
Background Information: John R. Reeves and the Firm

Background information current as of September 2026.

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John R. “Johnny” Reeves

John R. “Johnny” Reeves practices law through the Law Offices of John R. Reeves, PC, in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. He has been admitted to practice in Mississippi since 1982 and has practiced law in Jackson since then, handling civil and criminal matters, including jury and non-jury trials. He served 24 years in the Mississippi House of Representatives, from 1984 to 2008, and was sworn in as judge of the Madison Environmental Court in February 2018.

Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1982. Listed in Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges; member, Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.
- University of Mississippi, Bachelor of Public Administration, 1979.

Bar admission and law practice

- Admitted to The Mississippi Bar in 1982. The Mississippi Bar’s lawyer directory lists him as an active member, admitted 1982, with the Law Offices of John R. Reeves, PC, Jackson.
- Private practice of law with the Law Offices of John R. Reeves, PC, 1982 to the present, in civil and criminal matters.
- Adjunct instructor of business law, Mississippi College, 1982 to 1989.

Judicial service

On February 7, 2018, Mr. Reeves was sworn in as judge of the Madison Environmental Court by Madison Judge Rick Mitchell. The court hears the City of Madison’s code-enforcement cases, such as property-maintenance and parking complaints. The City of Madison’s municipal court page lists him as the Environmental Court judge.

Mississippi House of Representatives, 1984–2008

Mr. Reeves was first elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1983 and was re-elected five times. He served 24 years, from 1984 to 2008, representing parts of Hinds and Rankin Counties (most recently House District 71). His positions included:

- Chairman, Committee on Oil, Gas and Other Minerals, 2004–2008
- Chairman, Committee on Fees and Salaries of Public Officers, 2000–2004
- Co-Chairman, Joint Legislative Committee to Establish a National Civil Rights Museum in Mississippi
- Vice Chairman, Judiciary “A” Committee, 1992–1996
- Vice Chairman, Constitution Committee, 1988–1991 and 1996–1999

- Appropriations Committee, 1992–1995, including Chairman of its Executive/Administrative Subcommittee, 1992–1993
- Subcommittee chairman on the Judiciary “A”, Ways and Means, and Education Committees
- Executive Committee member of The Energy Council and of the Southern States Energy Board, 2004–2008

Other public and community service

- Board of Directors, Jackson Redevelopment Authority (appointed 2008)
- Member, City of Madison Planning and Zoning Commission (from 2010)
- Parliamentarian, Governor’s Commission to Study Mississippi’s Tax Structure, 2008
- Awards: Guardian of Small Business Award, National Federation of Independent Business (1993); National Commission Against Drunk Driving Commendation Award (1995); Excellence in Service to Veterans Award, Nail VFW Post (1988)

Recognition

Best Lawyers® included Mr. Reeves in The Best Lawyers in America© in the field of family law for 2016 and 2017. This recognition was given by Best Lawyers, the publisher of The Best Lawyers in America©. It is not a certification by The Mississippi Bar or any court, and it does not guarantee any result.

The firm

The Law Offices of John R. Reeves, PC is located at 355 S State St, Jackson, MS 39201, at the corner of State Street and Tombigbee Street next to the Hinds County Chancery Courthouse. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments are made by calling (601) 355-9600.

The firm handles matters in these areas:

- Personal injury and wrongful death, including motor vehicle and truck accidents, medical malpractice, nursing home abuse and neglect, product liability, premises liability, and workers’ compensation
- Family law, including divorce, child custody and visitation, child support, adoption, paternity, modification, and domestic violence
- Criminal defense, including DUI, drug offenses, white-collar charges, criminal appeals, and expungements
- Business and contract law, including contracts, debt collection, insurance bad faith, employment matters, and bankruptcy
- Real property, including deeds, boundary disputes, eminent domain, eviction, foreclosure, leases, and partition
- Estate matters, including probate, heirship, guardianship, conservatorship, and powers of attorney
- Election disputes and election contests, injunctions and restraining orders, youth court, and appeals to courts and administrative agencies

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