

Giallourakis and McMinn Selected by Mississippi Business Journal for 2018 Leadership in Law

FormanWatkins is proud to announce that Nick Giallourakis and Alison McMinn have been selected by the Mississippi Business Journal as part of the 2018 Leadership in Law class. Each year the Mississippi Business Journal recognizes a select group of 40 attorneys who exhibit both the legal success and the qualities of character that exemplify this honor. A reception and awards celebration was held in December to recognize the 2018 honorees.

With Nick, reputation counts and his word matters. As an attorney, Nick is driven by the personal investment and partnership he forms with his clients to push through adversity and achieve the best possible outcome. Treating the client's problems as his own, Nick offers genuine care and smart, strategic methods that get his clients great results. Nick is driven by the unpredictability of law and works hard to be completely prepared to represent his clients in whatever situations that may arise. Nick is an adaptive individual who offers perspective accompanied by competitive dedication. Above all, when working with Nick, clients can expect to develop a personal relationship with a trustworthy attorney who is personally invested in them and who will push through the long hours and twists and turns of litigation to achieve the client's goals. Nick joined FormanWatkins in 2003. He serves on the Firm's Recruiting Committee and Diversity Committee, and is an active participant in the Firm's pro bono program. Nick similarly dedicates his time to serve as the President of the Board of Directors of The Arc of Mississippi, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Alison brings a vast and diverse array of experiences to the table, making her an invaluable asset to every client that walks through the door. While other lawyers get lost in the details, Alison keeps her eye on the big picture and brings passion and integrity to her clients' cases. For Alison, the facts are what they are, and as long as you work hard, prepare well, and remember civility, a client's success and peace are right around the corner. Alison believes it is her responsibility as an attorney to practice civility and makes a point to bring out the humanity in every case because people are deeply important to her. Alison doesn't remember a time when she didn't want to be a lawyer, and, since becoming one, she doesn't remember a time when she hasn't loved every second of it. Alison worked with FormanWatkins from 2004 to 2012, and then rejoined the Firm in 2016. She is the chair of the Firm's Pro Bono Committee and is also a member of the Women's Initiative Group. Alison is Preeminent AV™ Peer Review Rated with Martindale-Hubbell®, and she has been recognized as a Mid-South Rising Star® by Super Lawyers, a Top 50 Under 40

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