

Liz Roussel

New Orleans Partner and Executive Committee Member



New Orleans Partner Liz Roussel Elected to Adams and Reese Executive Committee

New Orleans Partner [Elizabeth Roussel](#) has been elected to the firm's Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee serves as the equivalent of the firm's Board of Directors and is made up of six Partners, each elected to serve a three-year term. Roussel formerly served as the Partner in Charge of the Adams and Reese New Orleans office.

Roussel joined the firm in 2002, and focuses her practice on labor and employment litigation, commercial litigation and director and officer liability claims litigation. She has represented a wide variety of clients including financial institutions, Fortune 500 companies, public entities, nonprofit corporations, state agencies, private universities, public trusts and charter schools. [Read more](#)

New To Adams and Reese

Senior Insurance Executive, Former General Counsel Susan Mack Joins Jacksonville Office



[Susan E. Mack](#) has joined the firm's Jacksonville office as Special Counsel. For more than 30 years, Mack has served as a senior executive and general counsel of insurance and reinsurance entities in both the life/health and property/casualty sectors, including leadership positions with Aetna and Transamerica Reinsurance (predecessor to SCOR Global Life). [Read more](#)

Kristina Montanaro Schrader Joins Nashville Office as Anti-Counterfeiting Team Leader



[Kristina Montanaro Schrader](#) has joined the Nashville office as Team Leader of the firm's new Anti-Counterfeiting Practice which will serve clients in combating counterfeiting, piracy and other Intellectual Property infringements.

Schrader was most recently an attorney at Venable LLP in Washington, DC, and prior to that was an executive at the International AntiCounterfeiting Coalition, a trade association devoted to promoting intellectual property and combating product counterfeiting and copyright piracy. At the IACC, she executed strategic brand and content protection initiatives on behalf of hundreds of rights-holders from across all product sectors. [Read more.](#)

Adams and Reese Ranks Among Top Law Firms for Diversity

For the eighth consecutive year, Adams and Reese ranked among the Top 200 Law Firms in Diversity by *The American Lawyer*. The ranking is based on the percentage of minority lawyers in the firm's U.S. offices and the percentage of U.S.-based minority partners. Adams and Reese has ranked annually on the list since 2008.



Partners [Debbie Rouen](#), [Lou Ursini](#) and [Jaimmé Collins](#), Diversity Committee Chair.

Adams and Reese has been recognized for its commitment to diversity through various publications, professional organizations and bar associations. In 2014, Adams and Reese received the New Orleans Society of Human Resource Management Association (SHRM) "Commitment to Diversity" Award. Adams and Reese also received the 2014 Louisiana State Bar Association Human Rights Award for the firm's diversity efforts and for promoting diversity in the legal profession. [Read more](#)



New Orleans Partner [Lara White](#) and Associate [Jay Mattappally](#) at the Minority Retreat held in the firm's Tampa office this summer.



Nashville Music Row Partner, [Linda Edell Howard](#) at the O2 in London with Lady Antebellum and Linda's daughter Gracelyn Howard.

Linda Edell Howard

Opening the firm's Music Row office, [Linda Edell Howard](#) has almost 30 years of experience in the areas of entertainment, new media and technology, and domestic and international intellectual property law and is the leader of the Entertainment/New Media team. Her transaction-based practice focuses on entertainment and new technology contracts, practices and procedures, as well as new platform strategies, social network business transactions, advocacy for creators and protection for copyright and other rights holders.

Linda represents Grammy Award-winners Lady Antebellum and Charlie Daniels as well as an extensive list of recording artists, plus a number of key executives, publishers, songwriters, producers and investors.

Linda Edell Howard
Picture Perfect Recognition

Howard Named "Lawyer of the Year" 2016 by Best Lawyers®

Nashville Music Row Partner, [Linda Edell Howard](#) was selected as "Lawyer of the Year" for 2016 in Entertainment and Music areas by Best Lawyers®, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Best Lawyers® designates "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities. Only a single lawyer in each specialty in each community is being honored as the "Lawyer of the Year." [Read more](#)

Howard Featured by Ordinary Hero

Music Row Partner and Ordinary Hero Foundation Board Member [Linda Edell Howard](#) is featured in the Ordinary Hero Newsletter in the OH Spotlight column. The article says: "Linda is inspired by Kelly Putty, her family and everyone that serves Ordinary Hero's mission. She felt compelled to support Ordinary Hero to help others. The idea of helping to change the world "for one" (at a time) motivates her everyday and made it an easy decision to join the Board and commit her time." Ordinary Hero is an advocacy organization that partners with impoverished communities, advocates for the vulnerable, and empowers ordinary people to change the life of a child. [Read more](#)

Howard Named to Music Health Alliance Board of Directors 2015-2016

Linda was also named to the 2015-2016 Music Health Alliance Board of Directors. "Music Health Alliance made a pledge to recruit the best and most talented leaders in music, healthcare and business to lead this organization," Tatum Allsep, Founder and Executive Director of Music Health Alliance, stated. "We are thrilled to announce these outstanding individuals who are 100% committed to the mission and long-term growth of MHA." [Read more](#)

Adams and Reese Women Attorneys named Among 2016 Best Lawyers®

A total of 121 Adams and Reese attorneys have been named to the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, all selected and voted on by their peers and the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Our 2016 women attorneys included are:

Baton Rouge

[Patty McMurray](#) - Banking and Finance Law; Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Financial Services Regulation Law

Birmingham

[Ann Huckstep](#) - Health Care Law; Mergers and Acquisitions Law; Securities / Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation

Columbia

[Tara Naufal](#) - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy

Jackson

[Elizabeth Maron](#) - Education Law

Jacksonville

[Leslie A. Wickes](#) - Insurance Law; Litigation - Insurance

Memphis

[Donna Boyce](#) - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

Nashville

[Cindy Barnett](#) - Public Finance Law

[Linda Edell Howard](#) - Copyright Law; Entertainment Law – Music; Media Law

[Lynn Morrow](#) - Copyright Law; Entertainment Law – Music; Litigation - Intellectual Property

[Anne Russell](#) – Litigation and Controversy - Tax

New Orleans

[Kathleen Drew](#) - Litigation – Environmental; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

[Leslie Lanusse](#) - Employment Law – Management; Insurance Law; Litigation - Labor and Employment

[Jane Raiford](#) - Energy Law; Environmental Law; Litigation - Environmental

[Debbie Rouen](#) - Commercial Litigation; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

[Liz Roussel](#) - Commercial Litigation; Employment Law - Management

[Janis van Meerveld](#) - Litigation - Labor and Employment

Tampa

[Marilyn Mullen Healy](#) - Land Use and Zoning Law

[Lynn Welter Sherman](#) - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Commercial Transactions

/ UCC Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy





Courtney Miller

Among the "Women of the Year"

Courtney Miller Honored Among "Women of the Year" by New Orleans CityBusiness

New Orleans Partner **Courtney Miller** has been selected among the 2015 "Women of the Year" by *New Orleans CityBusiness*, recognizing the top professional businesswomen based on their business accomplishments and community contributions. She will be honored November 12 at a

luncheon and featured in a special issue of *New Orleans CityBusiness* on November 27. [Read more](#)



Lynn Morrow

Among the "Top Women in Music City"

Lynn Morrow Toasted at "Top Women in Music City" Awards

Nashville Office Partner in Charge **Lynn Morrow** was selected among the 2015 "Top Women in Music City" by the *Nashville Business Journal* and honored among the most powerful businesswomen during the 2015 Women In Music City awards Sept. 24 at the Omni Nashville Hotel. [Read more](#)

Community / Leadership

Honors / Recognitions



Elizabeth Maron Lead Jackson Back to School Drive

The Adams and Reese Jackson Office, through a firm-wide "Back to School HUGS Initiative," collected donations to purchase school supplies and make donations to Forest Elementary School. Educators with the Forest Municipal School District were delighted with the firm's school supply contributions to its elementary program, according to Partner **Elizabeth Lee Maron**, a Jackson office HUGS Committee member who delivered the supplies on August 10. [Read more](#)



Susan Mack Appointed to Two Board Positions

Jacksonville Special Counsel **Susan Mack** was appointed as Vice President and a director on the Board of Uptown Civitan, an executive women's service club (the original Civitan Club originated in Birmingham, Alabama

in 1917). Mack was also installed as a director on the Board of Seamount Ranch, a Greater Jacksonville-based residential and educational facility for children. [Read more](#)

Liz Roussel Receives New Orleans' Top Legal Millennial Award

Adams and Reese New Orleans Partner and Executive Committee Member **Liz Roussel** received a 2015 Millennial Award in the law category at "The Millennials: A Salute to Service" awards ceremony, held July 25 at the National World War II Museum. [Read more](#)

Liz Roussel Elected to Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

Liz has also been elected to The Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC). Roussel was elected by the Admissions' Committee of the FDCC's Board of Directors. [Read more](#)



Lynn Sherman Named Among Super Lawyers®

Tampa Partner Lynn Sherman was named among the "Top 50: 2015 Women Florida Super Lawyers®" and "Top 100: 2015 Tampa Bay Super Lawyers®" in this year's rankings. [Read more](#)

Lynn Sherman Appointed Chair of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar's Bankruptcy/UCC Committee

Lynn has been appointed Chair of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar's Bankruptcy/UCC (Uniform Commercial Code) Committee. Sherman will serve a one-year term as Chair. [Read more](#)

Lara White Selected Fellow of American Bar Foundation

New Orleans Partner **Lara White** has been selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, which serves as the research arm of the American Bar Association and is limited to one percent of the lawyers admitted to practice in each jurisdiction of the United States. [Read more](#)

Lara White Named Section of Litigation Conference Co-Chair 2016 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco

Lara will serve as a Co-Chair for the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, from Aug. 4-9, 2016. Lara has worked in various leadership positions in the ABA Section of Litigation over the last nine years, including serving as co-chair of the Products Liability Committee and Member of the Regional Meetings Committee. She also continues for a second year as co-chair of the Section of Litigation's Women Litigator's Conference, to be held in Chicago on November 11-13, 2015. [Read more](#)



Marilyn Mullen Healy
Moderates Tampa Chamber Event, "Tampa to the Core"

Seminars and Presentation Highlights

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.



New Orleans Partner **Jaimmé Collins** participated on a Corporate Counsel Women of Color Panel, "The Legal Perspective: 10 Mistakes to Avoid in Board Governance," in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 23, 2015.



New Orleans Partner **Leslie Lanusse** presented an "Employment Law Update" seminar to the United States Environmental Services HR Leadership Team, in Houston, Texas, on June 23, 2015.



Jackson Partner **Michele McCain** presented "Oil and Gas Related Issues" to The Mississippi Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters, on August 25, 2015.



Jackson Partner **Elizabeth Maron** delivered a presentation at the Mississippi Association of School Business Officials Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, on September 17, 2015. Elizabeth presented "Student and Employment Issues." Elizabeth also presented "Court Decisions, Employment, and Other Matters Affecting School Districts" at the Mississippi School Board Association Council of School Board Attorneys Seminar, in Jackson, Mississippi, on May 5, 2015.



Jackson Associate **Jessica Morris** along with Partner **Elizabeth Maron** presented "Current Legal Issues Facing School Administrators in 2015" at the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents/Alliance Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi on July 15, 2015.



"Tampa to the Core"

Tampa Partner **Marilyn Mullen Healy**, who serves as a member of the Tampa Chamber Advocacy Committee, moderated the Emerge Tampa Bay "Tampa to the Core" event as more than 120 people filled the Tampa Bay History Center TECO Hall on Thursday, August 20, to hear a discussion about transportation improvements and redevelopment in Tampa's urban core. [Read more](#)



Nashville Music Row Partner **Lynn Morrow** presented "Rights of Publicity" at the NBI, Inc. Music Law Seminar in Denver, Colorado on August 6, 2015.



St. Petersburg Special Counsel **Amanda Taylor** served as a guest speaker at the Leadership St. Pete Alumni Association Forum on May 1, 2015 addressing the recently adopted St. Petersburg Downtown Waterfront Master Plan.



New Orleans Partner **Janis van Meerveld** presented "Evolving Laws on Same Sex Marriage, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity" at a Chief Financial Officer Seminar, in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 16, 2015.



Baton Rouge Partner **Patty McMurray** presented a webinar, "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" for the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, on July 23, 2015.

Women's Initiative Leaders



Lara White
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Newsletter Editor



Jaimmé Collins
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Tara Nauful
Partner, Columbia



Nashville Ladies Night Out...Italian Style

The Nashville Office hosted a Ladies' Night Out with clients complete with dinner, cocktails and an "Italian Style Fashion Since 1945" VIP Exhibit Tour at the Fritz Center for Visual Arts Lobby on September 2.



From *The Advocate* - Alisha Duhon holding a redfish she took in the marshes near Turtle Bay. (photo and story by Joe Macluso).

Alisha Duhon Leads Way for Catch and Cook Program

Baton Rouge Government Affairs Advisor (non-lawyer), **Alisha Duhon** and Government Relations Team Leader, Kevin Hayes promoted the Catch and Cook Act in Lafitte. Act 577 now allows participating retail food establishments to prepare certain recreational game fish. Duhon and Hayes lobbied on behalf of Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), which supported the Act. Duhon was featured in an article by *The Advocate* with a picture of her holding a redfish that was prepared and served that same night at Galatoire's Restaurant in New Orleans. [Read more](#)

Articles / Publications

Alexandra Howard Co-Authors Legal Brief

Nashville Attorney **Alexandra Howard** co-authored a Legal Brief in the *Medical Society Quarterly*, "Government Latin Lesson." [Read more](#)



Susan Mack Authors Journal of Reinsurance Article

Jacksonville Special Counsel **Susan Mack** authors "Treaty Clauses: Extra-Contractual Obligations Clause." [Read more](#)



Tara Nauful Co-Authors Legal Brief

"Judges, Guns, And Facebook: Social Media Lessons For Businesses From The Tactical Firearms Case," article by Adams and Reese Partners **Tara Nauful** and Jack Pringle, May 1, 2015. [Read more](#)



Laura Whitmore Co-Authors Article for DRI

"Genetics And Genomics: Making The Invisible Visible" - DRI: For The Defense was co-authored by Adams and Reese attorneys **Paige Sensenbrenner** and **Laura Whitmore**, with Howard Jarvis, attorney with Wolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, April 2015 [click here](#)



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