Women Out in Front

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Letter from the Diversity Committee

*Women Out in Front* was created in Spring 2014 by a team that included then-Managing Partner of Adams and Reese, Chuck Adams, and the firm’s Diversity Committee Chair, New Orleans Partner Jaimmé Collins.

On this, the fifth anniversary of the newsletter, I took the opportunity to speak with Jaimmé (who has racked up incredible recognition and professional involvement in the last five years: the Urban League Empowerment Award, the A.P. Tureaud Chapter of the Black Law Students Association at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law’s Karl Connor Award, *New Orleans CityBusiness*’ Women of the Year, the National Diversity Council’s Glass Ceiling Award, National Diversity Council’s Top 15 Business Women in Louisiana, New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute, Norman C. Francis Leadership Institute Fellow, and many more) to discuss how this newsletter began and where it is heading.

What was the firm’s goal in starting a women’s newsletter? When we launched *Women Out in Front* in May 2014, we hoped to highlight and recognize the law firm’s women attorneys’ achievements, awards, recognitions and professional and community involvement. The newsletter was a product of the firm’s Women’s Initiative Team. We knew that we were already doing so many of the right things when it came to supporting women in the firm, but we were not necessarily talking about it enough. We hoped that this publication would help to close that gap.

In your view, what has been the most memorable aspect of the newsletter? While it is important to recognize the achievements and herald the successes of our firm’s women lawyers, it has also been so inspiring to watch this publication unite women from across the firm’s footprint. We wanted to create and support a culture of community and celebration of our fantastic women, and that has been borne out in part due to this newsletter. As an example, in this edition you will read about our Sister Kringle project from December. As you thumb through (or click through) our past editions, you will see many examples of women supporting women within the firm. It’s been encouraging and uplifting.

Where do you see the newsletter going as it embarks on its next five years? In this, the newsletter’s fifth year, we’re refreshing the content by reporting on emerging topics involving women, such as the “Pink Wave” during the most recent election season, and seeking more intentional involvement from the men of our firm. That’s right — the men! Research shows that women may be less likely to give themselves credit for successful outcomes, crediting accomplishments to external factors such as perceived luck and receiving help from others. A key component on our efforts to refresh this publication included soliciting contributions from the men of our firm to provide content for the newsletter and to help us shine a light on the successes of the women among us. We received so many nominations that we are already preparing content for the newsletter’s next edition. It takes a village to provide the exceptional service that our firm provides to our clients, and we want to sing the praises of all the women in our village.

Finally, we are endeavoring to provide more personal stories of the women behind these amazing accomplishments. With all that said, we hope that you enjoy this edition of *Women Out in Front*!

Laura Mirmelli
Associate, Atlanta

Jaimmé Collins
Partner, New Orleans
Chair, Diversity Committee
Where in the World is Kristina Montanaro Schrader?

The leader of the firm’s Anti-Counterfeiting Team takes her dynamic intellectual property experience overseas.

By LAURA MIRMELLI

Ok, that was a bit of a stretch. Unlike Carmen Sandiego, our globe-trotting Anti-Counterfeiting Team Leader, Kristina Montanaro Schrader, is always on the side of the good guys.

Kristina recently took the spirit of Women Out in Front to Doha, Qatar when she spoke at INTERPOL’S Major Event Security program. The INTERPOL event, Project Stadia’s Sports Legislation Expert Working Group meeting, focused on intellectual property crime associated with major events.

Kristina was one of a small group of speakers invited to share her experience with the group, which is preparing for the 2022 World Cup in Doha. Kristina’s presentation focused on the legal issues surrounding ambush marketing, which involves non-sponsors taking advantage of publicity and marketing opportunities of major events.

She and representatives from the City of London, Portuguese and Brazilian police, Portuguese Football Federation, Stellenbosch University, Coalition Against Piracy and the U.S. National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center spoke to representatives of the Government of Qatar.

Recently promoted to Partner in the firm, Kristina serves clients across industries in intellectual property enforcement and protection, crafting modern brand and content protection strategies for a wide range of multinational businesses.

She works with clients in industries such as fashion, luxury goods, food and beverage, software, electronics, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, sports, music and entertainment.

Kristina’s creative and determined approach helps clients protect their unique products and attributes that make them successful.

Clients, such as an A-lister who credits Kristina with singlehandedly shutting down a dark web criminal conspiracy targeting their business, rely on her experience to help fight back against the sale of counterfeit goods and to protect their reputations in an increasingly digital world. Impostors, fake endorsements and deceptive marketing scams can threaten to derail the hard work a company has put into establishing its brand.

What woman inspires you and why? RBG [Ruth Bader Ginsburg], for all the reasons.

What is your focus for your practice in 2019? Getting the word out to our existing clients that we have an Anti-Counterfeiting Team. Since I joined the (continued)
firm, I have been surprised how many of our existing clients across all industries need assistance with anti-counterfeiting and are just now becoming aware of it. Many of our mid-sized business clients have experienced rapid growth, often because of launching a popular product, and as soon as that product becomes popular, counterfeiters are waiting in the wings to create knock-offs. By the time the client figures out they have a problem, it is almost too late. I’d much rather find the counterfeits ourselves before it rises to the level of being noticed by the business and its consumers.

What is the last good book you read and why did you like it? To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Every time I re-read it, it gets better.

What is one non-legal hobby or activity that you do that refills your energy bank? I usually watch reality TV to unwind, but I wouldn’t say that refills my energy bank. Spending time with my two dogs helps with that.

Kristina was invited to share her insights at INTERPOL’s Project Stadia Sports Legislation Expert Working Group Meeting in Doha, Qatar.
Data Privacy, Diversity and Dessert

From her complex data privacy and cybersecurity practice to leading efforts in legal diversity, Amy Hanna Keeney tells us about what drives her.

By
LAURA MIRMELLI

If you pop into the firm’s Atlanta office, you may catch Amy Hanna Keeney, Special Counsel, diligently at work behind her standing desk. When you get to know her a bit better, it may come as no surprise that Amy considered a career as a chef and loves to cook. This is because Amy’s legal career mimics a chef creating a perfectly balanced recipe, where intentionally sourced and curated ingredients come together to create a true culinary masterpiece.

Amy is an ally and an advocate both within and outside of the firm for minority attorneys. She was recently named to the Advisory Board of the Legal Executive Institute/Thomson Reuters Next Gen Leadership: Advancing Lawyers of Color initiative, a digital space for attorneys of color, as the next generation of legal industry leaders, to create, author and share career wisdom.

This position gives Amy an opportunity to influence the direction of the platform and highlight issues important to minorities in the legal profession.

Amy is also highly adaptable. Recognizing the key role that cybersecurity and data privacy are increasingly playing in the financial services industry, a key practice area for the firm, she has kept abreast of changes in this area of the law and taken a deep dive into the subject area.

In early 2018, Amy earned the designation of ANSI-accredited Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US), a global standard for professionals working in the field of privacy that notes the depth of her understanding of global concepts of privacy and data protection law and practice. She has also kept close watch on developments relating to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) since its inception.

Amy helps clients manage incredible amounts of data and keeps her thumb on the pulse of changing regulations, flagging regulatory and litigation risks for clients as this area of law continues to evolve.

Within the firm, Amy’s influence has made a positive impact in Adams and Reese’s practice teams and diversity and inclusion initiatives. In addition to her consistently outstanding work, Amy has earned a reputation as a team player who is willing to pitch in.

Last fall, Amy demonstrated her team-first mentality, participating in the Financial Services Team’s annual lunch-and-learn at Regions Bank in Birmingham, traveling to Chicago to present at an ABA meeting and entertaining clients at the firm’s Florida tailgate weekend — all in the same week.

As the great Julia Child once said about life, “Find something you are passionate about

What is your focus for your practice in 2019? I am focused on new regulation concerning consumer data protection and its impact on financial institutions. My clients are concerned about cybersecurity preparedness and incident response, and I try to learn as much as I possibly can about developments in these areas and how other companies are responding to these same challenges. I work hard to make sure my clients are well informed and ready to respond.

What woman inspires you and why? Sheryl Sandberg. I really admired how she handled herself after her husband passed away unexpectedly. She understands that being a vulnerable human in the workplace can be a strength.

What is the last good book you read? Sweetbitter by Stephanie Danler. It’s a novel about a young woman who gets a job as a line cook at a fancy New York restaurant. It’s a peek into what my life might have been like if I hadn’t gone to law school.

What is one non-legal hobby or activity you do that refills your energy bank? Cooking. Anyone who follows me on Instagram (@itsamylucy) knows this is true!
Selfless Leadership in Action

When two colleagues faced a trying time last year, Anna Davis stepped up to the plate in a major way to provide seamless service for clients.

By JAMIE OLINTO

Over the years, we have heard and shared many stories of how Adams and Reese team members have selflessly supported colleagues in times of adversity. Anna Davis recently exemplified this sense of commitment to others that runs deep in our firm’s culture.

Anna, an Associate in the firm’s Birmingham office, demonstrated leadership and grit last fall when two attorneys she works with faced incredibly challenging times in their lives, and, as a result, their practices.

Without missing a beat, Anna efficiently and adeptly assumed the management of the two attorneys’ caseloads. Her leadership helped ensure that clients continued to receive excellent service and care, and Anna handled the challenge with skill and grace.

In addition to stepping up to the plate in such a major way in such a critical time, Anna also recently successfully first-chaired a jury trial and performed a critical role in the settlement of a case for nearly $1 million, including the reimbursement of the client’s legal fees.

A member of the firm’s Special Business Services Practice Group, Anna joined Adams and Reese in 2015. She focuses on litigation and government relations, counseling a wide variety of clients in matters relating to government procurement, contractual disputes and real estate development. Anna regularly works with businesses on negotiation of commercial agreements, regulatory compliance and corporate governance matters.

In the community, Anna is a junior board member of Oasis Counseling for Women and Children and belongs to the Birmingham-Southern Young Alumni Council.

What woman inspires you and why? My mother inspires me because she always lives in the moment and follows her interests and dreams.

What is your focus for your practice in 2019? To continue developing my legal skills so I can serve and represent our clients in a wide variety of areas; I am also planning to focus more on networking and business development.

What is the last good book you read and why did you like it? The Personality Brokers by Merve Emre. This book essentially gives the history of the Myers-Briggs personality test — the book fascinated me as someone who has always been interested in psychology and as someone who has probably taken most personality tests out there.

What is one non-legal hobby or activity that you do that refills your energy bank? I love cooking and trying out new recipes; I also enjoy arranging flowers.

5 Fast Facts: Anna Davis
1. I used to be a Pilates instructor.
2. I can find almost anything on the internet: people, otherwise sold-out clothing, you name it, I can almost assuredly find it!
3. I love organizing, although if you saw my office, you could never tell.
4. I consider making cheese plates a hobby.
5. My father and husband are both pilots, but I don’t really enjoy flying!
Congressional Update: The Pink Wave

There's still work to be done when it comes to women representing the population in Washington. Get involved, says Government Relations Advisor Alisha Duhon.

By MAGGIE DRAUGHN

Adams and Reese's Government Relations group is home to seven women. We sat down with Alisha Duhon, a Government Relations Advisor in the firm's Baton Rouge office, to discuss what has been nicknamed “The Pink Wave,” a record-breaking election result of the 2018 midterm elections.

Alisha helped us break down the facts:

• The 2018 midterm elections were a huge success for women in politics, as the newly inducted 116th Congress is the most diverse group of elected officials in our nation’s history, boasting a record-breaking number of LGBTQ representatives, more people of color and more women than ever before.

• With 116 women elected to serve in Congress, a record 102 will serve in the U.S. House of Representatives — an increase of 22 percent over the 84 women who served in the last term. Combined with the 14 elected female Senators and the 10 not up for reelection this cycle, 126 women total are now serving in the 116th Congress.

• Though women make up 51 percent of the U.S. population, there is still work to be done when it comes to representation at the national level. Only 126 of 535 seats in Congress are held by women; however, these numbers are a motivator for more women to get involved in public service.

• The 2018 midterms saw record amounts of female candidates on ballots across the nation, with a whopping 33 match-ups for Congress featuring two female candidates.

Alisha credits voter fatigue and lack of true representation for the upsurge in women running for public office. “An uptick in more women running for office may be a push by some disenchanted voters who see the majority of their political representation as very similar in race and gender,” she says. “It just doesn’t look like them.”

With a far greater percentage of men serving in Washington, our body of elected officials does not reflect the gender makeup of the United States. And put simply: women, and even men, are fed up.

“How many times can someone hit their head against a wall before deciding to grab the handle?” Alisha probes. “Opening the door may be a better solution, and a less painful one.”

Even with the recent spike in women running for office, the United States continues to trail behind many other countries, from Mexico to Britain, in the legislative process. So, what can we do about bridging this divide in our country?

“Get involved,” Alisha says.

She praises organizations such as the Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus that work hard to close the gender gap in politics and beyond. The Caucus, which has grown to 21 diverse women from its original five members upon its inception in 1986, continues to lead in legislation affecting women, children and families.

“More importantly, however, the Caucus serves as inspiration for other women to join them in elected office through their annual ‘Ready to Run’ program,” Alisha says. “Recruitment is unceasing every year!”

Despite the massive gender divide in our country, may we find optimism knowing that the future is brighter. The Washington Post estimates that women will make up half of legislatures by 2073 — not exactly the change many are hoping to see in the short term, but progress nonetheless.
Creativity in Corporate Wellness

Kristen Viator brings a fresh approach to our Baton Rouge office’s wellness initiative.

By
KATHERINE RIVERA

In late 2018, the firm’s Baton Rouge office embarked on a wellness journey, following the creation of the Well @ Work initiative. Kristen Viator, Office Manager, and Kellen Mathews, Partner in Charge of the firm’s Baton Rouge office, teamed up to create the program and plan for a new focus each month.

“We focus on some creative and nontraditional ways of promoting health,” says Kristen, whose creative, fun approach to wellness at work has brought positive change to her colleagues in Baton Rouge.

“In my opinion, health is so much more than exercising, and I wanted to cater to everyone,” she says. “The more I researched, the more I found that the mental and physical aspects of wellness, as well as a sense of accomplishment, all go hand in hand and are important to our goals at work.”

Each month, the Baton Rouge office has enjoyed a new wellness-related activity that centers on one or more of those aspects of wellness. Kristen has brought wellness experts with varied backgrounds to speak to the Baton Rouge office and educate teams on how to take charge of their own wellness. Healthy eating over the holidays, yoga and a succulent-making class to experience the benefits of plants in the office are a few examples of programs Kristen has helped bring to Adams and Reese.

The best part about helping others focus on wellness at work? “Watching our team get energized about things and ideas that they did not even realize promoted health, because they were fun and unique!” says Kristen.

She recognizes Kellen for his input for this successful program, as well as the firm’s Baton Rouge receptionist, Jen Burleigh, who has assisted with compiling and executing new and fresh ideas for the program to the benefit of the entire team.
MENTAL HEALTH
Throughout the month of October, Kristen planned Well @ Work activities and communications focusing on mental health. Kristen and our Baton Rouge office brought in Baton Rouge Succulent Co. for instruction on how gardening benefits mental health and improves mood, as well as how plants in the workplace can boost creativity and concentration.

PHYSICAL HEALTH
In the first month of the Well @ Work initiative, Kristen brought yoga to the firm’s Baton Rouge office in partnership with Yoga Path LLC. She also secured free 30-day memberships to the downtown YMCA Baton Rouge for each member of the office.
In the Community: 2018 Sister Kringle

A new holiday initiative brought cheer to charitable organizations throughout our regional footprint, all in the name of sisterhood.

By
KATHERINE RIVERA

The holiday season was a little bit brighter this year thanks to the efforts of the firm’s women attorneys, who started a new tradition during the 2018 holiday season, a Sister Kringle.

The project helped local charities during a season of high need, while also providing an opportunity for us to learn more about the nonprofits near and dear to the women of Adams and Reese.

Attorneys throughout the firm named their favorite charities, and in return, received a “Sister Kringle,” another attorney elsewhere in the firm, with the name of her charity of choice.

Before Christmas, attorneys sent a product or monetary donation to their Sister Kringle’s charity in her name.

Organizations helped through our Sister Kringle program include:

- Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation
- New Orleans Women & Children’s Shelter
- Women’s Fund of Greater Birmingham
- The United Way of the Midlands Young Leaders Society
- Junior Achievement of Greater New Orleans
- Houston Area Women’s Center
- Boys Hope Girls Hope
- Star of Hope
- Humane Society of the United States
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County
- Gateway Rescue Mission
- Covenant Nursing Home
- Wingard Home in Jackson, Mississippi
- Girls Inc. of Jacksonville
- CASA St. Petersburg
- The DONNA Foundation
- Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa
- Seamark Ranch Orphanage, Jacksonville, Florida
- The Child Advocacy Center
- Dress for Success Nashville
- Children’s Bureau of New Orleans

The small impact of donations and kind acts through the Sister Kringle effort, from sending bath products to domestic shelters and products to senior citizen homes and supplies to schools, added up to an incredible effort that made a difference in our communities.

Special thanks to Jaimmé Collins and Kendra Glazer of our New Orleans office for their efforts to make this fun idea a reality.
New Partners

Congratulations to the women promoted to Partner in 2019!

Susan Mack practices in the firm’s Jacksonville office. She has a national practice advising life, health and property/casualty insurers, brokers, general agents and administrators on insurance regulatory and other legal issues. Skilled in corporate governance, she advises on forming and licensing new insurers and on insurance-related deals.

A veteran of more than 70 alternative dispute resolution proceedings, she has worked both as a party-appointed and neutral arbitrator to conclude financial services disputes. With 25 years’ experience as general counsel to insurance and reinsurance companies and having served as chief claims officer and chief contracts officer to these companies, Susan brings a practical perspective to the resolution of her clients’ insurance-related issues.

She has substantial experience addressing insurance and corporate compliance concerns, having served as chief compliance officer in both the life/health and property/casualty contexts. She is experienced in negotiating with the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation and other state insurance departments, and her insurance regulatory practice centers around resolving issues that hinder insurance entities’ present business operations and future success. She also counsels insurance and other business entities regarding abandoned property, enterprise risk management, cybersecurity issues, data privacy and internal investigations.

Noted for her experience in insurance and reinsurance arbitration, Susan was one of the founders of ARIAS-US, a premier insurance and reinsurance arbitration society. From ARIAS-US, she holds certification as an arbitrator and the advanced credential of certified umpire. She is a qualified mediator with ARIAS-US. She is also credentialed as a commercial arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association.

Kristina Montanaro Schrader practices in the firm’s Nashville office and serves as Adams and Reese’s Anti-Counterfeiting Team Leader. She crafts modern brand and content protection strategies for a wide range of multinational businesses. Counterfeiting cuts across virtually every product sector, and Kristina serves clients in various industries, including fashion and luxury goods, food and beverage, software, electronics, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, sports, music and entertainment. In addition to fighting counterfeit sales, Kristina also works to protect celebrity clients from reputational damage caused by online impostors, fake endorsements and other deceptive marketing scams.

Kristina takes a collaborative approach to IP enforcement and frequently draws from an extensive network of brand, law enforcement, and online platform contacts to resolve cases of infringement quickly and effectively. She has negotiated voluntary agreements and developed alliances with various intermediaries, including Alibaba Group and Taobao Marketplace, Amazon, DHgate and the major payment processors, to improve their responsiveness to rights-holder reports of online infringement. Kristina is particularly skilled at IP enforcement through the lens of payment processing, which utilizes a “follow-the-money” approach to attack infringers’ abilities to process payments for their illegal sales.

Kristina’s perspective in advising clients is informed by her own in-house experience. Kristina previously served as an executive at the International AntiCounterfeiting Coalition (IACC), a Washington, D.C.-based trade association devoted to combating product counterfeiting and copyright piracy. There, she executed strategic brand and content protection initiatives on behalf of hundreds of rights-holders and spearheaded collaborative efforts to address infringement on multi-seller platforms, including Taobao, Tmall, AliExpress, Etsy, Amazon, eBay and others. In this role, Kristina represented rights-holder interests before various international organizations and government bodies, such as EUIPO (formerly OHIM) and the U.S. White House. Prior to joining the IACC, Kristina also worked in-house at Gucci America and Dolce & Gabbana USA.
New Faces
Welcome to the new sisters on the AR block!

Gwendolyn Driggers, Associate, New Orleans. An experienced patent prosecutor, Gwendolyn works with clients on intellectual property matters in the U.S. and internationally. She has prosecuted technologies such as mechanical systems, electromechanical systems, compositions, software operation methods and control systems for motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, watercraft, manufacturing facilities, manufacturing equipment, liquid-crystal displays (LCDs), multi-function printers, blood pressure equipment, optical coherence tomography equipment, photo sensor units, optical lenses, batteries and organic light emitting diodes. She is a former mechanical engineer and USPTO Patent Examiner.

Michelle Chatelain Fullmer, Associate, New Orleans. Michelle centers her practice on patent and trademark litigation as well as prosecution, counseling on a wide range of patent, trademark and copyright issues. She advises clients in all stages of intellectual property litigation, including evaluating preliminary infringement and invalidity positions, developing substantive submissions to the district court and the USPTO and coordinating case strategy with expert witnesses for trial.

Chelsea Lu, Associate, Houston. Chelsea is a litigator whose practice focuses on defending clients in products liability and mass tort litigation. With a broad background, Chelsea has represented clients in criminal trials, has a strong in limine and summary judgment motion practice, and has negotiated and mediated cases for settlement.

TaKeena Thompson Sandifer, Special Counsel, Nashville. TaKeena is an experienced trial lawyer with a diverse practice in medical malpractice, insurance bad faith litigation and products liability litigation, including pharmaceutical drug and medical device litigation. TaKeena’s products liability experience has involved oral contraceptives, transvaginal mesh, inferior vena cava (IVC) filters, metal-on-metal hip replacements, hormone therapy and pain pump devices.

Lisa McGill Sweatman, Government Affairs Advisor, Columbia. Lisa works closely with clients on government relations matters in South Carolina. She has worked in and around government affairs in Columbia since 2004 and has developed strong relationships within the South Carolina General Assembly, Governor’s office and state agencies that help her advocate for her clients’ best interests. Lisa is an experienced lobbyist who has worked to represent South Carolina retailers and educational institutions at the state level. She has developed strategy for and managed issues involving labor law, alcohol, pharmacy, grocery, tobacco, doctor pay reimbursements, graduate medical education, health government regulations and the state budget, among others.

Cassandra Walsh, Associate, Houston. Cassandra advises clients in a variety of areas, and her experience spans a multitude of practice areas and industries. These include residential and commercial real estate, probate administration and estate and wealth planning; guardianship, entity formation and corporate governance; and bank finance and lending in both contested and uncontested matters. Cassandra has extensive experience negotiating complex commercial and residential lease transactions and sale and purchase agreements as well as conveyance documents. She has also assisted many clients in residential and commercial mortgage and deed of trust transactions, entity formation and estate planning.

Maia Woodhouse, Associate, Nashville. Maia concentrates her practice on trademark, trade dress, patent, trade secret and copyright disputes, with a primary focus on litigation and enforcement. She has extensive experience practicing in federal courts across the country and before the United States Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. An experienced trademark litigator, Maia has particular proficiency in prosecuting and defending against motions for temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions in “bet-the-company” IP and technology disputes.
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Highlights of women’s professional achievements, involvement and recognition in 2018.

**Lynn Welter Sherman** (Tampa) was selected to the Board of Directors of the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation Florida Network.

**Lyndey Bryant** (Columbia) was named one of 10 finalists for *Columbia Metropolitan Magazine* and the United Way of the Midlands’ 2018 Capital Young Professional Awards.

Lyndey was also recognized as the 2018 South Carolina Bar Young Lawyer of the Year for outstanding contributions to the community and the bar’s Young Lawyers Division.

**Jaimmé Collins** and **Laurie Young** (New Orleans) were named to *New Orleans CityBusiness*’ 2018 Leadership in Law.

Laurie was also inducted into *New Orleans CityBusiness*’ Women of the Year Hall of Fame after receiving the award for a third time in 2018.

**Amy Hanna Keeney** (Atlanta) joined a select group certified as an ANSI-Accredited Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US). The CIPP designation is a global industry standard for professionals entering and working in the field of privacy.

**Linda Edell Howard** (Nashville) was recognized as one of the *Nashville Business Journal*’s 2018 Women in Music City honorees.

**Lauren Tafaro** (New Orleans) joined other incoming classmates as a member of the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institutes’ 2018–2019 program.

**Diana Surprentant** (New Orleans) was selected to participate in Leadership Jefferson 2019, a nine-month program of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

**Jannea Rogers** (Mobile) was reappointed to serve on the Alabama State Bar’s Service Members & Veterans Support Task Force for the 2018–2019 bar year. Jannea has served as a member of this task force since 2017.

**Anne Lowry Russell** (Nashville) was inducted into the Nashville Public Education Foundation’s Public Schools Hall of Fame as a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

**April Smith** (Mobile) has been named Co-Chair of the Forest Resources Committee of the American Bar Association’s Section of Environment, Energy and Resources (ABA SEER) for 2018–2019.

**Liz Roussel** (New Orleans) has been appointed Employment Practices and Workplace Liability Section Vice Chair within the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel.

**Roxy Rudolph** (Memphis) has been named to the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors for 2019.

**TaKeena Thompson Sandifer** (Nashville) was one of 35 Tennessee lawyers selected to the Tennessee Bar Association’s Leadership Law Class of 2019.

**Elizabeth Lee Maron** (Jackson) was invited to become a Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Foundation, one of the highest honors a lawyer in Mississippi can receive, as no more than 20 lawyers are invited to join annually, and the invitation is extended to a lawyer only once.

**Leigh Ann Schell** (New Orleans) earned the Appellate Practice Specialist designation, as certified by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. Leigh Ann is one of two women to earn this designation for the first time. Only nine attorneys in Louisiana currently hold this distinction.
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Highlights of attorneys recognized in legal directories in 2018.

Adams and Reese women attorneys listed in the 2018 edition of Chambers USA:
- Linda Edell Howard (Nashville)
- Leslie Lanusse (New Orleans)
- Lynn Morrow (Nashville)
- Lynn Welter Sherman (Tampa)

Adams and Reese women attorneys listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (by BL Rankings LLC):
- Cynthia Mitchell Barnett (Nashville), Nashville Public Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Donna Boyce (Memphis)
- Jaimmé Collins (New Orleans)
- Kathleen Drew (New Orleans)
- Lisa Hedrick (New Orleans)
- Linda Edell Howard (Nashville)
- Ann Huckstep (Birmingham)
- Leslie Lanusse (New Orleans)
- Haverly MacArthur (Nashville)
- Elizabeth Lee Maron (Jackson)
- Lisa Maurer (New Orleans)
- Lynn Morrow (Nashville)
- Debbie Rouen (New Orleans)
- Liz Roussel (New Orleans)
- Lynn Sherman (Tampa)

Adams and Reese women attorneys listed in state and regional editions of Super Lawyers (by Thomson Reuters):
- Donna Boyce (Memphis)
- Jaimmé Collins (New Orleans)
- Linda Edell Howard (Nashville)
- Leslie Lanusse (New Orleans)
- Elizabeth Lee Maron (Jackson)
- Lynn Morrow (Nashville)
- Debbie Rouen (New Orleans)
- Liz Roussel (New Orleans)
- Lynn Sherman (Tampa)
- Lyndey Bryant (Columbia)
- Rebecca Harris (Tampa)
- Chelsea Harrison (Tampa)
- Amy Hanna Keeney (Atlanta)
- Margaret Kepler (Fort Lauderdale)
- Jamie Olinto (Jacksonville)
- Takeena Thompson Sandifer (Nashville)
- April Smith (Mobile)
- Sara Valentine (New Orleans)
- Cassandra Walsh (Houston)
- Maia Woodhouse (Nashville)