

McElveen Elected Chair of Adams and Reese Executive Committee

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Bill McElveen

William "Bill" P. McElveen Jr. has been elected to Chair the Executive Committee of the law firm of Adams and Reese. McElveen will lead the multidisciplinary law firm with attorneys and advisors located in 16 offices across 15 markets throughout the southern United States and Washington, D.C. The Adams and Reese six-partner Executive Committee oversees strategic operations of the firm as well as its attorneys and staff.

McElveen is the former managing shareholder of Ellis Lawhorne, which merged with Adams and Reese in 2013. Practicing law since 1984, he has a diverse real estate, banking and financial services practice. He has served as counsel for real estate developers in a variety of projects including office and retail development, industrial projects, historic rehabilitation projects, brownfield developments, healthcare facilities, student housing projects, educational facilities and condominium projects.

McElveen also serves as counsel to national and regional banks and other institutional lenders on office and retail development projects; industrial facilities; asset-based financings; credit enhancements to support bond financing; dormitory and sports complex financings for educational institutions; and troubled debt restructuring and workouts.

"Bill brings with him years of successful practice and strategic management experience in various roles, all of which make him uniquely suited to Chair the Adams and Reese Executive Committee," said outgoing term-limited Chair Jeffrey Brooks, who remains partner in charge of the firm's Washington, D.C. office. "His fresh perspective and hands-on approach will help bolster the firm's position on its continued path of growth and success across our regional markets."

"It's an honor and privilege to help steer the direction of Adams and Reese alongside my fellow partner members of the Executive Committee," McElveen said. "I look forward to working closely with my partners and the firm's professional staff to ensure that we continue offering the highest level of advocacy and service to our clients."

McElveen is an active member of the South Carolina Bar, serving in the Corporate, Banking and Securities Section and the Real Estate Practices Section, of which he is a past chair. He also previously served on the boards of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Hammond School and Junior Achievement of the Midlands. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Midlands Business Leadership Group.

McElveen is also listed in *Best Lawyers* and South Carolina Super Lawyers for Real Estate and Banking. He practices in the firm's Columbia, South Carolina office.

Partners Robert W. Boos of the firm's Tampa, Florida office and Edwin C. Laizer of the firm's New Orleans office also joined the Adams and Reese Executive Committee effective Jan. 1, 2016.

ABOUT ADAMS AND REESE

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