

Adams and Reese is a large regional law firm that is helping make the community a better place.

Attorney Paige Sensenbrenner likes working in a firm that feels responsible to the community and makes a positive impact. He also likes the values and culture of the firm.

"What I like most is the culture motivates you to be, and expects you to be, successful. And everyone makes an effort to support you, not only in the practice of law but within activities you decide to pursue outside the firm," said Sensenbrenner, senior office partner in charge. "I also get many positive comments from people outside the firm about our pro bono services and our staff and attorneys working with civic organizations to help those less fortunate. We encourage everyone to do that, so we can help the community and individuals."

Sensenbrenner has been with the firm 29 years, starting in medical malpractice defense. Over the years, his practice has evolved to include commercial litigation, toxic torts, pharmaceutical products liability, government relations and health care.

He serves on the firm's executive committee, which makes policy decisions, and is currently working on a new strategy that will help the New Orleans office continue growing and be successful. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he was a registered nurse for four years in surgical intensive care.

Cindy Short has been with the firm 14 years. She considers the company culture calm, professional and friendly. She likes the firm's pizza parties and jeans days. Employees pay a fee to wear jeans on Fridays. The money is donated to a different charity each week.

She personally supports the Alzheimer's Association and works to enlist people to participate in the organization's walk in November to raise awareness.

What she likes most about the firm is the worklife balance and fairness. She had major surgery a few years ago and the firm sent her flowers, called to check on her and took her to lunch when she couldn't drive.

"I love my boss and teammates," said Short, administrative assistant in marketing. "I feel valued here and they take care of us in times of need. After Katrina, I was paid for two weeks even though I was in Atlanta. They also had someone talk to us and help process what happened. They care about the employees."

Associate Graham Williams has been with the firm a year. He works with a group of partners on business litigation. He enjoys his coworkers and socializing with them at work and after hours.

"This is an active firm, and the people enjoy what they do and each other," he said. "From the time we walk in until we leave, we work hard for our clients. It's methodical and strategic and that's rewarding and beneficial."

"When I told my grandfather years ago that I wanted to practice law, he said Adams and Reese is the type of people you want to practice with," he added. "He knew them from being around the city, and he was right."

-Kerry Duff

Nature of business: Law firm Headquarters: New Orleans

Employees: 566

Average starting salary: Attorneys: \$100,000 (associates); staff: \$32,000 (excludes upper management)

Median salary: Attorneys: \$175,000; staff: \$43,000 (excludes upper management)

Average time of employment: 12 years

Health care benefits: dental, vision, prescriptions plan

Wait time for benefits: 1 month

Other perks: paid maternity and paternity leave, day-care options, paid mileage, flexible hours, employee recognition program, fitness program, annual company crawfish boil at the Audubon zoo

Paid days off: 34

Website: www.adamsandreese.com



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Best Places to Work: Large companies

Top three based on judging; rest listed alphabetically

Name Address	Telephone Fax	Nature of business Website	Average starting salary Median salary	Employment length for benefit eligibility Employees	Health care benefits Dental Vision Prescription Employee recognition program	Paid maternity Daycare options Telecommuting Flexible hours 401(k)	Relocation assistance Job sharing Continuing education Fitness program Subsidized meals
1. Corporate Realty, Inc. 201 St. Charles Ave. New Orleans 70170	581-5005 585-2605	real estate agency corp-realty.com	\$35,000 - \$70,000 \$55,000 - \$90,000	90 days 65	Y Y N N	N N Y N	Y N Y N
2. AOS Interior Environments 400 Poydras St., Ste 1700 New Orleans 70130	561-8400 561-1155	commercial interiors thinkaos.com	\$14/hr - \$48,000 \$33,280- \$67,600	60 days 77	Y Y Y Y	Y N Y Y	Y N Y Y
3. ChillCo, Inc. 22225 Little Creek Rd. Mandeville 70471	(985) 809-0888 (985) 809-0331	service, installation, rental, maintenance of large tonnage refrigeration, facility performance solutions, consulting and training chillcoinc.com	\$52,000 \$52,000	30 days 59	Y Y Y Y	N N/A Y N Y	N N N N N Y
a. 1st Lake Properties, Inc. 4971 W. Napoleon Ave. Metairie 70001	455-5059 455-8764	property management 1stlake.com	\$38,000 \$41,000	60 days 350	Y Y Y Y	N N Y N Y	N N Y N
Adams and Reese LLP One Shell Square, 701 Poydras St., Ste 4500 New Orleans 70139	581-3234 566-0210	law firm adamsandreese.com	\$32,000 - \$100,000 \$43,000 - \$175,000	30 days 566	Y Y Y Y	Y Y Y Y	N N N Y
Baker Donelson 201 St. Charles Ave., Ste 3600 New Orleans 70170	566-5200 636-4000	legal services bakerdonelson.com	\$57,113 - \$140,300 \$59,578 - \$142,500	30 days 103	Y Y Y Y	Y Y Y Y	N Y Y Y N
Collegiate Academies 5552 Read Blvd. New Orleans 70127	333-2800 N/A	network of high performing open enrollment public high school charter schools collegiateacademies.org	\$42,000 - \$70,000 \$51,000 - \$74,000	30 days 207	Y Y Y Y	Y Y Y Y N	Y N Y N
CORE Construction 3131 N. I-10 Service Rd., E.,Ste. 401 Metairie 70002	733-2212 733-2214	general contractor coreconstruction.com	management - \$87,522; non- management - \$39,185 management - \$85,001; non- management - \$37,440	71	Y Y Y Y	Y N Y Y	Y Y Y Y
Dickie Brennan and Company 605 Canal St. New Orleans 70130	521-8313 523-1633	restaurants frenchquarter-dining.com	management - \$48,000; hourly - \$28,600 management - \$48,000; hourly - \$38,000	between 61-90 days 575	Y Y Y Y	N N Y Y	N Y Y Y
Domain Companies 643 Magazine St. New Orleans 70130	301-0014 (646) 285-0003	real estate development and management thedomaincos.com	\$30,000 \$45,000	90 days 120	Y Y Y Y	Y N N Y	N N Y Y
DoubleTree by Hilton New Orleans 300 Canal St. New Orleans 70130	581-1300 212-3141	hotel doubletree3.hilton.com/en/ hotels/louisiana/ doubletree-by-hilton-hotel- new-orleans-msytcdt/ index.html	\$37,128 \$38,252	90 days 55	Y Y Y Y	Y N N Y Y	Y Y Y N Y
Durr Heavy Construction LLC 817 Hickory Ave. Harahan 70123	737-3205 737-3905	general contractor durrhc.com	\$32,700 staff, \$48,000 managers \$43,100 staff, \$75,000 managers	60 days 99	Y Y Y Y	N Y Y Y	Y N Y Y

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