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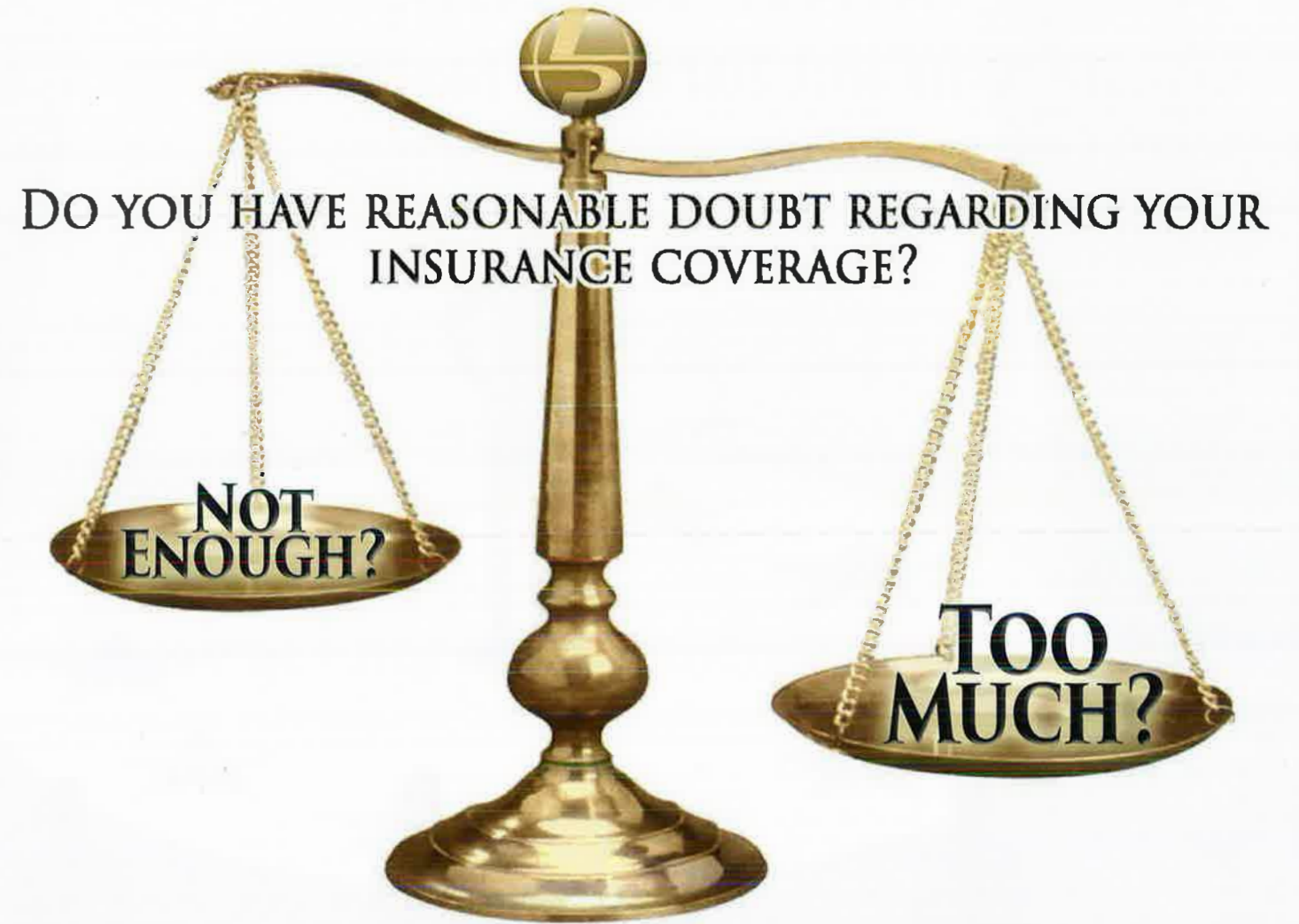
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In 1931, the Mid-South, like the rest of the country, was in the throes of the Great Depression. The prosperity of the region was dependent on cotton, our chief economic asset, and we needed something that would increase demand for this precious commodity.

At the same time, the Memphis Chamber of Commerce was having trouble raising money to compete with other cities in the South. A. Arthur Halle and a group of businessmen called on Herbert Jennings, manager of Lowe's Theater, for a donation. Jennings agreed to contribute and shared an idea that he believed would help promote business and draw attention to cotton. To help publicize an upcoming movie, Jennings offered retailers the opportunity display cotton goods in his theater, and he planned to encourage them to use their own store windows to promote cotton clothing. Halle was intrigued by the idea and envisioned a larger, city-wide promotion. He called his friend, Everett Cook, who was President of the Cotton Exchange and invited Cook to come to the theater to hear Halle and Jennings' ideas. Those ideas quickly grew into a plan for a grand celebration that would involve a King, a Queen, and a Royal Court, as well as people from all over the Mid-South. Excited about the idea, Cook and Halle met later that evening and by the wee hours of the morning, the plans for the first Carnival had been developed. It worked, and people began to demand more cotton products from socks to ball gowns. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Eighty-four years later, the mission of Carnival remains much the same as it was in 1931: to recognize and promote an industry that has a major economic impact on the Mid-South community, to promote the City of Memphis as a great place to live and work, and to hold an annual celebration in honor of the industry and the people of the Mid-South. Several years ago we dropped the "Cotton" from our name because our community has grown in such tremendous ways, and our economy has become more diversified. We accomplish our mission through the three C's: Commerce, Community and Celebration. Part of our celebration is the King, Queen, and Royal Court, just as in 1931. Adding to the pageantry of our celebration are the Ten Grand Krewes of Carnival which have coronations and parties celebrating their King, Queen and Court as well.

All Carnival and Grand Krewe Royalty participate in our community involvement program called the Carnival Children's Charity Initiative, which was started in 1999. Each year three local children's charities are selected by Carnival and the Grand Krewes. During the past fifteen years, Carnival and the Grand Krewes have raised more than \$1,750,000 with matching funds for these charities. On Friday, February 27th, Carnival Memphis held the seventh annual Krewes for Kids Children's Charity fundraiser at the Memphis Botanic Garden. This was an incredible event, as all 10 Grand Krewes and Carnival Memphis pooled their resources for a "mega" fundraiser that was attended by over 400 people. It was the most successful fundraiser in our history with over \$88,000 being raised for this year's charities: Madonna Learning Center, Peer Power Foundation and Red Zone Ministries.

Carnival was started in order to promote the Commerce of the Community and this pledge is even stronger today through the 29th Business and Industry Salute Luncheon, the cornerstone of the celebration of Carnival. The economic base of the region has grown and diversified to the degree that no one industry is singularly responsible for our economic health. This year's honorees are the Best of the Best in their profession. They have been recognized by their peers, they touch the lives of everyone in the community, and they have made a commitment to make Memphis a better place to live and work through their community service and involvement. The luncheon is a tribute to them, and Carnival Memphis is very pleased to recognize and honor these distinguished business, professional and civic leaders. This year, our 84th, we salute the men and women of the region's Legal Industry.

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2015 Carnival Events

THE CROWN & SCEPTRE CORONATION BALL
Friday, May 29th 6:00pm
Hilton Memphis

The elaborate presentation of the King and Queen of Carnival with the Royal Court and the Grand Krewes is the party of the year! This white tie ball includes the coronation ceremonies as well as cocktails, dinner and dancing to the fantastic music of The Pat Patrick Orchestra.

Space is limited! Please order early for best seating.

THE PRINCESS BALL
Saturday, May 30th 7:00pm
The Memphis Hunt and Polo Club

Honoring the Royal Court, this exciting event is for Association Members and their special guests only. Great music from Mark Anderson's Party Train will accompany a fantastic night of dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar.

THE KING & QUEEN'S CHILDREN'S CHARITIES DAY
Wednesday, June 3rd 4:00pm
The Pink Palace Museum

Join the King, Queen, Royal Court, Grand Krewes and guest charities for a fun afternoon at the Pink Palace Museum. Then help culminate "The Party with a Purpose" as Carnival Memphis presents the 2015 Children's Charity Initiative Recipients: Madonna Learning Center, Peer Power Foundation and Red Zone Ministries, with proceeds from this year's fundraising efforts.

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Beginning in the early 1950s, Farris Bobango PLC established its reputation by consistently delivering outstanding results to their clients. With the breadth and depth of knowledge and experience available at Farris Bobango, clients are assured insightful, strategic legal advice in today's competitive marketplace. The firm's local, regional and national clients include Fortune 500 companies, publicly and privately held businesses, entrepreneurs, financial institutions, hospitals, health systems and other healthcare providers, governmental entities, non-profit organizations and insurance companies. The firm also provides services to contractors, real estate developers and property owners.

For more than 20 years, Farris Bobango has established 5k races to benefit local non-profit groups, including: Pumpkin Run 5k benefitting LeBonheur Children's Hospital, Field of Dreams 5k benefitting RBI Memphis Redbird Foundation, River of Dreams 5k benefitting Make-A-Wish Foundation and St. Louis Cardinal 5k benefitting St. Louis Educational

Fund and Madonna Learning Center. These events have raised over \$400,000.00 for charity. The firm has also partnered and volunteered with various non-profits including: Junior League of Memphis, Mid-South Food Bank, Madonna Learning Center, Junior Achievement of Memphis, Memphis Symphony, The Phoenix Club and Paige Robbins Adult Day Center. Farris Bobango has endowed an annual scholarship award at the University of Memphis to recognize and encourage outstanding research by faculty members.

Farris Bobango is consistently ranked as a "Best Law Firm" by *Best Lawyers*®, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. *Best Lawyers*® has awarded National Ranking as well as "Top Tier" Metropolitan Ranking to the firm in numerous areas of the law. Farris Bobango attorneys have also been recognized by *Best Lawyers*® in mergers and acquisitions law, corporate law, banking and finance law, real estate law, tax law, securities, and capital markets law. In addition, Farris Bobango attorneys have repeatedly been named as Mid-South "Super Lawyers" and "Tennessee Top 100" through a statewide review and nomination process. Farris Bobango is the exclusive Memphis member of Meritas, an integrated, nonprofit alliance of more than 6,700 experienced lawyers in 173 full-service law firms serving 226 markets throughout the world.

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Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. (MALS) Harrison D. McIver III, Esq., Executive Director and CEO



The Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. (MALS) story began in 1968, in the wake of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. The commitment and resolve of thirty lawyers and law students, led by Mike Cody, persevered in the face of initial opposition until the Neighborhood Legal Services Project (NLSP) opened its doors in the basement of Centenary United Methodist Church in 1968. In 1970, Memphis and Shelby County Legal Services (MSCLS) became a reality due to the same unsung heroes. Hon. George H. Brown (retired Circuit Court Judge) and Mayor A C Wharton, Jr. served as the first two Executive Directors. With additional funding afforded by the Legal Services Corporation Act in 1974, MSCLS expanded services to Fayette, Lauderdale and Tipton counties, thus precipitating the change to a more inclusive name- Memphis Area Legal Services.

Today MALS continues the tradition of providing high quality and aggressive advocacy guided by values and principles that embody a commitment to equal access to justice. Its work is invaluable to the community. The dedicated and capable staff, complemented by volunteers from the private bar and students in the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Clinical Program, delivers legal assistance -advice and counsel, court and administrative representation. MALS prevents veterans and their families from becoming homeless, affords families

life-sustaining income that puts food on their table and a roof over their heads, and removes women with children and the elderly from abusive and/or violent living conditions. With an eligible client population of over 200,000 and annual requests for assistance of 20,000, MALS cannot respond to every legal need. However, legal representation coupled with community education and outreach provides essential services annually to nearly 10,000 vulnerable residents.

Indeed, MALS value to the community was never more evident than an Economic Impact Study commissioned by the Tennessee Bar Association. It found that Tennessee legal aid organizations, including MALS, were responsible for a positive financial impact of \$188.6 million statewide. Every dollar invested in legal aid produces an average of \$11 in financial benefits extending to businesses, government, and individuals across all social classes. They help Tennesseans gain direct access to over \$64 million in immediate and long-term financial benefits; and provide over \$81 million in benefits to Tennessee.

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The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Peter V. Letsou, Dean



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Founded in 1962 as the Memphis State University College of Law, the **University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law** is an American Bar Association accredited law school located in Memphis, Tennessee and is the only law school in the city. The school was named in honor of former University of Memphis president, Cecil C. Humphreys. Memphis Law graduates have exceeded the Tennessee State Bar passage rate for 15 consecutive years by an average of 8%. Considering this impressive statistic, it is no surprise that Memphis Law alumni comprise 53 percent of all practicing Shelby County attorneys. In addition to the strong regional presence, there are more than 6,000 alumni across the country working as attorneys, judges, government administrators and public officials.

The school prides itself on its diverse student population, experiential learning opportunities and involvement in the local community. In 2010, the law school moved to its new home in downtown Memphis, in the historic building at 1 North Front that formerly housed the U.S. Custom House, Federal Courthouse and the U.S. Post Office. The new facility is a state of the art, high-tech and modern learning environment that is within walking distance of all

federal and state courts, as well as many of the city's most prominent law firms. Additionally, *PreLaw magazine* and the *National Jurist* recently listed Memphis Law as having the "Best Law School Facilities" in the nation. The law school's location puts it in a position of influence within the city. As the only law school in Memphis and in Tennessee, Memphis Law gives students unparalleled opportunities for success. Its location impacts the education and experience students receive during their time here and in turn, that education and experience helps them to succeed wherever they go after law school. Memphis makes the difference, as evidenced by the way that Memphis Law is: an exceptional **HOME** and **LOCATION**; **DEDICATED** to student-focused, experiential learning; **ENGAGED** with the community; and has a tradition of **SUCCESS**.

The University of Memphis School of Law has been training attorneys for over 50 years and has experienced great growth and success, both regionally and nationally. The experiential learning approach, notable alumni and strong community ties promise that the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law will continue to produce leaders in the legal industry for many years to come.

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COOK HALLE AWARD NAMED FOR CARNIVAL FOUNDERS

No one imagined during the first Carnival, in a cold and snowy March of 1931, that a celebration to promote the regions cotton industry would stand the test of time, nor did they ever imagine the enormous impact that it would have on our community. Everett R. Cook and A. Arthur Halle knew the idea was right for the time and they knew it would benefit the Mid-South economically, socially and politically. They would be astonished at Carnival's remarkable accomplishments and pleased, we trust, at its 84 years of continuing success.

At the first organizational meeting of Carnival, Cook expressed his vision this way: "Carnival is to promote business for everybody and should not be used by any one group. It is for all of the stores and all of the people, for all kinds of professions and businesses, for the city as a whole

regardless of the size of the business, the social standing, wealth, prestige, family background or anything else that would tend to make anyone feel that he or she would not be invited to participate in Carnival." Messrs. Cook and Halle were well-respected business and civic leaders, their contributions to our community were vast and their vision unparalleled. That is the reason Carnival's most prestigious award is named in their honor. The recipients of the Cook Halle Award have distinguished themselves as leaders in their industry and their community.

Lewis R. Donelson III exemplifies those exceptional qualities. He has an impressive list of professional and personal accomplishments and has made many lasting contributions to our community.

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The firm maintains two offices in Memphis, an office in Oxford, Mississippi, and in Washington, DC. Harris Shelton is active regionally, nationally and internationally, handling a wide variety of matters for clients. While maintaining extensive litigation resources, the firm also handles matters outside the courtroom in the areas of health care, business counseling, banking and commercial lending, bankruptcy, real estate transactions, tax law, estate planning, intellectual property and governmental law. Harris Shelton recognizes that clients want to hire both a law firm and a lawyer – a law firm that has the people and resources to provide high quality, efficient and effective legal services, and a lawyer who is a participant and counselor in their business, personal and financial affairs. The firm

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The firm specializes in the following practice areas: Appellate Practice, Banking/Financial Institutions, Bankruptcy and Debt Restructuring, Business and Corporate Law, Business Immigration, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Equine Law, Estate Planning, Probate and Trusts, Family Law, Health Care, Insurance, Intellectual Property, International Law, Labor and Employment Law, Maritime Law, Mediation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolutions, Medical Malpractice Defense, Municipal Law, Personal Injury, Product Liability, Professional Liability Defense, Real Estate Law and Taxation. Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh, PLLC received a Tier 1 ranking in the 2015 edition of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers* “Best Law Firms,” a joint initiative between *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* to rank more than 12,000 firms in the United States. Seventeen of the firm’s highly esteemed lawyers were selected for the 2014 Mid-South Super Lawyers list and 19 attorneys were listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2015*.

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The year 1904 saw many notable events in American history. Henry Ford set a new automobile land speed record, U.S. Army engineers began work on what would become the Panama Canal, Theodore Roosevelt won a second presidential term in a landslide, and a young University of Virginia graduate named John Donelson Martin embarked on his legal career by working with the United States Senator from Memphis, Thomas Turley.

While Ford would go on to create the Model T, the Panama Canal would transform shipping and commerce, and Roosevelt would lead the nation for another four years, John Martin’s career would take him all the way to the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Along the way he founded and helped shape the firm that is today **Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston, P.C.** Over one hundred years later, Martin Tate is known as one of the most respected and established law firms in the Memphis’ and Mid-South legal community. While Martin Tate has expanded to include an office in the Nashville area, the firm prides itself on its Memphis roots and long-term commitment to this city and the Mid-South as a region.

Resisting the urge to grow too large too fast, Martin Tate has retained the feel of a homegrown firm, though one with national reach and experience in litigation, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, trusts and estates, business transactions, land use and planning, economic development and intellectual property. Being a well-established regional firm has allowed Martin Tate attorneys to truly know and understand the needs of their clients. Indeed, many Martin Tate clients have been represented by the firm for decades.

Having represented such successful Memphis-born companies as Holiday Inn and M.S. Carriers, Martin Tate is deeply ingrained in the fabric of the Memphis business community. Martin Tate attorneys are also invested in their community, serving on numerous boards and volunteering their time while being widely recognized by their peers and legal organizations for their commitment and dedication to their clients. Carnival Memphis is proud to honor Martin Tate as a leading member of the Memphis and Mid-South legal community.

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With a roster of experienced lawyers, several listed amongst the *Best Lawyers in America*, honors from such venerable publications as *U.S. News and World Reports*, and a top rating for legal ability and ethical standards by Martindale-Hubbell, it is no wonder this Memphis legal brand name has been listed as a "Top Workplace" by *The Commercial Appeal*. Glankler Brown has long been recognized for its strength and talent in the litigation area, and has also grown that strength and experience to include more than 30 different areas of law - including corporate law and business transactions, and real estate and lending law. The firm's commitment to maintaining a diverse group of skilled attorneys and continued growth in

all practice areas shows dedication to client service, both at home and across the globe. Glankler Brown shares their clients' commitment to nurture the communities in which they live and work and is proud to support local civic and charitable organizations including Youth Programs, the Assisi Foundation, the Memphis Regional Chamber, The Children's Museum of Memphis, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Wharton Charitable Foundation, The Cotton Museum at Memphis Cotton Exchange and more. The firm's lawyers maintain memberships and have served in leadership positions in the American, Federal, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Alaska, Maryland, Kentucky, North Carolina, Washington D.C. and Memphis Bar Associations. The firm's attorneys represent clients with business issues throughout the United States and abroad. In addition to Tennessee, they have attorneys licensed in Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, New York, Texas, Illinois and Maryland, as well as Washington D.C. Glankler Brown is at heart, a local firm with far-reaching regional, national and international capabilities.

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Cook Halle Award



Lewis Randolph Donelson III
Senior Counsel, Baker, Donelson, Bearman,
Caldwell and Berkowitz, PC

Carnival Memphis presents the Cook Halle Award to an individual for outstanding contribution to their industry and to our community. We are very pleased to name Lewis Randolph Donelson III recipient of the 2015 Cook Halle Award. Mr. Donelson's commitment to the Legal Industry and our community exemplifies the qualities of those who have received Carnival's highest honor. During the over 70 years that Lewis R. Donelson III has practiced law, much has changed in not just the legal profession, but in our community as well. And Mr. Donelson, "Lewie" as he is known to his friends, has played a part in many of those positive changes. Mr. Donelson played a key role in increasing funding for rural schools when he represented a group of 77 school systems in a successful lawsuit to force the State of Tennessee to fund schools in a more equitable manner, thus helping children from poorer districts have the same opportunity to receive a quality education as children from more privileged districts. He maintained this interest in education and served on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission from 1982 through 1992 and the Board of the National Rural Schools Trust from 1999 through 2008.

Mr. Donelson won many landmark cases including one of the first family partnership tax cases; the lead case in holding that local power companies chartered as public non-profits are tax-free; a leading case involving the taxation of cotton futures trading and hedging; and an early case involving multiple corporations. Mr. Donelson formed the first Professional Limited Liability Company in Tennessee and established some of the earliest private pension and profit-sharing plans. He persuaded the three-judge court in *Baker v. Carr* to adopt their plan for reapportionment of the Tennessee General Assembly. He has had years of experience in advising small and family businesses on tax, legal and policy matters. He has been counselor for many corporations of various sizes, acting as chief legal advisor and participating in many corporate policy discussions. Mr. Donelson was the outside general counsel for First Tennessee National Corporation for many years, and his Firm still provides that representation.

Since 1952, Mr. Donelson has been active in politics through his involvement at the local, state and national levels. His experience includes serving as a member of Memphis's first City Council; as a delegate to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention in 1971; as Commissioner of Finance and Administration (Chief Operating Officer) for the State of Tennessee from 1979 through 1981 under Governor Lamar Alexander; and as a

delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1964, 1968 and 1988, serving on the platform committee in 1988.

Mr. Donelson's professional honors and awards are numerous and include being listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 1983 in the areas of Corporate Law and Tax Law. He received the Memphis Bar Association's "Judge Jerome Turner Lawyer's Lawyer Award" in 2012; the Civic Award from the Memphis Chapter of UNICO in 2010; the Tennessee Medical Association Community Service Award in 2007 and the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award, Chickasaw Council in 2006. A Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Association, Mr. Donelson was named Memphis "Lawyer of the Year" (Corporate Law) by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2009.

In 1954, Lewie Donelson co-founded the law firm of Donelson and Adams, now known as Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell and Berkowitz, PC, which is the 68th largest law firm in the country with 690 attorneys and public policy advisors in 19 cities across seven states and in Washington, D.C. Today, he serves as senior counsel in the Memphis office of Baker Donelson and concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate and tax law. His experience includes corporate and partnership taxation, state and local taxation, estate planning and probate, corporate formation and partnership, and education financing. Mr. Donelson also shares his tremendous wisdom and advice with new young attorneys coming into practice. In 2012, he published his memoir in an incredible book titled *Lewie*.

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) with distinction in 1938, Mr. Donelson decided to pursue a career in the law and enrolled in the Georgetown University Law Center where he graduated with an LL.B. in 1941. He served as a trustee of Rhodes from 1957 through 1967 and received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the school in 1987. Mr. Donelson has served on numerous non-profit Boards including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital since 1984 and was Chairman of the National Advisory Council for The Hermitage from 1995 through 2008, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Regional Medical Center at Memphis from 1996 through 2006. Mr. Donelson was married to the love of his life, Janice Ost Donelson (Jan) for 65 years until her death in 2010. They have a son, Lewis R. Donelson IV, two daughters, Janice Donelson Goddard and Katharine Loring Donelson Daniel, and five grandchildren Donelson Howell, Mason Howell, James Martin Donelson, David Daniel Jr., and Sarah Donelson.

Honorees

Burch, Porter & Johnson, PLLC

Nathan A. Bicks, Chief Manager

For more than a century, **Burch, Porter & Johnson, PLLC** has provided a broad range of legal services to clients in the greater Memphis area. From sophisticated transactions for large corporations to the personal needs of individuals—Burch, Porter & Johnson offers quality legal counsel and representation. From its inception, the firm's focus has been on client service – providing specialized expertise, value, responsiveness and practical solutions to address its clients' needs. Originally founded in 1904, the firm's namesake comes from Lucius E. Burch, Jr., John S. Porter and Jesse E. Johnson. In the 1930s to the 1980s, Burch and Porter were among the most active and respected trial lawyers in Tennessee. Lucius Burch earned a reputation for his leadership in the areas of political reform, civil rights and the conservation of the environment. John Porter served as President of the Memphis Bar Association among other offices, and was the first recipient of the Memphis Bar Association's "Lawyer's Lawyer" Award. Jesse Johnson was a highly regarded business transaction lawyer. The firm's practice is highly diverse, including virtually every kind of litigation, business and transactional matter. The firm has

Evans | Petree PC E. Woods Weathersby, President

Founded in 1907 by Marion G. Evans, the law office that eventually became **Evans | Petree PC** quickly established a reputation for providing its clients with sound advice and vigorous advocacy as well as being active in the community. In addition to practicing law and serving as President of the Tennessee Bar Association, Mr. Evans was elected to the state legislature and for many years donated his legal services to the Memphis Board of Education. He was joined in practice by his son-in-law, Jack Petree, who continued the firm's traditions of excellent trial and appellate practice and representation of the Board of Education. Over one hundred years later, the attorneys of Evans | Petree strive to practice law in a manner that will preserve the notable legacy that Messrs. Evans and Petree provided. Since Mr. Petree's death in 1973, the firm has markedly increased its size and the scope of its services. Evans | Petree has grown from 12 to 47 attorneys in the past four decades and offers its diverse group of clients representation across the entire legal spectrum. From public companies and governmental entities to family-owned businesses and individuals, the firm provides counsel to a wide array of clients in virtually every area

also championed the environment and conservation in a number of important cases, including one that resulted in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision. Present or former members of the firm include a senior judge on the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, a Tennessee Court of Appeals judge, a Tennessee Attorney General and United States Attorney, several present and former Tennessee Circuit Court judges, a Tennessee State Treasurer, a former United States congressman, and members of the Tennessee General Assembly. The firm has recently been recognized as the Number One "Bet-the-Company Litigation" law firm in Tennessee by the publication *Best Lawyers in America*. The firm's historic location at Court Square in downtown Memphis is one of significant importance. Built in 1890, The Tennessee Club Building and The Goodbar Building (now internally connected and occupied entirely by the firm) were a center for business and political activity in Memphis. The Tennessee Club, specifically, was the scene for social gatherings and visited by many prominent people of the time including Presidents William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt.

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of the law. The firm represents a diverse roster of local, national and international clientele and offers counsel in a variety of practice areas including employment law, tax planning, wills and estates, real estate, corporate, private client, health care and family law. The lawyers at Evans | Petree have received many accolades and honors over the years. Most recently, sixteen lawyers from the firm were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 21st edition of *The Best Lawyers in America 2015*. As a firm, Evans | Petree is very active in community, charitable and pro-bono activities, substantially supporting The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law as well as their Minority Scholarship Program. The firm also donates annually to the Make a Wish Foundation and to date has granted 13 wishes. The firm encourages its employees and members to dedicate time to the cause that is most important to them. Focusing on charitable giving as a firm, as well as on an individual level, provides greater opportunity for community outreach and involvement.



Judge Julia Smith Gibbons United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit



federal judiciary's budget request to Congress, which is approved by the Judicial Conference prior to submission. Prior to her judicial career, Judge Julia Gibbons served as Legal Advisor to Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander after practicing law with the Farris, Hancock, Gilman, Branan & Lanier law firm in Memphis. During her legal career she was engaged in civil practice with an emphasis on litigation. Judge Gibbons is a magna cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt University where she was a Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated with a Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and served on the Tennessee Board of the Virginia Law Review. Following her law school graduation she served as a law clerk to the late Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Nashville. Judge Gibbons has received many awards and recognitions including being selected by Memphis attorneys to receive Council and has served on the Council Executive Committee; was chair of the Judicial Officer Resources Working Group in 1998-1989 after being appointed by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and was also appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist to the Judicial Resources Committee, judicial Conference of the United States where she was a member from 1990 through 1999 and served as the Chairperson from 1994 through 1999. Judge Gibbons was appointed a member of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation from 2000 through 2003 by appointment of Chief Justice Rehnquist and also served as a member of the Search Committee for Director of Administrative Office of U.S. Courts during 2005 after being appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts. In December of 2003 Judge Gibbons was appointed by Chief Justice Rehnquist to serve on the Budget Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. The fundamental purpose of the Judicial Conference is to make policy with regard to the administration of the United States courts. In December of 2004, Judge Gibbons became Chairperson of the Budget Committee. In this role she is the spokesperson before the United States Congress for federal judiciary budget issues. The Budget Committee also formulates the

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King's Award

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Apperson Crump PLC Joe Aldridge, Managing Partner

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Apperson Crump PLC is celebrating the law firm's 150th year. Founded in 1865, it is the oldest continuously operating law firm in Memphis. At its sesquicentennial the firm enjoys a rich history in the Memphis legal community. Many Apperson Crump attorneys have been called to serve on the bench, as bar association presidents and leaders in the legal community and local and state governments. The firm's attorneys have been involved in a stream of legal cases and issues important to the City of Memphis and State of Tennessee. The firm was founded by Charles W. Metcalf immediately following his service for the Confederacy at the Battle of Shiloh. As recently as 2008, one of Mr. Metcalf's grandsons, the firm's distinguished partner, Charles Metcalf Crump, was still practicing at the age of 95. With a one hundred and fifty year history of serving the Memphis legal community, Apperson Crump also takes pride in giving back to the greater good of the city. Several of the firm's attorneys volunteer on boards and charities throughout the city, as well as routinely offering their pro-bono legal services for important community interests. Apperson Crump is a comprehensive law firm that deals in all critical areas of the law, including tax and estate

planning, estates and trusts litigation, elder law, domestic relations and family law, transportation law, franchising, litigation, medical malpractice, law specifically pertaining to non-profit organizations, personal injury, public law, real estate, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, commercial financing and banking, and corporate and business law. The firm is rated 'av' by Martindale-Hubbell and has been consistently recognized as a top tier law firm in the areas of elder law, trusts and estates, estates and trusts litigation, medical malpractice, municipal law, personal injury, as well as the practice of law involving real estate. The firm has also been listed among the "Best Law Firms in America" by U.S. News Media Group. Many Apperson Crump attorneys have been included in the list of *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, published annually by Thomson Reuters, in which attorneys are nominated by their peers. Apperson Crump is the thread that ties together the rich history of the legal profession in Memphis since the Civil War. Apperson Crump truly is, "the law in Memphis since 1865."

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across the region, Baker Donelson has remained a true treasure to both the Memphis legal community and the region as a whole. Several firm members have served in public positions on the local, state and federal levels as well as maintaining board positions on many important civic, charitable, religious and professional organizations. Baker Donelson employees are also provided eight hours of paid volunteer time each year and amongst the many local recipients of the firm's support are the Memphis Arts Council, Special Olympics, Memphis Area Legal Services, The Blues Foundation and Theater Memphis, just to name a few. Baker Donelson is also committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce through such programs as the Women's Initiative. Through this initiative, the firm strives to create an environment where female attorneys can thrive, thus increasing the firm's ability to provide unmatched service. The last 125 years have been an amazing mix of growth and service for Memphis' largest law firm.

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Chairman's Award

W.J. Michael Cody
Partner, Burch, Porter &
Johnson, PLLC



With 54 years in the legal profession, W.J. Michael Cody has led a distinguished career as an advocate, mediator and leader in dispute resolution. He began his practice in 1961 at the firm of Burch, Porter and Johnson where he is a partner today, focusing on the mediation and arbitration of complex commercial disputes, as well as internal investigations and regulatory matters. Mr. Cody received his Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction from Rhodes College in 1958 and Honorary Doctor of Laws in 1989. He pursued his education at the University of Virginia School of Law and was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1961. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law, Mr. Cody was persuaded by Lucius Burch Jr., of Burch, Porter and Johnson to return to his hometown.

A career highlight includes his firm's representation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the sanitation strike of 1968. Mr. Cody, along with his colleagues at Burch, Porter & Johnson, working under Lucius Burch Jr., were able to persuade a federal judge to lift the city's injunction against a march that Dr. King was planning in support of the striking sanitation workers. Just hours after the hearing, he heard the news from his car that Dr. King had been shot. With riots well underway, Mr. Cody was escorted by police downtown where he met with civil rights leader James Lawson who was working to peacefully resolve the tense situation. His commitment to fair legal representation continued with the founding of the Neighborhood Legal Services Project (NLSF) in 1968, known today as the Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. (MALS). MALS is the primary provider of civil legal representation to low income families in the western Tennessee counties and helps individuals facing issues such as: domestic violence; mortgage foreclosure; eviction or homelessness; wrongful denial of health care, food stamps, unemployment compensation and other assistance; consumer fraud or predatory lending; and special challenges of children and the elderly.

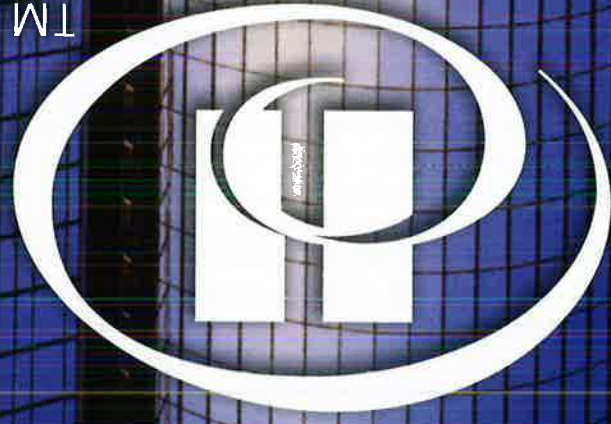
Mr. Cody served on the Memphis City Council from 1975 to 1977. In 1977 he was appointed by President Carter to a four-year term as United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. While serving as U.S. attorney his office was involved in numerous white collar, environment,

organized crime and political corruption cases, as well as working with the FBI to rescue a young woman who had been kidnapped near the Tennessee River. In 1984, Mr. Cody became Attorney General for the State of Tennessee. During this time he personally argued four cases before the U.S. Supreme Court; tackled tough issues such as prison overcrowding, higher education desegregation and advised lawmakers on governmental ethics. After his four-year term as state attorney general, he joined the law office of Bass, Berry and Sims in Nashville. Feeling the pull of his hometown again, he returned after one year to rejoin Burch, Porter and Johnson. There his practice shifted focus to arbitration and mediation. Mr. Cody has represented major corporations across the United States in a wide variety of litigation and in matters before state attorneys general and regulatory agencies. He has also arbitrated disputes between major sports associations and athletes. In 2005, he was appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Tennessee Commission on Ethics, charged by the Governor of Tennessee with revising state ethics laws. In 2010, Mr. Cody was elected co-chair of the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus or SAGE. One of the founding members of the group, he is only the second co-chair in SAGE's history.

Mr. Cody's professional honors and awards are numerous and include being named Memphis "Lawyer of the Year" for Alternative Dispute Resolution (2011), for Arbitration (2013) and for Mediation (2014) by *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is also listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Attorneys in Business* and named ten times to the *Best Lawyers in America* list in the practice areas of Arbitration and Mediation (2006-2015). Cody was named to the "Top 100 Tennessee Super Lawyers" list to the "Top 50 Memphis Super Lawyers" (2009-2010). Cody is listed in *Business Tennessee magazine* as one of the "Top 100 Lawyers in Tennessee" and in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution (2007-2014). He received the Memphis Bar Association's Lawyer's Award in 2001; the Francis X. Bellotti Award from the National Association of Attorneys General in 2007; and Service Award in 2008. Mr. Cody was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Academy of Mediators in 2010. Mike Cody is married to the former Suzanna Marten and has three children, Jane Cody Simpson, Michael Cody and Mia Cody.



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President's Award

S. Shepherd Tate

Director and Shareholder (retired), Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston, P.C.



In over seven decades of practicing law, S. Shepherd Tate has made an indelible mark on the legal profession, not only in the Mid-South but throughout the country. Mr. Tate is a graduate of Southwestern of Memphis (now Rhodes College) and received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Virginia School of Law where he was elected to the Omicron Delta Kappa Fraternity, Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity, Order of the Coif, The Raven Society and served as Editor of the Virginia section of the Virginia Law Review. Mr. Tate served as an Intelligence Officer in the United States Navy in World War II with duty in Curacao and China. He was awarded the Order of the Republic Cloud Banner by the National Government of the Republic of China. He served as an Active Duty Commander in the United States Naval Reserve from 1942 through 1946 and holds the rank of Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve (retired). In 1945 Shep Tate served as a Law Clerk for Judge John Donelson Martin, Sr. at the United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati, Ohio where he gained great legal experience and changed his life. It was during this time that he met the woman who would become his wife, partner and greatest supporter, Janet Graf. After completing the judicial clerkship, Mr. Tate moved back to Memphis with his bride and joined forces with John Martin, Jr. at the firm originally known as Martin & Martin in 1947. In 1950, John Martin Jr. and Mr. Tate formed a partnership, changing the name of the firm to Martin & Tate. For many years prior to his retirement Mr. Tate was a director, shareholder and Chairman of the Board of the firm now known as Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston, P.C. Mr. Tate practiced in the areas of trusts, estate, business, and corporate law. During his incredible life Mr. Tate has been greatly involved in and held the presidency of numerous professional organizations. He is one of the few attorneys who have served as President of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the National Conference of Bar Presidents. Mr. Tate chaired the Memphis Area Legal Service's Campaign for Equal Justice and has served as a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. He is a Life Member of the Conference of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the United

States Court of Appeals and a member of the Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, and the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Foundation. Mr. Tate was a Director of the American Judicature Society and was a member of the Estate Planning Council, the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, and the Select Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators of the American Arbitration Association. In 1990, Shep Tate received the "Lawyer's Lawyer" Award from the Memphis Bar Association and a year later the Distinguished Alumni Award from Rhodes College. He was inducted into the Rhodes College Hall of Fame in 1964. In 2005, he received the William M. Leech Jr. Public Service Award at the Tennessee Bar Association's annual convention, which is presented each year to a Tennessee lawyer who has given outstanding service to the legal profession, the legal system and the local community. In 2007 he received the Pillars of Excellence Award from the University of Memphis School of Law for exceptional service during his legal career. Shep Tate has been very involved in the Mid-South community and positively impacted many organizations. He has been a great leader and supporter of his alma mater, Rhodes College, sitting on the Board of Trustees for two tenures from 1967 through 1977 and 1980 through 1984 and as Secretary for nine years. Mr. Tate also served the college as president of the Alumni Association from 1951 through 1953 and as Chairman of the President's Council from 1995 through 1996. Shep Tate has been involved with the Chickasaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America holding the position of President in 1967-1968 and has been honored with several awards including the Distinguished Eagle Award in 1980. He has also kept a lifelong involvement with his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, where he served as President of his college chapter and Chairman of the Board of the firm now known as Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston, P.C. Mr. Tate practiced in the areas of trusts, estate, business, and corporate law. During his incredible life Mr. Tate has been greatly involved in and held the presidency of numerous professional organizations. He is one of the few attorneys who have served as President of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the National Conference of Bar Presidents. Mr. Tate chaired the Memphis Area Legal Service's Campaign for Equal Justice and has served as a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. He is a Life Member of the Conference of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the United

