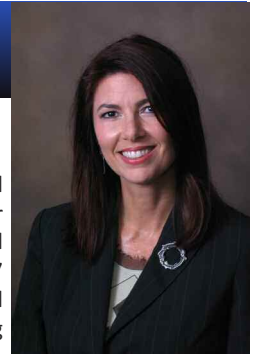


LSU Redevelopment

Tracy Morganti on Legal Team for Nicholson Gateway Project

Adams and Reese Provides Legal Counsel for LSU Redevelopment Project

Baton Rouge Partner and Public Finance Team Leader [Tracy Morganti](#) was part of the legal team that developed and financed Louisiana State University's multi-million dollar Nicholson Gateway Project. The approximately \$235 million project, slated for completion in fall of 2018, is a public-private partnership focused on the largest underdeveloped tract of university-owned property adjacent to the campus core. The project includes plans to construct seven new student apartment buildings, 1,547 new on-campus student beds, a 10,000-square-foot satellite recreational facility, 40,000 square feet of new retail space and 1,464 new parking spaces, including 800 spaces in a structured parking garage, as well as an additional 420-bed student housing facility at another location on campus.



Baton Rouge Partner
[Tracy Morganti](#)

"I'm very proud to have been a part of this innovative public-private partnership for my alma mater, LSU," Tracy said. "The project will transform the main north entrance to the campus, providing state of the art student housing, retail, parking and other amenities to serve LSU's student population and aid in recruitment of students, faculty and staff, and furthering Baton Rouge's efforts to revitalize the entire Nicholson Drive corridor."

Tracy, who serves as counsel to LSU on its capital financing projects, closed the \$235 million new money, tax-exempt and taxable bond deal in September. She gave a presentation on the financing at the Florida Council for Public Private Partnerships (FCP3) Sept. 30, 2016 in Fort Lauderdale. [Read more](#)



Lara White Adds Three ABA Section of Litigation Appointments

New Orleans Partner [Lara White](#) has been elected At-Large Council Member for the American Bar Association Section of Litigation for a three-year term beginning during the 2016-2017 bar year. She has also been appointed to the Section of Litigation's newly created Strategic Planning Committee, which will undertake the Section's first comprehensive strategic planning process in 10 years. Lara was recently elected to serve as a member of the Section's 2016 Advisory Committee on Nominations. [Read more](#)



Liz Roussel Named Labor and Employment Team Leader

New Orleans Partner [Liz Roussel](#) has been named the firm's Labor and Employment Team Leader. Liz, who joined the firm's New Orleans office in 2002, also serves on the Adams and Reese Executive Committee. [Read more](#)



Judge Janis van Meerveld
United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Louisiana

Congratulations Judge Janis van Meerveld

We salute and miss our long-time New Orleans Partner Janis van Meerveld who was selected this summer to serve as a Federal Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge van Meerveld is well-known throughout Louisiana as a skilled attorney and mentor, and within the community for her philanthropic service. She began her career with Adams and Reese as an associate 27 years ago.

We congratulate our colleague and friend on this prestigious honor, and we look forward to following her new career path. [Read more](#)

Cynthia Mitchell Barnett
Lawyer of the Year



Cindy Mitchell Barnett Named Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year"

Nashville Partner [Cindy Mitchell Barnett](#) has been named a 2017 "Lawyer of the Year" in Public Finance by the highly respected peer-review publication Best Lawyers®. Cindy was also named as a Best Lawyer® in Public Finance. [Read more](#)

15 Adams and Reese Women Attorneys Named 2017 Best Lawyers®

Attorneys Cynthia Barnett, Donna Boyce, Kathleen Drew, Marilyn Mullen Healy, Linda Edell Howard, M. Ann Huckstep, Leslie Lanusse, Elizabeth Lee Maron, Lynn Morrow, Jane Raiford, Debbie Rouen, Elizabeth Roussel, Anne Russell, Lynn Welter Sherman, and Leslie Wickes were all named to the 2017 edition of "Best Lawyers® in America." [Read more](#)



Donna Boyce
Memphis
Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants



Leslie Lanusse
New Orleans
Employment Law - Management,
Insurance Law, Litigation - Labor and
Employment



Elizabeth Roussel
New Orleans
Commercial Litigation,
Employment Law - Management



Kathleen Drew
New Orleans
Litigation - Environmental, Product
Liability Litigation - Defendants



Elizabeth Lee Maron
Jackson
Education Law



Anne Russell
Nashville
Litigation and Controversy - Tax



Marilyn Mullen Healy
Tampa
Land Use and Zoning Law



Lynn Morrow
Nashville Music Row
Copyright Law, Entertainment Law - Music,
Litigation - Intellectual Property



Lynn Welter Sherman
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and Reorganization Law, Commercial Transactions /
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Music, Litigation - Intellectual Property



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Environmental



Leslie Wickes
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M. Ann Huckstep
Birmingham
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Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital
Markets Law, Securities Regulation



Debbie Rouen
New Orleans
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury
Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability
Litigation - Defendants



Leslie Lanusse
Louisiana
Labor and Employment



Linda Edell Howard
Tennessee
Media/Entertainment



Lynn Morrow
Tennessee
Media/Entertainment

Women Attorneys Ranked in Chambers USA 2016 Edition

New Orleans Partner [Leslie Lanusse](#) (Labor and Employment Law), and Nashville Music Row Partners [Linda Edell Howard](#) and [Lynn Morrow](#) (Media/Entertainment Law) have been ranked in *Chambers USA 2016 America's Leading Lawyers for Business Edition*. Chambers evaluates and ranks attorneys and firms nationally and by state through extensive independent research that includes interviews with firm clients and peer attorneys. [Read more](#)



Linda Edell Howard
Women in Music City

Linda Edell Howard Named Women in Music City Award Winner

Nashville Music Row Partner [Linda Edell Howard](#) has been named among *Nashville Business Journal's* 2016 Women in Music City Award winners. The award honors women working in the music business who are making a creative and economic impact on the industry. Linda was honored among 29 fellow 2016 award winners at a red-carpet dinner September 27, 2016 at the Omni Nashville Hotel. The awards event also recognized Reba McEntire, as the 2016 Artist of the Year, and Jana Kramer as 2016 Breakout Artist of the Year. [Read more](#)



Laurie Young
Women of the Year

Laurie Young Among Women of the Year

New Orleans Partner [Laurie Briggs Young](#) has been named among the 2016 "Women of the Year" Class New Orleans Partner by *New Orleans CityBusiness*. The honor recognizes [Laurie Young](#) top New Orleans businesswomen, highlighting their professional accomplishments and community contributions. Laurie will be recognized along with 49 fellow honorees at the 2016 "Women of the Year" Awards luncheon November 3, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans. She will also be profiled in a special "Women of the Year" insert appearing in a special section of *CityBusiness*. [Read more](#)

Honors / Recognitions



Stephanie Martin Recipient of Are You Safe Pro Bono Award

Tampa and St. Petersburg Special Counsel [Stephanie Martin](#) was recognized at the 8th Annual "Purple Party" for her pro bono service on September 29, 2016. Are You Safe, Inc. helps individuals in domestically violent situations. Tampa Special Counsel Chris Roach and Partner Eric Partlow were also recipients of the award.



Lynn Morrow Named Among the "Best of the Bar"

Nashville Music Row Partner in Charge [Lynn Morrow](#) has been named among the *Nashville Business Journal's* "Best of the Bar" honorees. The "Best of the Bar" honors 79 of Middle Tennessee's leading lawyers and corporate counsel across 17 practice areas. Lynn was honored for her media and entertainment practice. [Read more](#)



Anne Russell Recipient of Attorney for Justice Award Presented by Tennessee Supreme Court

Nashville Special Counsel [Anne Russell](#) has been honored with the 2016 Attorney for Justice Award presented by the Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission. The award recognizes Anne's dedication to pro bono work, the legal profession and the citizens of Tennessee. [Read more](#)



Lynn Welter Sherman Named as a Florida Super Lawyer®

Tampa Partner [Lynn Welter Sherman](#) has been named a Florida Super Lawyer® in the practice of Bankruptcy: Business. Only five percent of attorneys in Florida receive this honor. Lynn has been previously ranked among the Top 50 Women Florida Super Lawyers® and also the Top 100 Overall Florida Super Lawyers®. [Read more](#)

Lauren Tafaro Finalist for LADC Frank L. Maraist Award

New Orleans Partner [Lauren L. Tafaro](#) has been named a finalist for the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel's (LADC) 2016 Frank L. Maraist Award. The award recognizes young lawyers who have made outstanding achievements in their legal practice and exemplary contributions to the legal profession, the defense bar and the community. [Read more](#)



Leslie Wickes Among "Legal Elite"

Jacksonville Partner in Charge [Leslie A. Wickes](#) has been named to *Florida Trend Magazine's* 2016 "Florida Legal Elite." The Florida Legal Elite is a prestigious roster of attorneys chosen for recognition by their peers. [Read more](#)



Lyndey Zwing Among "Best and Brightest" and Pro Bono Award Recipient

Columbia Associate [Lyndey Zwing](#) has been named to Columbia Business Monthly's inaugural "Best & Brightest 35 and Under" list of promising young professionals across Columbia and the Midlands, South Carolina region. The award honors 35 young leaders under age 35 for their professional and community contributions. [Read more](#)

Lyndey was also awarded the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division President's Award in recognition of her exceptional dedication and service to YLD initiatives. The annual award recognizes YLD volunteers who have dedicated their efforts and continuously served the YLD for a number of years. [Read more](#)





Jaimmé Collins Moderator of Corporate Counsel Women of Color® Panel

New Orleans Partner and Diversity Committee Chairman **Jaimmé Collins** served as a moderator at the Corporate Counsel Women of Color® 12th Annual Career Strategies Conference held September 21-23, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Corporate Counsel Women of Color® is in its 12th year of diversity in the law with over 3,300 in-house women of color in the United States as well as Canada, Asia, Africa and Europe.



The Music Biz hosted a panel titled *Getting Paid: By Stream Or Market Share?* on Tuesday afternoon (May 17) during its annual conference. (L-R): David M. Ross, John Raso, Vickie Nauman, [Lynn Morrow](#), Jim Griffin. Photo: *Music Biz; Music Row Magazine*.

Lynn Morrow Joins Music Executives on Music Biz Panel

Music Row Partner in Charge, Lynn Morrow joined a panel moderated by Jim Griffin, managing Director of Hazen, LLC and OneHouse. Additional panelists included *MusicRow* founder and president of BossRoss Media David M. Ross; Vickie Nauman, Principal and Owner of CrossBorderWorks; and John Raso, Sr. VP, Client Services at HFA/Rumblefish. [Read more](#)

Seminars and Presentation

Adams and Reese attorneys and advisors are frequent speakers, moderators and presenters at legal, industry, conference, seminar and community groups on a variety of legal and practice specific topics on national and regional levels.



Nashville Music Row Partner **Linda Edell Howard** co-presented "Lawyers Who Understand Brand Building Add Big Value to Clients" at the Tennessee Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel CLE session August 31, 2016 in Nashville.



Mobile Partner **Jannea Rogers** presented "Groundhog Day: Exploitation of Settlement Agreement and Release Exceptions" at the 2016 Claims & Litigation (CLM) National Construction Claims Conference, September 29, 2016 in San Diego. Jannea also spoke at the CLM Management Alliance 2016 Claims College in Baltimore September 7-10, 2016. She addressed the CLM School of Construction section.



Birmingham Special Counsel **Elena Lovoy** was a featured speaker and trainer at the AllRegs Mortgage Compliance for Origination Course held August 22-24, 2016 in Chicago. The program provided intensive hands-on training for compliance officers and other mortgage professionals on federal and state regulatory compliance topics.



Jackson Partner **Laura Ford Rose** presented "Professionalism and Zealous Advocacy CAN Coexist" at The Mississippi Bar Young Lawyers Division Bridge the Gap: Rule 3 New Lawyer Program on September 30, 2016 in Jackson.



Nashville Music Row Partner in Charge **Lynn Morrow** served as a panelist for "Ethics CLE: Navigating Conflicts of Interest and Related Professional Responsibility Issues for Entertainment Lawyers" at The Americana Music Festival & Conference September 22, 2016 in Nashville.



Anti-Counterfeiting Team Leader and Nashville attorney **Kristina Montanaro Schrader** presented "How To Protect Your Brand Online" at the Pathway Women's Business Center and SCORE Nashville Brand Camp August 26, 2016 in Nashville.

Women's Initiative Leaders



Jaimmé Collins
Partner
New Orleans
Diversity Committee Chair
Women's Initiative
Committee Chair



Lara White
Partner
New Orleans
Women's Initiative
Committee Chair
Newsletter Editor



Victoria P. White
Partner
New Orleans
Women's Initiative
Committee Chair

New to Adams and Reese

Vanessa Beary Joins New Orleans Office

Vanessa Beary joined the firm's New Orleans office as a staff attorney in the Special Business Services Practice Group. Vanessa has a broad litigation background that includes handling appellate law, employment law, insurance law and intellectual property law matters. She most recently served as a faculty member and law student advisor at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco.

Blake Hale Hardwich Joins Birmingham Office

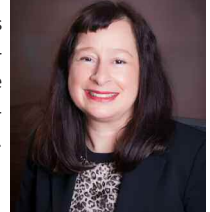
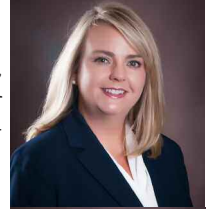
Blake Hale Hardwich, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration for Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley, has joined the firm as Special Counsel on the Government Relations Practice Team. Hardwich focuses her law practice in government relations, economic development and litigation. Blake practices in Montgomery and the firm's Birmingham office. [Read more](#)

Elena Lovoy Joins Birmingham Office

Elena Lovoy has joined the firm as Special Counsel in the Transactions and Corporate Advisory Services Practice Group in the Birmingham office. Elena has more than 25 years of experience in the banking, consumer financial services, regulatory compliance, and privacy and information security arenas. Her practice focuses primarily on state and federal regulatory compliance issues facing banks and other financial services companies in creating, maintaining and expanding their consumer lending and servicing operations. [Read More](#)

Jennifer Wilson Joins Tampa Office

Jennifer Wilson has joined the firm's Tampa office as a Government Affairs Advisor (non-lawyer lobbyist) on the Government Relations Practice Team. Jennifer has passed the Florida State Bar and will practice law for the firm after being sworn in by the Florida State Bar. With a decade of experience working for the Florida Legislature, where she drafted and analyzed legislation as a staff member for four elected officials, Jennifer understands the inner-workings of Florida's legislative process. [Read more](#)



Articles / Publications

**Kate Brownlee Co-Authors Biz New Orleans Article**

New Orleans Labor and Employment Associate **Kate Brownlee** co-authored "Overtime Regulation Change" for *Biz New Orleans* along with Labor and Employment Partner Brooke Duncan. The piece "Overtime Regulation Change," which appeared in the July 2016 *Biz* issue, offers an update on new 2016 FLSA overtime rules as well as recommendations for employer best practices. [Read more](#)

**Susan Mack Authors Association of Corporate Counsel Article**

Jacksonville Special Counsel **Susan Mack** authored "Five Pragmatic Tips - Conducting Effective Internal Investigations" appearing in the 2016 2nd Quarter Newsletter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) North Florida Chapter. The article functions as a primer for the General Counsel approaching his or her first internal investigation. [Read more](#)

**Lara White Authors Louisiana Bar Journal Article**

New Orleans Partner **Lara White** authored an article for the *Louisiana Bar Journal* titled "How Confidential is Your Mediation?" It will appear in the October/November 2016 issue.

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