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## **Adams and Reese Continues Regional Growth** *Firm Expands to Memphis*

(New Orleans, LA) Effective May 1, 2006, fifteen attorneys formerly with Armstrong Allen PLLC will join Adams and Reese adding a new Memphis office to the firm's South Central United States regional footprint. The announcement was made jointly by Charles P. Adams Jr., managing partner of Adams and Reese and James B. McLaren, Jr., formerly managing partner of Armstrong Allen. The additional Memphis attorneys further strengthen the regional footprint and client services of the firm. Adams and Reese will have ten offices in nine markets including: Memphis and Nashville, TN; New Orleans and Baton Rouge, LA; Birmingham and Mobile, AL; Houston, TX; Jackson, MS and Washington, DC. Adams and Reese is one of a select few southern firms to be named to the distinguished AMLaw 200 list of the nation's top law firms.

"We were attracted to the Memphis market even before we entered Nashville last year," said Adams. "Our firm's strategic plan calls for progressive growth in targeted markets with thriving economies, so we are naturally excited about the addition of a new office with fifteen attorneys in Memphis, and we plan to grow larger."

Adams and Reese expanded to the Nashville market in 2005 when it merged with the distinguished Stokes Bartholomew firm. That followed a successful merger in 2003 with Lange Simpson Robinson and Somerville, which expanded the Adams and Reese footprint to the Birmingham market and substantially increased the firm's transactional practice, most notably in the banking and financial services sector.

"The depth of talent and experience joining us in Memphis is outstanding and further broadens the reach of our litigation and transactions practices," said Adams. "It is a perfect, strategic move for us and we are very excited about our growth potential in the Memphis market."

According to McLaren, "As we looked to grow our business and better meet client needs, joining a regional firm was the most logical and efficient course. Adams and Reese has earned a powerful reputation by focusing on results for their clients, not just process. It is truly a regional firm organizationally with a strong commitment to the communities where it has a presence. It's a perfect fit for us."

McLaren continued, “Adams and Reese has a well-defined vision and a long term strategic plan, which was very attractive to us in our deliberations about our future direction. It will further enable us to add value to the services we provide our clients, with expanded areas of practice and experience in a broader geographic region.”

Attorneys joining Adams and Reese in Memphis include: Cannon F. Allen, Donna L. Boyce, Brian S. Faughnan, Stephen Hester, James B. McLaren, Jr., G. Thomas McPherson, Lisa A. Moore, Mark S. Norris, Tricia T. Olson, Lucian T. Pera, Thomas R. Prewitt, Jr., Henry C. Shelton, III, Jeffrey C. Smith, Emily Campbell Taube, and Joseph B. Walker.

Adams and Reese has more than 50 years experience working with local, regional, national and international corporations, agencies, municipalities, universities and individuals. The firm’s client list includes companies in a wide range of industries ranging from manufacturing, shipping, and oil, gas and energy resources, to banking and finance, real estate, healthcare and telecommunications. It is a multidisciplinary firm providing legal counsel in practice areas as diverse as labor and employment, entertainment, mergers and acquisitions and corporate law to product liability, class action litigation, intellectual property and governmental relations.

*With more than 300 lawyers, Adams and Reese has offices in Baton Rouge, LA; Birmingham, AL; Houston, TX; Jackson, MS; Memphis, TN (effective May 1, 2006); Mobile, AL; Nashville, TN; New Orleans, LA and Washington, D.C. American Lawyer Magazine includes Adams and Reese on its distinguished list of the nation’s top 200 firms - “The AmLaw 200.” The National Law Journal also lists the firm on the “NLJ 250” of the nation’s largest law firms.*

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