

# King John Allen Bobango

As Carnival Memphis enters its 84th year we honor the Legal Industry of Memphis and all of its contributions to the Mid-South Community. During this year, no one is a better choice to reign as King than John A. Bobango.

As Chief Manager of Memphis based Farris Bobango PLC, King John has long been viewed as one the pre-eminent legal minds in our community. While leading the firm in Memphis from his office on Shady Grove Road, King John has developed a personal practice concentrating in business law in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities, venture capital, health care, real estate, as well as government relations. Farris Bobango also operates a Nashville office focused on government relations, administrative law and litigation services.

King John has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors throughout his career including being named "Lawyer of the Year" - Memphis Lawyer's 2015 Mergers and Acquisitions Law by Best Lawyers of America. He was selected Top 50 Lawyers in Memphis, Top 100 Lawyers in Tennessee and is listed in the Best Lawyers of America in the field of Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities, Capital Markets Law, Tax Law and Venture Capital Law. King John is a member of the Arkansas, Tennessee, Florida and Memphis Bar Associations and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Memphis Bar. Our King has been named a Fellow in the Memphis and American Bar Associations.

During his undergraduate years at Arkansas State University, our King was a member of the ASU Baseball Team and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Upon graduation, he accepted his first job as a PIKE Chapter Consultant. During the past 21 years, he has held numerous leadership positions and is currently President of the International Fraternity.

King John attended the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law where he not only received his J.D. degree in 1983, but also met his wife, Lisa. Following law school, King John attended the University of Florida where he received his Master of Laws in Taxation in 1984.

A former member of the Board of Directors of Carnival Memphis, King John has long played an important role in the Memphis community, the most significant of which was serving a four year term on the Memphis City Council ending in 2000. King John served on the Board of Directors of the University of Memphis Law School Alumni Chapter and was President in 2008-2009. He has previously served on the Board of several important Mid-South institutions including St. Georges' Independent School, Economic Club of Memphis, Methodist Healthcare Foundation, the Joint City of Memphis and Shelby County Community



*The Bobango Family: Lisa, Allen, John and Mary Lauren*

Redevelopment Agency, Make-a-Wish Foundation of the Mid-South and the University of Memphis Athletic Board. King John is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Madonna Learning Center, the Board and Executive Committee of Streets Ministries and Christ United Methodist Church where he has served in various leadership positions.

Our King also played a role in the always-important Memphis basketball scene when he was engaged by the local ownership group of the Memphis Grizzlies to oversee the lobbying efforts to seek funding to build the FedEx Forum.

In addition to his legal and civic engagements, our King has also been active in politics where he has served in numerous leadership positions in campaigns for local, state and national candidates.

King John has been happily married to his wife Lisa for 32 years. Lisa is a former Carnival Princess. They have two children; Allen, who was a Carnival Escort and Prince of the Nineteenth Century Club in 2010 and Mary Lauren, who was the Junior League of Memphis Princess in 2013.