extensive experience as to the laws and issues related to state and federal taxation, tax exempt organizations and business entities, wills, trusts and estate planning, wealth management structures, fiduciary compliance representation, asset protection and the administration of decedents' estates and trusts. He regularly presents seminars to clients and professional groups. In addition, he counsels Fortune 500 and local clients concerning various legal issues involved in the information technology and computer industry. He is a Fellow in The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and member of the American Bar Association Committees of Tax Exempt Organizations, Generation Skipping Trusts, Gift and Estate Tax, Tennessee. He is past Chairman of the Tennessee Bar Association Tax Section and Co-Chairman of Real Estate, Probate and Trust Section and also a member of the Tennessee Probate Study Committee. He is also listed in Best

Lawyers in America®. He received his B.B.A., Accounting from the University of Mississippi and his J.D. from Memphis State University.



G. Thomas McPherson has a general business practice which focuses on the organization of various entities, financing, purchase and sale transactions, technology system agreements, and computer hardware and software agreements. In addition, he regularly represents clients in probate matters. He is a member of the Tennessee, Mississippi and American Bar Associations. He received his B.A. in 1960 from the University of Mississippi and his LL.B. in 1962 from the University of Mississippi.



Mark S. Norris received his B.A. in Political Science from Colorado College in 1977 and his J.D. from the University of Denver in 1980. He has a diverse civil litigation and business practice. Mr. Norris concentrates on business and tort litigation in the areas of health care, construction, complex commercial and contractual disputes, products liability, condemnation, and petroleum marketing. He advises clients in crisis management and preventative measures to minimize risk and avoid the expense of litigation. Mr. Norris also appears before administrative, regulatory and municipal boards on behalf of a variety of clients concerning land use, planning, permitting, zoning and certificates of need. Mr. Norris served as a member of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners for six years including one year as Chairman. He was elected to the Tennessee Senate in 2000 and reelected in

2004 to represent the West Tennessee counties of Shelby, Tipton, Lauderdale and Dyer. In the Tennessee Senate, he serves as Chairman of the Transportation Committee and is also a member of the Judiciary Committee and Select Committees on Corrections Oversight and Workers' Compensation.

Mr. Norris is a member of the Memphis, Tennessee, Federal, and American Bar Associations; National Health Lawyers Association; Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association; and Transportation Lawyers Association. He maintains offices in Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee. He is admitted to practice before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and appears in all State and Federal Courts in Tennessee.



Thomas R. Prewitt, Jr. concentrates his practice on a mix of litigation, representation of clients in business transactions, and counseling of clients on business matters, particularly those which relate to health care providers. He is a member of the Tennessee, Memphis, American Bar Association and the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys. He is also listed in Best Lawyers in America®. He received his B.A. with distinction in 1971 from Rhodes College and his J.D. in 1973 from the University of Tennessee.



Emily Campbell Taube focuses on civil litigation, including a wide variety of commercial, health care, trademark, estate and trust, employment, product liability and domestic relations matters. She previously served as an Assistant District Attorney with the Shelby County District Attorney's office for three years. She is a member of the Tennessee, Memphis and American Bar Associations and the Association of Women Attorneys. She received her B.A. cum laude in 1994 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and her J.D. in 1998 from the University of Memphis.



Stephen A. Hester concentrates his practice in the area of litigation generally and specifically health care, commercial litigation, personal injury, and workers compensation. He is a member of the Memphis, Tennessee, Arkansas and American Bar Associations. He received his B.A. cum laude in 1998 from Rhodes College and his J.D. in 2001 from the University of Tennessee College of Law.



Lisa A. Moore focuses her practice on health care, business transactions and civil litigation. She is a member of the Memphis and American Bar Associations, the Mississippi Bar, American Health Lawyers Association, and Radiology Business Managers Association. She received her B.A. in 1994 from the University of Memphis and her J.D. in 2001 from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphrey School of Law.



Tricia T. Olson concentrates on civil litigation, medical malpractice defense, business litigation, and family law. She received her B.S.B.A. in 2000 from the University of Tennessee and her J.D. in 2005 from the University of Memphis.

Adams and Reese will also welcome two first year associates to the Memphis office this fall.

With more than 300 lawyers, Adams and Reese has offices in Baton Rouge, LA; Birmingham, AL; Houston, TX; Jackson, MS; Memphis, TN (effective May 1, 2006); Mobile, AL; Nashville, TN; New Orleans, LA and Washington, D.C. American Lawyer Magazine includes Adams and Reese on its distinguished list of the nation's top 200 firms - "The AmLaw 200." The National Law Journal also lists the firm on the "NLJ 250" of the nation's largest law firms.