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ARKANSAS' MOST INFLUENTIAL LEADERS

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LEGAL



**JUSTIN
ALLEN**

PARTNER
Wright, Lindsey & Jennings LLP

Allen became the chief deputy attorney general for Arkansas in 2007, but returned to Wright, Lindsey & Jennings to begin a government relations practice in 2010. Over the past year, he has been committed to helping health care providers and businesses navigate the pandemic and is proud of what WIJ has been able to do for its clients during COVID-19.

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Lives in: Sheridan

Colleges: University of Arkansas, UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law (J.D.)

Best career advice I ever received: Prepare. And when you think you are prepared, prepare some more.

Proudest career moment: I am very proud of the practice I have built over the past 11 years. I set out to develop a general rule practice at the firm and, as of today, it is thriving.

Favorite place in Arkansas: I love just about any location that's on the water. But, I will go with Hot Springs. I grew up going over there, love being on the lake, betting on the horses and eating at the local restaurants.



**ROBYN
ALLMENDINGER**

MANAGING MEMBER
Rose Law Firm

Allmendinger was named as the first female managing member of the Rose Law Firm and has guided Rose Law Firm through not only its 200th anniversary, but also through the global pandemic.

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Lives in: Little Rock

Colleges: University of Arkansas, UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law (J.D.)

Recommended reading: American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

Favorite hobby: Reading fiction

Proudest career moment: Being named first female managing member

Favorite place in Arkansas: Fayetteville in the fall on a game weekend



MARGARET SOVA MCCABE

DEAN
University of Arkansas School of Law

McCabe has been dean of the University of Arkansas School of Law since August 2018. Since 2018, McCabe has launched a summer public service fellows program, created an integrated approach to student success, has advanced the school's approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and guided the school through the pandemic.

Lives in: Fayetteville

Colleges: Bard College, University of Maine School of Law (J.D.)

Recommended reading/listening: Why David Sometimes Wins by Marshall Ganz; Finding Mastery podcast with Michael Gervais

Proudest career moment: Watching students graduate, pass the bar and begin their careers.

Favorite place in Arkansas: Kessler Regional Park

Lesson I learned the hard way: Never assume, ask if you're not sure!

What keeps me motivated: Students, democracy and the rule of law



DUSTIN MCDANIEL

PARTNER
McDaniel Wolff & Benca PLLC

McDaniel was Arkansas' 55th Attorney General from 2007-2015 and now represents some of America's largest corporations in their dealings with attorneys general in all 50 states. McDaniel is licensed in Arkansas and Washington, D.C. and specializes in regulatory and administrative law. Over the last year, McDaniel Wolff & Benca PLLC has helped clients with more than \$400 million in mergers and acquisitions.

Lives in: Little Rock

Colleges: University of Arkansas, UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law (J.D.)

Recommended reading: Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Best career advice I ever received: The harder you work, the luckier you get.

Proudest career moment: Each victory for a client is a proud moment. I savor both daily strategic wins and global resolutions, but I do not dwell on them because there will be a new challenge tomorrow.

What keeps me motivated: Solving complicated problems for my clients keeps me motivated every day.



ANTWAN PHILLIPS

PARTNER / CITY DIRECTOR
Wright, Lindsey & Jennings LLP /
City of Little Rock

Phillips serves as the position 9 at-large city director. Phillips was first elected in November 2020, serving as the city of Little Rock's newest director. Phillips has practiced law for over a decade with Wright, Lindsey & Jennings law firm, where he is a partner. Phillips specializes in trucking litigation, dental malpractice and municipal governmental relations.

Lives in: Little Rock

Colleges: Bowdoin College, UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law (J.D.)

Best career advice I ever received: People will look at you strange and say you changed, like you worked that hard to stay the same

Favorite hobby: Fantasy football

Proudest career moment: When citizens all over Little Rock selected me to be their at-large city director.

What keeps me motivated: My belief that better is attainable.



TERRY W. POOL

PARTNER
Kutak Rock LLP

Pool has practiced law since 1995. He has practiced in Oklahoma City and Dallas, and became a partner at Kutak Rock in Arkansas in 2006. He has served as the managing partner in Arkansas since 2012 and is a member of the firm's Executive and Compensation committees. Pool has been recognized as Leading Real Estate Attorney in Arkansas.

Lives in: Rogers

Colleges: Central State University, University of Arkansas School of Law (J.D.)

Recommended reading: Stephen King or Tom Clancy

Proudest career moment: Joining Kutak Rock.

Lesson I learned the hard way: The longer a problem goes without resolution, the worse it usually gets.