

### Where You Want To Be

At Adams & Reese, our core values resonate throughout our firm: collegiality, collaboration, transparency, cross-selling, and client service excellence. These principles have earned us national recognition as an AM Law 200 and NLJ 500 law firm and crafted a culture where our people can thrive. We're dedicated to one another, our clients, and the shared pursuit of building a lasting legacy for future legal professionals – individuals like you. Our strategic plan acts as a beacon, attracting talented and passionate law students who recognize the opportunity to leverage Adams & Reese's national presence, vibrant culture, and resources to propel their legal careers forward. We invite you to discover how Adams & Reese can launch your legal career and provide the support needed to excel after law school.



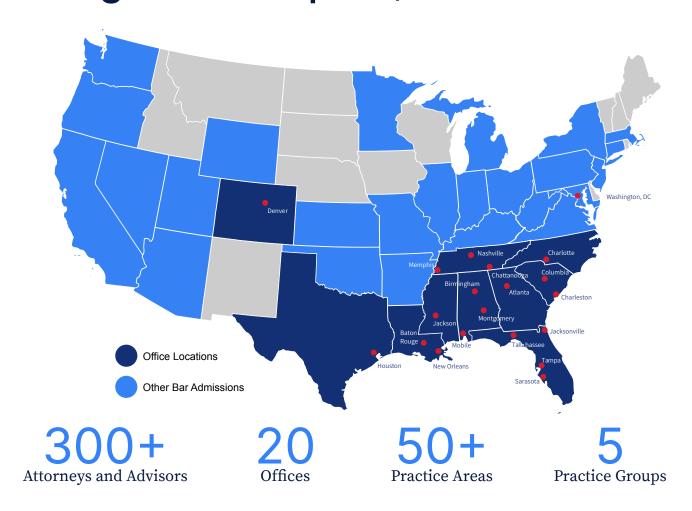
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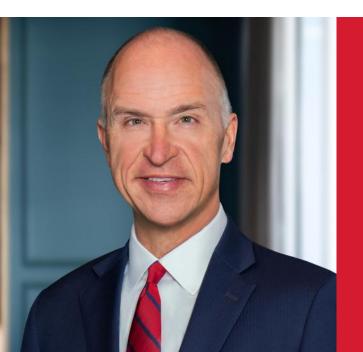


Lee C. Reid
Liaison Partner - Recruiting
Intersection of Business and Government Practice Group Leader



## Regional Footprint, Global Reach





"Our continued success depends on the next generation of attorneys and advisors. We hire talented, industrious law students who share our vision and values, and we invest fully in them. By providing multifaceted mentoring, training, and valuable work experience, we can prepare our future partners for success. On behalf of Adams & Reese, we look forward to meeting with you."

GIF THORNTON
MANAGING PARTNER

# Practice Areas and Industries

## Providing solutions in over 50 practice areas.

Alcohol and Hospitality | Aviation and Aerospace | Commercial Restructuring and Bankruptcy | Commercial Lending Crisis Preparedness and Response Energy / Oil & Gas | Creditors' Rights / Special Assets / Workouts | Maritime Estate, Trust and Fiduciary Litigation | Financial Services Litigation | Financial Services Regulatory / Operations Global Trade, Transportation and Logistics | Global Intellectual Property | Labor and Employment Privacy, Cybersecurity and Data Management | Construction | Education | Environmental | Forestry | Insurance Government Relations | Appellate | Class Action / Complex Litigation | Commercial Litigation | Products Liability Toxic Tort | Middle Market Mergers and Acquisitions | Real Estate | Economic Development | Public Finance | Tax Utilities and Telecommunications | Workplace Safety and OSHA







**Financial Services** 



Intersection of Business and Government



Corporate Services



Construction



## Summer Associate Program

We rely heavily on our Summer Associate Program to identify and hire top talent from law schools throughout the country. The firm is selective in making offers, with the intention to hire summer associates that will develop into future partners.

Each year, our offices host six-week Summer Associate Programs, which include first and second-year law students. Year round, we work closely with career services counselors and administration from accredited law schools to network with and be a welcomed resource to students. We participate in Spring and Fall on-campus interviews, and host a resume collect for interested candidates outside of our OCI scope.

#### **Personal Attention**

To ensure your integration and growth, each summer associate is assigned both a mentor and an advisor. Your mentor is an associate - someone who remembers what it's like to be in your shoes. Your mentor will answer your questions and guide you to produce your best work. Your advisor is a partner who will review your work product while helping you navigate challenging legal concepts. Your advisor will ensure meaningful interaction with other partners by introducing you to their professional network and including you in hands-on learning opportunities.

#### **Purposeful Work**

You will work on cases in a variety of practice areas with attorneys across our footprint and among our five practice groups.

"My favorite part about being a summer associate was how senior attorneys made a significant effort to get me involved in a diverse range of cases. Current law students should know that Adams & Reese attorneys go out of their way to guide your professional development."

Thomas Fuhrman, Associate
 Summer Associate – 2022

#### **Personal Connections**

During the summer clerkship, we will host events for you to get to know other attorneys in a more casual setting. These opportunities foster the environment of collegiality and collaboration for which Adams & Reese is known. We also hope you will build friendships with other summer associates, who may one day be your colleagues.



"Choosing the right firm is an important decision. We want our summer associates to experience what it's like to be an Adams & Reese lawyer, to feel comfortable immersing themselves into our firm culture, and to know that our firm is an ideal place to build a career. Many of us started out as summer associates. We devote our time and energy to this program because it's what our mentors did for us. Whether they end up at Adams & Reese or not, I'm going to give that same time and dedication to every summer associate that steps into our office."

Gerard Gaudet, Partner Liaison
 Summer Associate – 2012

## Law School To Law Career

We strive to make the transition from law school to a legal career seamless by empowering our associates from Day 1. You are given the opportunity early on to utilize the skills you've learned in law school and apply them to real situations that benefit our clients. Your legal career should be challenging in the right way and rewarding in the best way. After all, you are the future of Adams & Reese.

- Our Mentoring Program connects each associate with a mentor. Your mentor is a partner at the firm, and acts as a helpful resource to you as you adjust to your new career.
- You will work in a variety of practice areas as a young lawyer, exploring numerous aspects of the law and honing your skills, which will give you the experience and confidence to know how to develop and excel in your practice.
- Our core values promote working together in teams, which is why our Practice Groups are organized across
  offices throughout the Southern U.S. and Washington, DC. Cross-selling allows us to share ideas and build
  camaraderie while we achieve the best outcomes for our clients.
- They don't teach business development in law school... Our Marketing and Business Development team provides coaching and training to help attorneys grow their practice and establish their professional brand.
- Dedicated resources enable us to focus on what's important practicing law. Our firm makes it a priority to remain at the forefront of legal innovation, to financially position ourselves for continued growth, and to provide comprehensive support, which leads to a healthy culture.



"I started out as a summer associate in 1991. Over the years, my mentors and colleagues encouraged me to explore other areas of law—to change and improve upon my practice. The sense of camaraderie and fulfillment I felt at Adams & Reese is the reason I chose to build my career here and invest in its future. After more than 30 gratifying years with Adams & Reese, I enjoy being around the people, and I appreciate the meaningful work I get to do. Find a firm where they become a big part of your life over time. And look for one that is nimble, willing to stretch, and take calculated risks."

Jim Rogers, Partner
 Summer Associate - 1991





Erica Sensenbrenner, New Orleans Summer Associate – 2017 Joined Adams & Reese in 2019

#### What advice would you give to law students when deciding which firm is right for them?

Reflect on what is important to you, personally and professionally. Prepare questions that will help you identify firms that represent those same values. As a rising 2L, I knew I wanted to be at a firm with a strong reputation and community presence. It was apparent, as a summer associate and during my interviews with the firm, that Adams & Reese truly stood out – in both the legal market and in the communities across its footprint. Its practice group structure would afford me opportunities for growth and change within the same firm. All this made Adams & Reese the right choice for me.

Be sure to ask every law firm the same question to get some insight on what sets them apart.

#### How has Adams & Reese supported your business development goals?

Adams and Reese surpassed my expectations. The firm encouraged me to get involved in the Young Leadership Council and GNO, Inc.'s NextGen Council, two groups that contribute greatly to the economic health and vibrancy of Greater New Orleans. Adams & Reese helped me understand that volunteerism and community involvement is one of the best ways for young attorneys to build and maintain client relationships.



Taylor LeDuff, Baton Rouge Summer Associate – 2019 Joined Adams & Reese in 2020

#### What does collaboration and cross-selling mean to you?

It means you need a dependable and trustworthy team. That's what we have at Adams & Reese. In fact, it's what we pride ourselves on. More often than not, if we personally don't know an answer to a client's issue, we know someone in the firm who does. And if the need arises where a client requires advice in another practice area, we have the resources and the relationships to help.

#### How did our summer associate program prepare you for your legal career?

When you're in law school you get little real-world experience because you're so focused on learning the law and passing the bar exam. Adams & Reese's Summer Associate Program gave me first-hand experience of the day-to-day in a law firm. We billed, performed meaningful work, and what was most rewarding was learning that a research project I worked on helped put together a successful motion for a client.



Taylor Brooks, Nashville
Summer Associate – 2019
Joined Adams & Reese in 2021

#### What advice would you give to law students when deciding which firm is right for them?

Ask yourself what you want in a career and who you want to be surrounded by each day. Culture and collaboration were at the top of my list, given the demanding nature of legal work. Since day 1, I've felt at home at Adams & Reese and liked that the firm was invested in my success. Firm size was also important to me. You get the best of both worlds at Adams & Reese – the resources and reputation of a large firm, and also the opportunity to set yourself apart within your respective market. My best advice is to look for a firm that ensures you succeed, like Adams & Reese did for me.

#### What was your experience as a mentee?

Adams & Reese's mentorship program has proven invaluable to my career. My mentor has become more than just a mentor – she's a friend who has been immensely supportive and helped me grow professionally and personally. I know firsthand how important it is to have a partner in my corner, who gives me a voice at the table before I even have a seat at the table myself.



Carter Pope, Tampa
Summer Associate – 2021
Joined Adams & Reese in 2022

#### How did our summer associate program prepare you for your legal career?

My time as an Adams & Reese Summer Associate was indicative of my experience as an attorney at the firm. Compared to my peers, I was one of the few working at a large firm, doing real work on real cases with real opportunities for growth, all while enjoying the experience and having fun! This experience led to personal growth, as I excelled in trial-prep 3L classes with a practiced hand at drafting. I returned to Adams & Reese following law school with a clear expectation of what my job responsibilities were. That says something about our firm's culture and people – what you see is what you get. Real relationships and real, meaningful work.

#### What advice would you give to law students when deciding which firm is right for them?

Trust your instincts. Make the long-term decision now.





Taylor Smith, New Orleans
Summer Associate – 2023
Joined Adams & Reese in 2024

#### What sets Adams & Reese apart from other firms for you?

Growing up with 13 aunts and uncles, I quickly learned the importance of family. Family is something I value and consider when making important decisions in my life. During my interview, I sensed that this was more than just a typical workplace environment — it felt like a family, where people genuinely valued each other. Conversations were more than surface-level conversations. I felt that every person I interacted with cared about me and my future. These conversations and experiences are what distinguished Adams & Reese from other firms for me, and ultimately led me to choose it as my professional home.

Nowhere will be perfect, but what is unique about Adams & Reese is their willingness to listen and continuously improve.

#### What was your favorite part about being a summer associate with Adams & Reese?

My favorite part of being a summer associate was the sense of validation I felt, knowing that all the hard work I put in throughout these years was paying off. Before the summer, I had no expectations, so receiving assignments that held real significance was something I did not expect. For example, I was assigned to write an appellate brief, and I was amazed by the trust placed in me to handle such a task. This experience helped build my confidence and affirmed that I am capable of what is to come.



Isaac Segura, Houston
Summer Associate – 2023
Joined Adams & Reese in 2024

#### What sets Adams & Reese apart from other firms for you?

Immediately, I was drawn to the community environment across the firm. Attorneys from all offices introduced themselves and demonstrated a willingness to answer questions and provide opportunities to work alongside them. Additionally, the mentorship I was provided was second-to-none. I quickly developed amazing relationships with attorneys across several offices. Adams & Reese has made me feel like a valued member of the team.

#### What was your favorite part about being a summer associate with Adams & Reese?

Inside the office, my favorite part of being a summer associate at Adams & Reese was the substantive work. From week one, attorneys from several practice groups provided me opportunities to assist on different types of projects that not only challenged me, but further cemented my passion for transactional work. This also allowed me to apply my skills that I was developing as a law student, giving me practical application outside of the classroom.

Outside the office, I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with my fellow summer associates and Adams & Reese attorneys at various events. The Houston office prioritized relationship building through mentor-mentee lunches, practice group-specific meetings, Astros games, and intense pickle ball matches. We built friendships in addition to collegial working relationships.

## **Community & Culture**

#### **HUGS / Community Service**

Our commitment to serving others defines who we are as a firm. Our HUGS Program, which stands for Hope, Understanding, Giving and Support, was founded 35 years ago as a way to give back to our community through volunteerism. Through hands-on activities, Adams & Reese attorneys, employees and their families volunteer their personal time to help those in need within charitable organizations throughout the firm's footprint. Any attorney or employee who is already involved in volunteer work within a particular organization can explore the possibility of creating a new HUGS project around the support of the charitable organization. HUGS also provides opportunities for our attorneys to partner with their clients on common interest programs to strengthen the relationships.

#### **Pro Bono**

Caring Adams & Reese Employees (CA&RE) allows every lawyer to provide pro bono work for clients and non profit organizations who cannot afford to pay for an attorney. Adams & Reese is committed to pro bono work, requiring attorneys to annually dedicate at least 20 hours to pro bono work to resolve difficult cases for those in need within our communities.

#### **A&R Diversity**

Adams & Reese is committed to being an employer of choice, attracting top talent across our footprint regardless of a person's diversity status, in order to provide exceptional service to our clients. We strive to achieve this by recruiting, retaining, and advancing a representative workforce that reflects diversity, so that we can meet our clients where they are, in all aspects of their businesses.



Roscoe Green, Partner Diversity Co-Chair



Cassandra Walsh, Partner
Diversity Co-Chair











### **Benefits**

Competitive associate salaries, a rewarding bonus program, and a comprehensive benefits package:

- Health Insurance PPO Plan or HDHP with HSA
- Dental & Vision
- Paid Parental Leave (Gender Neutral)
- Dependent Daycare Reimbursement Program
- Paid Associate Disability Leave
- Life Insurance
- Long & Short-Term Disability
- Medical Reimbursement Pre-tax Program
- 401K Plan and annual employer contribution
- Employee Assistance Program
- Legal & Financial Wellness
- Paid Parking





## We look forward to exploring the possibilities with you.



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