



**LEADERSHIP**  
**BIRMINGHAM**

**2021-2022**  
**CLASS BIOGRAPHIES**

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**Pattric Barnett**  
**COO**  
**Insighters, Inc.**

Pattric is a native of Birmingham and a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Pattric is the Chief Operating Officer at Insighters Inc., and has been with the company for 14 years. An enrolled agent and a graduate of the Co-Starters program, he is also co-owner of ProTech Tax Services. He married his high school

sweetheart, April, and they have two daughters. Pattric enjoys providing help and advice to the community of entrepreneurs and others. In his free time, he gives back to the community and tries to be an example to the growing teenagers by serving as coach to little league basketball teams and being a mentor to young boys in the community. Pattric enjoys listening to music, going to the gym, and traveling with his family.



**Monica Baskin**  
**Professor, UAB School of Medicine**  
**Associate Director for Outreach & Engagement, O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center**

Monica is a native of Atlanta, GA. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from Emory University, a master's degree in community counseling and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Georgia State

University. She is also a licensed psychologist. Monica previously served as the inaugural Vice Chair for Culture and Diversity for the UAB Department of Medicine (2016-2020) where she led initiatives to institutionalize principles of diversity, equity and inclusion. She also previously served as Chair of the Jefferson County Health Action Partnership (2018-2020) and President of the Society of Behavioral Medicine (2020-2021). Monica is an alumni of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Leadership Program. She and her husband, Stacy, have two daughters, ages 17 and 21.



**Jennifer Buettner Bates**  
**Executive Director**  
**Birmingham Bar Association**

Jennifer is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the BBA, which provides a range of services to approximately 3,300 attorneys in their practices. Prior to joining the BBA, Jennifer was a practicing attorney for 18 years. She began her legal career with Balch & Bingham and later moved to an in-house position with Southern Company.

Jennifer is an alumna of the Momentum Executive Leadership program. She currently serves as the Board President of Hand in Paw and as Board Vice President of Oasis Counseling for Women and Children. She is married to Ernest Bates and they are the parents of Claire, a 5-pound bobtailed cat who thinks she is a dog. Both Jennifer and Ernest are Birmingham natives and enjoy the exciting restaurants, bars, events and opportunities that Birmingham has to offer our community.



**Harrison Bishop**  
**President & CEO, Amerex**  
**Corporation**  
**EVP, Fabricated Metals,**  
**McWane, Inc.**

Harrison Bishop joined the McWane family of companies in 2015. Since starting, he has served in various leadership roles at McWane operating companies in the fire suppression industry. Prior to joining McWane,

Harrison was a shareholder of the law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale where he specialized in corporate and tax law. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the McWane Science Center in Birmingham. Harrison graduated from Birmingham-Southern College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law with a Juris Doctorate, and the New York University School of Law with an LL.M. (Master of Laws in Taxation). He and his wife, Jordan, live in Vestavia with their two children.



**Graham Boettcher**  
**R. Hugh Daniel Director & CEO**  
**Birmingham Museum of Art**

Graham arrived at the museum in 2006, first serving as The Luce Foundation Curatorial Fellow of American Art, and subsequently as The William Cary Hulsey Curator of American Art, chief curator, and deputy director, prior to his appointment as director in September of 2017. A native of Bellingham, Washington, he received his

B.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University, and an M.A. from the University of Washington. Graham previously served as a curatorial fellow at the Yale University Art Gallery and has held research fellowships at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art in Fort Worth and the Terra Foundation Summer Residency in Giverny, France. Boettcher has served on the board of Yale GALA, Yale University's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alumni Association since 2002, and from 2010 to 2017, served on the board of the Association of Art Museum Curators with roles as Chair of Fundraising Initiatives and Vice President of Finance.



**Kitty Rogers Brown**  
**Shareholder**  
**White Arnold & Dowd**

Kitty is a native of Russellville, where she grew up on a beef cattle and timber farm. She received her B.A. in history and Spanish from Samford University and her J.D. from the University of Alabama. Kitty joined White Arnold & Dowd P.C. in 2006. She practices white collar criminal defense and civil and complex litigation. She is a

graduate of Leadership UAB, Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum, and the Birmingham Bar Association Future Leaders Forum. Kitty currently serves on the YWCA Central Alabama Board of Directors and the Alabama Law Alumni Society Leadership Council. She recently served as a Torchbearer for the Junior League of Birmingham's "Community of Lights" campaign and teaches youth Sunday School. She is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Birmingham, Ballet Guild of Birmingham, Junior Women's Committee of 100, and Children's Arts Guild. Together with her husband, Tucker, Kitty has twin 11-year-old sons who keep her laughing and humble.



**Rich Campbell**  
**Principal**  
**Veritas Medical Real Estate**  
**Advisors**

Rich is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Geaux Tigers) and earned his B.S. in business from Auburn University (Go Tigers). He began his real estate career in our nation's capital before moving to Birmingham in 2004. He previously worked at Bayer Properties and Corporate

Realty and founded his company, Veritas, in 2009. He was named a "Top 40 Under 40" in 2008 and is a past chair of the Alabama CCIM chapter, the Government Affairs Committee for the BBA, and the Board of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Alabama. He is currently a member of the spiritual care staff at St. Vincent's Hospital. Rich is an avid lover of the outdoors and loves to travel and experience other cultures. He and his wife Heather have 3 young children and live in Homewood.



**Damian Carson**  
**Regional Vice President**  
**Operation HOPE, Inc.**

Damian is an experienced financial services professional and a leader in driving community development initiatives. In his role at Operation HOPE, Damian helps community stakeholders and financial institutions strategically implement corporate social responsibility programs throughout Alabama, Florida,

Kentucky, Illinois, and Mississippi. Damian was appointed to the inaugural Small Business Council for the City of Birmingham in 2018 and currently serves as co-chair to advise the mayor's office on matters related to the small business ecosystem. Damian holds a B.S. in consumer economics from the University of Georgia and completed graduate courses in public administration at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Damian is married to April Carson, an associate professor at UAB. In his free time, he enjoys working out, weightlifting, and mentoring young men through sports coaching and leadership training.



**Daniel Coleman**  
**President**

**Birmingham-Southern College**

Daniel Coleman is the 16<sup>th</sup> president of Birmingham-Southern College. Prior to joining the College as an adjunct professor in 2017, Daniel had a thirty-one-year career in finance where he was the CEO of KCG Holdings, CEO of GETCO LLC, and a Managing Director and member of the Executive Committee of UBS Investment

Bank. Daniel is an active investor in local companies. He is a director on the boards of Circulogene and QuantHub and an advisor to Tios. He is also on the board of directors of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. Daniel is a native of Birmingham and graduated from the Altamont School. He received a BA in English from Yale University and MBA in finance and statistics from the University of Chicago. Daniel is married to Brooke Hartzog Coleman. Together, they have three children.



**Tamera Coyne-Beasley**  
**Vice-Chair, Pediatrics**  
**UAB/Children's of Alabama**

Tamera is the Derrol Dawkins, M.D. Endowed Chair in Adolescent Medicine, Division Director of Adolescent Medicine, Vice Chair of Pediatrics for Community Engagement, and Professor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at UAB and Children's of Alabama. She was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Health and

Human Services to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Tamera is also a member of the board of directors of several organizations including the National Foundation of Infectious Diseases, NCD Child, the American Pediatric Society and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. She also serves on the Governor's Task Force – Alabama United and is past president of the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine. She is married to Darryl and has two adult children.



**Michael Crouch**  
**Dean, McWhorter School of**  
**Pharmacy**  
**Samford University**

Michael received his B.S. in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. Before joining Samford in 2014, he served on the faculties of Virginia Commonwealth University, South University, and East

Tennessee State University. He is a third-generation pharmacist who has diverse practice experience in the ambulatory care, hospital, and critical care settings. He presently serves on the Birmingham Veterans Affairs Quality Scholars Advisory Committee, Albert Schweitzer of Alabama Advisory Council, Tuscaloosa Research and Education Advancement Board, and Paraguay Baptist Medical Center Foundation Board. Michael and his wife, Candace, have three children, Jack (age 18), Julia (age 16), and Anna (age 14). In addition to spending time with his family, he enjoys fly fishing, motorcycling, and playing the guitar.



**Kelvin Datcher**  
**Director, External Government**  
**Affairs**  
**City of Birmingham**

A native of Vincent, Alabama, Kelvin received a B.A. from Gettysburg College. He has spent his career in advocacy, communications, and public policy during tenures with Alabama State University, the Southern Poverty Law Center, REV Birmingham and the Jefferson County

Department of Health. He currently serves in leadership roles with the 100 Black Men of Birmingham, the advisory board of the A. G. Gaston Boys & Girls Club, the Birmingham Zoo Board and Sardis Missionary Baptist Church. He is married to Korliss, who is completing her doctoral studies, and is the father to three children.





**Kim Davis**  
**VP, Managing Director of**  
**Business Development**  
**Concourse Financial Group**

Kim joined Concourse Financial Group in 2020 and is a 30-year financial services veteran. Concourse Financial Group is backed by Protective Life and Dai-ichi, one of the largest global life insurers.

During her career she has held leadership positions with several financial firms, including Sterne Agee & Leach, Morgan Stanley and Synovus Securities, Inc. At Concourse Financial, Kim is responsible for the recruitment of outside financial professionals and boosting productivity by further strengthening its practice management offerings. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Commerce and Business Administration and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. Kim serves on Protective's Retirement Division Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Team. She previously served as Chair of the Board for Magic Moments and is a graduate of Momentum Women's Leadership Program. Kim and her husband Tom (a Leadership Birmingham Alumnae) have six children.



**Paulette Patterson Dilworth**  
**Vice President for Diversity,**  
**Equity & Inclusion**  
**UAB**

Paulette joined UAB in 2016 after serving as assistant vice president for access and community initiatives at Auburn University and associate professor of curriculum studies at Indiana University-Bloomington. She earned a Ph.D. in educational studies from Emory

University. Paulette has served in leadership roles with professional and community-based organizations that include the College and University Faculty Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies, the American Educational Research Association, and the Indiana Council for the Social Studies. Currently, she serves as president of the Alabama Association of Higher Education Diversity Officers. She is a member of the Executive Board of the Shiloh Community Restoration Foundation, Inc. an organization committed to the restoration of one of the original Rosenwald Schools. Besides a strong affinity for art and music, Paulette is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Links, Inc.



**Tim Garrett**  
**Vice President, Sales**  
**Vulcan Materials Company**

Tim has been with for Vulcan Materials Company for over 16 years and been a part of the Birmingham community for over two years. Prior to moving to Birmingham, he lived in North Carolina. He is a graduate of UNC – Wilmington where he met his wife Stephanie. They have four kids (Ava -8, Hudson -6, Lucy -4 and

Charlotte -1). Tim thrives on bringing people together with inclusive leadership whether in a business setting or on the athletic field. Prior to leaving NC, he was involved with the Carolina Raptor Center (Educational center / Raptor Hospital) as well as Junior Achievements.



**Charles Goodrich**  
**Vice President**  
**Timberline Holdings**

Charles has been with Timberline Holdings Company since 2013. As a part of Timberline, Charles invests in early-stage companies and helps those companies achieve success. He was born in Birmingham and attended Rollins College in Orlando, Florida. He then returned to Alabama to attend law school at the

University of Alabama. After receiving his law degree, Charles worked for the UAB Research Foundation helping researchers and inventors commercialize their inventions. During this time, he earned his MBA from the UAB Collat School of Business. Charles has served as chairman of Main Street Alabama and served on the boards of the McWane Science Center and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Charles is married to Ali Goodrich and they have three girls together.



**Robby Hayes**  
**Vice President & Division**  
**Manager**  
**Brasfield & Gorrie**

Robby was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama attending John Carroll Catholic High School and earning a B.S. in building construction from Auburn University. In 2002, Robby joined Brasfield & Gorrie, a southeastern based general contractor headquartered in

Birmingham. In his current role, Robby has the responsibility of overseeing all business development, preconstruction, and project operation functions for the Corporate Services Division, an approximately one hundred million-dollar (\$100M) business unit of Brasfield & Gorrie's Birmingham office that focuses on churches and nonprofits, office, tenant improvements, multifamily, and data center projects. In addition to delivering construction projects, Robby has participated in numerous Birmingham-based civic and community organizations and is proud of his wife, Lauren, and the three children they raise together.



**Bruce Hooper**  
**CEO**  
**Smile-A-Mile**

Bruce is a native of Florence, Alabama. He attended Auburn University and received his BSBA from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Bruce is a CPA who began his career with Arthur Andersen & Co. After eight years in public accounting, he joined Brice Building Company where he served nearly fifteen years as CFO. Bruce

joined Smile-A-Mile in 2011 after falling in love with the organization's mission while serving for five years on its board of directors (including as Chairman in 2008). He has served on other boards through the years including Alabama AGC, Treasurer of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama, and, most recently, on the Executive Committee of the Children's Oncology Camping Association-International. Bruce and his wife, Beth, currently live the empty nest life in downtown Birmingham. They have five children (three in Birmingham whom are all also CPAs) and six grandchildren (even more importantly to "Papa"..all also in Birmingham).



**LeDon Jones**  
**EVP, Director of Corporate**  
**Stewardship**  
**SouthState Bank**

LeDon has been in the banking industry for 22 years, gaining experience across various business lines which includes residential lending, retail banking (consumer lending and retail management), retail branch administration, business banking,

commercial lending, and community development. LeDon received a B.S. in business administration from Berea College in Kentucky and an M.B.A. from UAB. He's also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. LeDon currently serves on the board of Birmingham Business Resource Center, King's Home, Birmingham Athletic Partnership, REV Birmingham, STAIR, and is a member of United Way of Central Alabama's Community Initiatives Committee. He previously served on the board of Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority.



**Sri Karra**  
**CIO**  
**Jefferson County**

Srikanth (Sri) Karra is an accomplished senior level operations and technology leader with over 25 years of experience within the government sector, healthcare, supply chain retail, banking, and brokerage industries. Currently, Karra is working for the Jefferson County Commission as Chief Information Officer where he is responsible

for overseeing IT operations, IT strategy and processes that support the strategic goals of the county. Prior to joining Jefferson County, he was CIO of City of Birmingham. He also served as a senior consultant within the private sector including several Wall Street firms. Karra received his bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering from Bangalore University in India. He earned a M.B.A. – Executive MBA specializing in technology management from Auburn University and an Executive Management and Leadership program from Harvard Business School. He is married to Sumithra Karra and have two children, daughter Sowmya Karra is pursuing her M.S.H.A./M.B.A. from UAB and son Siddharth Karra is an incoming freshman at University of Alabama.



**Nicole King**  
**City Attorney**  
**City of Birmingham**

Nicole was appointed to her role as city attorney in November of 2014 by Mayor Randall L. Woodfin. She serves in the capacity of chief legal advisor to Mayor Woodfin, the Birmingham City Council and all city departments, divisions and agencies. Nicole has been with the City of Birmingham for 15 years. As city attorney,

Nicole's focus is fighting to improve the quality of life in Birmingham neighborhoods. This sparked her to launch and spearhead the Office of The City Attorney Drug and Nuisance Abatement Team (OCA-DNAT) which combats eliminating drug nuisance and problem properties in an effort to make neighborhoods safer. Nicole is a native of Birmingham and received a B.A. in political science from the University of Alabama and a J.D. from Texas Southern University. In her spare time, Nicole enjoys spending time with her husband, Marlon, and their two children.



**Bolaji Kukoyi**  
**President**  
**Dynamic Civil Solutions**

Bolaji is from Lagos, Nigeria and moved to Birmingham to attend UAB. He received a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering, a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and a Master of Science in mathematics. Bolaji possesses extensive experience on many civil site, roadway and transportation projects. Bolaji was the first dual recipient

of the UAB Excellence in Business Top 25 and has also served as a panelist for the National Science Foundation Academic Research Infrastructure Program, a program designed to support 21st century research and research training infrastructure in our nation's academic institutions and non-profit research organizations. Bolaji serves on the boards of Cahaba River Society and the UAB College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Board.



## **Cynthia Lamar-Hart** **Shareholder**

### **Maynard Cooper & Gale, P.C.**

A native of Birmingham, Cynthia graduated from the Birmingham City Schools and received her B.A. from Birmingham-Southern College. She received her law degree from Yale Law School. Cynthia has been in private practice for over 30 years with Maynard Cooper where she serves as Chair of the

firm's Estate Planning and Fiduciary Litigation practice groups. A strong proponent of pro bono service, Cynthia also founded and runs a pro bono legal services clinic at Maynard that serves the transgender community. She serves on the board of the YWCA of Central Alabama and is a Past President of the YWCA's Jr. Board. She is also a member of the board of the LGBTQ Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. An avid amateur musician, Cynthia has performed for many years in local community theater productions and in benefit concerts. Cynthia and her husband, Mark Hart, have four children.



## **LaRhonda Magras** **CEO**

### **YWCA of Central Alabama**

LaRhonda has over two decades of nonprofit experience leading anti-poverty and social justice programs in urban and rural communities. She was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago and became the first in her family to graduate college. She earned a Doctor of Education in leadership from Trevecca Nazarene

University (Nashville, Tenn.), MS in human services administration from Spertus College (Chicago), and BA in sociology from Chicago State University. Prior to joining YWCA Central Alabama in 2019, Magras served as Senior Vice President of Program Operations with YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee. She previously worked in the Nashville Mayor's Office as Director of Children and Youth Education Initiatives and worked as Vice President of Youth Development with Nashville's Martha O'Bryan Center. Her recent accolades include Harvard Business School Young American Leaders Program, 2021; Birmingham Business Journal Top CEO Finalist, 2020; Birmingham Business Journal Who's Who in Nonprofits, 2021; and Leadership Birmingham, 2022. She and her husband, Marvin, have three adult sons.



**Robin Mark**  
**Assistant U.S. Attorney**  
**Northern District of Alabama**

Robin is the Deputy Criminal Chief at the U.S. Attorney's Office. In this role, she supervises the prosecution of white collar matters, including healthcare fraud, identity fraud, civil rights, public corruption, financial crimes and national security cases. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Robin was a partner at

Sirote & Permutt PC. She received her B.A. from the University of Alabama and her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law. For over ten years, she has also worked as an adjunct professor at Cumberland School of Law teaching basic skills of trial advocacy. Her husband, Ladd Mark, is general counsel of Surgical Care Affiliates. They have one daughter starting first grade this fall.



**Sam Miller**  
**Owner**  
**Champ Creative**

Sam Miller started Champ Creative, a full-service advertising agency, in 2021 following 10 years as a partner at Burton Advertising. Sam and his team have been recognized locally, regionally, and nationally for efforts on behalf of their clients including Regional and National ADDY wins and a Regional EMMY award in 2021. Prior to his time at Burton

Advertising, Sam worked for the UAB Athletic Department where he oversaw external communications. Sam serves as a Vice President of the Mike Slive Foundation Board of Directors and the UAB National Alumni Society's Board of Directors. Sam teaches marketing classes at UAB and is the proud coach of the Marshmallow Hurricanes, his daughters' championship soccer team. He earned his M.B.A. from UAB after receiving an undergraduate degree in advertising and public relations from the University of Alabama. Sam and his wife, Robin, have three daughters, ages 21, 16 and 15.



**Jameria Moore**  
**Partner**  
**Sperling & Moore, PC**

Jameria is a native of Birmingham and received her B.S. from Alabama A&M University, her M.B.A. from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and J.D. from Birmingham School of Law. Prior to working in the legal field, she was the area operations engineer for the Alabama Department of Transportation. She is

currently a Municipal Judge for the City of Birmingham and a partner with Sperling & Moore, PC. Jameria currently serves on the board of the League of Women Voters Alabama and Greater Birmingham, Valley Pearls Service Foundation, and she is the previous president of the board for Emerge Alabama. She and her husband, Keith, have 4 children, and five grandchildren.



**Erin Morgan**  
**EVP, Strategic Planning Manager**  
**Regions Bank**

Erin is a native of Birmingham and graduated with a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Montevallo. She joined Regions in 2002 and has served in a variety of roles in digital banking and wealth strategy. She currently leads the strategic planning team in supporting the company's strategic focus areas and is

responsible for Regions' annual strategic plan development, administering the Strategic Initiative Approval Committee and running key strategic initiatives across the bank. Erin also mentors a number of associates at Regions, including young women looking to grow their careers. She actively participates in the bank's internal diversity, equity inclusion programming and established Regions' Wealth Management's inaugural Women in Wealth forum – an internal event to engage, empower and support women within the division. Erin is married with two boys, ages seven and two. She and her husband enjoy outdoor activities, including canoeing and hiking, and are avid supporters of the Cahaba River Society.





**Phil Passafiume**  
**Chief Investment Officer**  
**Protective Life Corporation**

Phil joined Protective Life in 2003 and has over 23 years of investment management experience. In June 2020, Phil was named Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer. He most recently served as Senior Vice President, Director of Fixed Income. Previously, he was a senior analyst/portfolio manager for ING

Investment Management in Atlanta, GA. Phil has a B.S. in accounting from the University of Kentucky and a M.S. in finance from Georgia State University. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designations. He is on the United Way of Central Alabama Investment Committee and serves as Vice President/Board Member of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama. Phil and his wife Leslie have one daughter, Katlyn, who is a rising senior at SMU. They attend St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. In his free time, Phil enjoys playing golf and collecting bourbon.



**Matthew Penfield**  
**Principal**  
**Bressler, Amery & Ross, P.C.**

Matthew grew up in Birmingham and has lived here most of his professional life. He received a B.A. from Birmingham-Southern College, where he studied music and political science. After receiving his M.Div. from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, he returned to north Alabama with his wife, Emily, who is also a

United Methodist Pastor. He later earned his doctorate at Saint Paul School of Theology and his law degree from Cumberland. He primarily practices employment and immigration law. Matthew serves on the Norton board at BSC, the Opera Birmingham board, and is a past president of the Workshops Empowerment board. Matthew and Emily have two daughters – Caroline will be a Senior at Elon University in North Carolina, and Eliza will be a Senior at Vestavia Hills High School.



**Dan Pile**  
**CEO**

**YMCA of Greater Birmingham**

Dan has served as a YMCA professional since the early 1980s, establishing 7 YMCA programs and facilities within the Atlanta area. He now serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Greater Birmingham which annually serves over 60,000 youth and families.

Dan was born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

He received his B.A. from Western Kentucky University in 1978, majoring in recreation with a minor in religion. Upon graduation, he moved to the Atlanta area to attend Candler School of Theology at Emory University. While at Candler, he was introduced to the many youth and family programs of the YMCA, especially the Y's ability to reach and serve "all" people seeking out meaningful experiences. This experience led to his decision to devote his life to the YMCA. Dan is married to Dr. Jennie P. Perryman and together they have three adult children and three grandchildren. He spends much of his remaining time in pursuit of fly-fishing each of the top 50 trout streams in America.



**Courtney Pittman**  
**Vice President, Director of**  
**Architecture**  
**Davis Architects**

Courtney is a native of Mobile, Alabama and received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Auburn University. Following an internship in Charlotte, she relocated to Birmingham and joined Davis Architects in 2003. Courtney currently serves on the Board of the Cahaba River

Society and chairs the policy committee, and she also has served many years on the Board of Advisors for the University of Alabama College of Engineering Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering. Courtney and her husband Jason have one daughter who is nine years old.



**Jimmy Puckett**  
**Senior Director, Private Wealth**  
**Synovus**

Jimmy grew up in Birmingham and has lived here his entire life with the exception of his undergraduate years at Auburn University. Jimmy has spent his career working in banking having been employed by Regions Bank, Synovus, and BBVA. In April of this year, he returned to Synovus to lead its private wealth team for the

Alabama region. Early in his career, Jimmy obtained an M.B.A. at UAB and participated in Project Corporate Leadership and Leadership UAB. Jimmy currently serves as a board member of Better Basics, raises funds for the Crippled Children's Foundation as a member of the Monday Morning Quarterback Club, and spends time in the woods as an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 320. Jimmy and his wife, Claire, have two children: a daughter in elementary school and a son in junior high. He enjoys afternoons on the golf course with both kids (sometimes Claire rides along), traveling, and spending time with family.



**Lindsay Puckett**  
**Principal Planner**  
**Regional Planning Commission of**  
**Greater Birmingham**

Lindsay has 18 years of professional experience in transportation and urban planning. She graduated from Vanderbilt in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in urban studies, she worked in the private sector for 11 years. In 2015, Lindsay moved back to her hometown of Birmingham and

became the leader of the community planning group at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham. She and her planning team contract with municipalities in the six county region and focus on developing zoning code updates, citywide comprehensive plans and multimodal transportation plans. Lindsay was among those named to the 2018 *Birmingham Business Journal's* "Top Forty Under 40" list. She is currently serving as a co-chair for Museum Ball to raise money for the Birmingham Museum of Art and is treasurer on the Friends of Jemison Park Board. Lindsay is married to Jason Puckett and she enjoys cooking, playing golf and running with their dog Belle, a German Shorthaired Pointer.



**Ray Roach**  
**Assistant General Manger**  
**Amazon**

Ray joined Amazon in 2017 as an operations manager at the Carteret, NJ facility. Ray was promoted to senior operations manager in 2019 and joined the process engineering team in 2020 as senior regional PE manager for the NE region. Most recently, Ray launched the first sort center in New York City as site

leader and joined the Bessemer, AL fulfillment facility as the Assistant General Manager in 2021. Prior to joining Amazon, Ray worked for Grainger for 5 years. His last role there was a district manager in south Texas. Ray holds an M.B.A. in management from Mercy College. When not working, Ray enjoys traveling with his wife Amanda, investing in real estate and the stock market, working out, and mentoring.



**Anne Schmidt**  
**Senior Medical Director**  
**Blue Cross Blue Shield of**  
**Alabama**

Anne is a native of Walhalla, South Carolina and is a graduate of Clemson University where she received her B.A. and M.A. in English literature. She received her doctorate of medicine from the Medical College of Georgia and completed residency training at the University of

Tennessee in Memphis. She is board certified in Family Medicine. She has practiced primary care in both rural and urban settings and most recently served as medical director at United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham (now United Ability), developing a medical home model of care for people with disabilities. She continues to serve United Ability as a volunteer as well as the United Way Health Action Partnership and serves on the board of the Housing Resource Center. Anne enjoys reading, running, and hiking.



**Bisakha (Pia) Sen**  
**Professor, School of Public Health**  
**UAB**

Pia is tenured Professor and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama Endowed Chair in Health Economics at the School of Public Health at UAB. Pia grew up in Kolkata, India, and came to the US for graduate studies in 1992. She received her PhD in economics from Ohio State University. She

specializes in health policy and health economics, and her research focuses on improving health for underserved populations, particularly children, in the state of Alabama. She has published extensively in leading academic journals, mentored several young researchers, and is currently co-chairing a review committee convened by the National Academy of Science, Engineering & Medicine. Pia has served for two terms on the board of The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham. Pia is the founder and director of Notinee Indian Dance School and she serves on the board of the Alabama Dance Council. She lives with her husband, Sanjeev Chaudhuri, and her latest passion is building a sustainable, pollinator-friendly garden in their new home.



**Dawn Helms Sharff**  
**Managing Partner**  
**Bradley Arant Boult Cummings**  
**LLP**

Dawn Sharff is the managing partner of Bradley's Birmingham office. She has been with Bradley since 2005 and previously served in various other firm leadership positions. Dawn represents developers, public companies, privately held entities and individuals in all types of commercial

real estate transactions, including the buying, selling, leasing and developing of commercial real estate nationwide. Dawn is from Bay Minette, AL and received her B.S. in accounting from Birmingham-Southern College and her J.D. from the University of Virginia. Dawn is on the board of The Women's Fund, the Birmingham Business Alliance, and United Way of Central Alabama. She is a graduate of Momentum and a member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham. Dawn and her husband, Rich, have two daughters: one a recent graduate from Tulane University and the other a junior at Rhodes College.



**Erica Sheffield**  
**Senior Counsel**  
**Honda Manufacturing of**  
**Alabama**

Erica serves as Senior Counsel in the law unit at American Honda Motor Company. She provides legal services to the auto manufacturing plant in Lincoln, Alabama, the transmission plant in Tallapoosa, Georgia and the aircraft company in Greensboro, North Carolina. Erica

graduated from the Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum in 2009. She has recently served as a board member for the Birmingham Urban League, Children's Village, and Girls Inc. She currently serves as the committee chairperson for the in-house counsel committee of the Birmingham Bar Association and has previously served as the committee chairperson for the diversity committee. Erica received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University and received her Juris Doctorate from Emory University School of Law in Atlanta. She currently resides in Birmingham with her two sons, Shun and Jackson.



**Leigh Sloss-Corra**  
**Executive Director, The Market at**  
**Pepper Place**  
**Sloss Real Estate Company**

Before joining the Market in 2016, Leigh was executive producer of Time Inc.'s Lifestyle Video Group, where she helped build the company's digital division for 9 years. Prior to that, she worked as a producer of children's animated films for Weston Woods Studios/Scholastic

Publishing, in Norwalk, Connecticut. Leigh previously served on the boards of Les Dames D'Escoffier International and the Altamont Alumni Association. She actively supports Momentum Women Leaders, Sidewalk Film Festival, Sloss Furnaces Foundation, YWCA, the Women's Fund, WBHM, Nature Conservancy, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, and the Birmingham Museum of Art. A native of Birmingham, Leigh attended the Altamont School, Brown University (B.A.) and Columbia University (M.A.). Her partner, Stan Bosich, is retired. Her son, George, works for Royal Cup Coffee in Birmingham and her daughter, Sophie, is a film editor based in Los Angeles.



**Sonja Smith**  
**Member, Birmingham Board of Education**  
**Program Manager, Lifespan Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center**

Sonja is a native of Birmingham and received a degree in music from Birmingham-Southern College and continued her studies at Louisiana State University where she earned a master's degree in music with a concentration in

piano pedagogy. After graduating from LSU, Sonja moved to Chicago where she taught private piano lessons along with lecture and applied music classes at A.C.E. Tech High School and Malcolm X College. Since her return to Birmingham, Sonja has worked in the non-profit and public service sector at AIDS Alabama and the City of Birmingham. She currently serves as the Program Manager for the UAB Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center. In 2017, Sonja was elected as the District 8 Representative to the Birmingham Board of Education. She is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Flourish Alabama inaugural board, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



**Adrienne Starks**  
**Founder/CEO**  
**Stream Innovations**

In 2015, Adrienne founded STREAM Innovations, Inc., in Birmingham, AL. Under her leadership, their mission has been committed to helping students develop and explore their passion in Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STREAM) by providing exposure, experiences, and engagement with high

expectations for their success. Adrienne is a native of Fairfield, AL and received a B.S. in biology from Alabama A&M University. She received a Ph.D. in biological sciences from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute. Currently, Adrienne serves on the inaugural Alabama STEM Council which advises the governor on ways to improve STEM-related education, career awareness, and workforce development across the state.



## **Britney Summerville Community Volunteer**

Britney Summerville is a community volunteer, angel investor, and the founder of Birmingham Bound. She was an early team member at Shipt where she served in various roles including the VP of Economic Development & Social Impact where she led the initiative to keep Shipt headquartered in Birmingham after the Target acquisition. She created

Birmingham Bound to level up Birmingham's technology sector and drive growth and entrepreneurship specifically in the technology space. In this role, she helped recruit 21 tech companies to Birmingham in less than three years. Britney serves on the boards of The World Games 2022, the Women's Fund of Birmingham, Birmingham Corps, Innovation Depot, Birmingham Kiwanis, and Wyndy. She is from Montgomery, AL and attended Auburn University. Britney and her husband, Tony, have two sons, ages 6 and 7.



## **Lindsey Tanner Managing Director Vaco**

Lindsey joined Vaco in November 2008. At Vaco, Lindsey works with clients across the Alabama footprint and recruits and facilitates the placement of accounting and finance professionals ranging from staff accountant to CFO. Prior to Vaco, she was with Ernst & Young for 10 years. Lindsey is a new Sustainer of the Junior League of

Birmingham after actively serving for 17 years. She concluded her active membership with the JLB with the Community of Lights 5 year campaign raising over \$1.28 million for One Place Metro Alabama Family Justice Center. Lindsey is currently on the board for the LGBTQ Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. She is originally from Mobile, AL, came to Birmingham to attend Birmingham-Southern College and has since made it her home. She lives in Forest Park with her partner, Lisa Greene, and 2 cats, Winston and Sophia.





**Darryl Washington**  
**Director of Programs & Operations**  
**Urban Impact**

Darryl is a proud Birmingham native who currently works for Urban Impact, Inc., a community economic development agency leading efforts to preserve and revitalize Birmingham's Historic 4th Avenue Business District. He began his career at BellSouth/AT&T where he served in

several positions over 21 years. He then held the position of Economic & Community Development Consultant for the City of Irondale. Darryl received his BA in Marketing Management from Morehouse College and his Masters in Public and Private Management from Birmingham Southern. He is a member of the International Economic Development Council and the Economic Development Association of Alabama. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, cycling and he has a passion for conservation and nature. He previously served two terms as President of the Board of Directors for Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Cahaba River Society, Norwood Resource Center, Shades Valley YMCA and is Vice President of the Holiday Gardens Neighborhood Association in the City of Irondale. Darryl is married to his wife, Carmela and they are proud parents of four wonderful children; Denzel, DaVaughn, Maiya and Kiara.



**Ralph Williams**  
**Area Manager, Birmingham Division**  
**Alabama Power Company**

Ralph is a native of Birmingham and has studied at both Alabama A&M and Miles College with a degree in Political Science. Prior to joining Alabama Power in 2011, he worked briefly with the City of Birmingham in 2010. Ralph was also the executive director of the Georgia State

Employees Association for several years. He serves on the board of directors of Urban Impact, The Birmingham Urban League the Railroad Park Foundation, the YMCA of Greater Birmingham, and The Woodlawn Foundation. Ralph is married to Raquel Morgan-Williams and has two children - Morgan and Kiara.



**Darlene Wilson**  
**Managing Principal**  
**RAM Firm**

Darlene has twenty-eight years in the corporate banking and public accounting industry. Her firm, Relay Accounting Management, specializes in providing remote CFO services, business consulting, and accounting management services. She received her B.S. in accounting from the University of Montevallo. Darlene serves

on the boards of the National Black Bank Fund, the Legacy Prep Charter School, the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham, and the Birmingham Airport Authority. She serves on Regions Bank Advisory Board for the Birmingham market and is also a member of the Small Business Council for the City of Birmingham. Darlene is the mother of one son, Christian, who is a recent graduate of MSU in Denver, CO. She is a native of Lake Charles, LA. She enjoys cooking, wine tasting with a great cigar in hand, traveling the world, flower/vegetable gardening and reading. She simply loves life!



**Alice Womack**  
**Associate Managing Director,**  
**Oakworth Capital Bank**  
**City Councilor, City of Mountain**  
**Brook**

Alice was born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia. She received her B.S. in finance from Auburn University and a M.B.A. from UAB. Prior to joining Oakworth, she worked over 20 years for Synovus Financial. Alice is in her second four-year

term as a city councilor with the City of Mountain Brook. She has served as president of both the Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation and the Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce where she continues to serve as a board member. She has held other board positions with community non-profits to include the Junior League of Birmingham as volunteer vice-president and the Service Guild of Birmingham. Alice previously served as finance chair and on the board of trustees at Canterbury Methodist Church. She is a 2010 Momentum graduate. Alice is married to Lowell Womack and they have two children.



**Adam Wright**  
**Rabbi**  
**Temple Emanu-El**

Adam is from West Bloomfield, MI – a suburb of Detroit. Adam earned his B.A. in Religion and Judaic Studies from Wheaton College (Norton, MA). After college, he attended Vanderbilt University Divinity School where he earned a master's in theological studies focusing on the Ancient Near East and Early Judaism. He then

enrolled at the Hebrew Union College – JIR to begin his rabbinic training. At HUC-JIR, he earned his M.A. in Hebrew Letters, M.A. in Jewish Education, and a graduate certificate in Jewish Non-Profit Management. Adam has served Jewish communities in Victorville, CA, Fountain Valley, CA, Pacific Palisades, CA, Occidental College Hillel, Tarzana, CA, and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Spiritual Care Department. He most recently served as the Associate Rabbi at Temple Solel in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California from 2014-2019. Adam's wife, Rachel, is an internist and pediatrician at UAB and they have 3 young children. Adam played four years of collegiate tennis and still relishes his time on the court. He is also an avid Detroit Red Wings fan.



**Ralph Yarbrough**  
**Owner & President**  
**Crestline Bagel Co.**

Since purchasing the original location in 2007, Ralph and his wife, Jennifer, have grown the artisanal bakery and popular lunch place to three locations around Birmingham. These cafés, along with a central kitchen, offer dine-in, to-go, and catering options for their fresh bagels and cream cheeses, breakfast items, made-to-

order signature sandwiches, salads, and sweets. Ralph has served on the board of directors and as the president for Smile-A-Mile. He currently serves on the board of directors for the University of Alabama Beta Delta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Ralph is a native of Birmingham and holds a business management degree with a concentration in human resources from the University of Alabama's Culverhouse College of Business. Ralph and Jennifer have been married for nearly 20 years. They have two sons—Yates, 11, and Houston, 14.