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Anne Lowry Russell

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Anne Lowry Russell, a prominent attorney at Adams and Reese LLP, is known across Nashville for her illustrious professional career, and also for her devoted service to the community as a chairwoman, board member, mentor, fundraiser and pro bono legal representative for multiple boards and organizations.

Anne started her career as a teacher, and later combined her love for education and the law to become a professor at the Nashville School of Law, where she taught for 18 years. In addition to her law practice at Adams and Reese, she currently serves as adjunct professor at Belmont University School of Law. She is also a trustee of the university, and together with her husband, Joe, endowed the Bridges to Belmont Scholarship Fund, which provides opportunities for high school students to become first-generation college students at Belmont University. A lifelong learner, Anne has earned four degrees and is widely published, including the book "Career and Conflict: Life Choices for Women."

Anne supports numerous organizations, including Cheekwood, the Tennessee Performing Arts Center, the Andrew Jackson Foundation and the United Way of Nashville, where she received the organization's prestigious Alexis de Tocqueville Award. She is also a founding member of the Tiffany Circle of the Red Cross. A strong supporter of the arts, Anne is a national trustee for the National Symphony Orchestra and founder of the Stradivarius and Virtuoso societies for the Nashville Symphony.

Anne has been recognized as an Attorney for Justice by the Tennessee Supreme Court, named Fellow of both the Nashville Bar and Tennessee Bar foundations, and honored as one of the Best Lawyers in America and Best Attorneys in Tennessee. She is also the recipient of the Thomas F. Frist Jr. Volunteer of the Year Award, Nashville Bar President's Award and the Greater Nashville 100 Business Leadership Award. She is the co-founder of the Nashville Conflict Resolution Center, is a founding director of the Cumberland Trust Company, and even developed a community-based needs assessment for schools and nonprofits that is now used worldwide.

She and her husband, Joe, have three daughters and enjoy their grandchildren, traveling, golf and friends. Anne is a graduate of Glenclyff High School.

"Giving back to our community is a way of life for Anne. It's second nature to her to make our city an even better place."

– *Emily Reynolds, Vice Chairwoman, Tennessee Board of Regents*

"Anne is a champion, whether of a case or a cause, or an institution or a person. Her passion – and her compassion – are tangible and sincere, yielding success at every turn."

– *Jane MacLeod, President and CEO, Cheekwood*

"Today's public school students can look at the life of Anne Russell and see that there are no limits to what they can accomplish if they commit to becoming the very best person that they can be."

– *Dr. Bob Fisher, President, Belmont University*

