

RUSHING & GUICE, P.L.L.C.

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The law firm of RUSHING & GUICE, P.L.L.C. has counseled businesses, institutions and individuals along the Gulf Coast and around the world for the past 100 years. Our clients turn to us time and time again for our legal expertise, our professional insight and our exceptional customer service.

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## Tradition of Excellence

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As one of the oldest law firms in Mississippi, RUSHING & GUICE enjoys historical ties to the business lifeline of the Gulf Coast. Over the years, we have represented clients through the complex maze of changing laws and regulations. We have represented the casino industry as it progressed from dockside to waterfront resorts. Our ties to the seafood and other maritime businesses extend from the days of the Biloxi schooners to today's high-tech workboats and offshore operations. We have counseled clients through the various stages of their business, from start-up ventures through mergers and acquisitions to sale or transfer. We help our clients develop innovative and strategic solutions that address their current business needs and lay the foundation for a successful future.

We continue the time-honored traditions established by the firm's founding partners, Charles Rushing and Lee Guice. The firm holds the highest professional ratings as to both legal ability and adherence to legal ethical standards.

From boom times to depressions, through wars and peace, hurricanes and blue skies, the firm has played an instrumental role in the economic development of the region by assisting clients in a wide variety of business endeavors, as well as personal legal matters.

RUSHING & GUICE is proud of our 100-year-strong past on the Gulf Coast and excited about the promise of the future.

Success in today's marketplace requires more than understanding the current business environment. One must recognize the continuing influence of past actions and be prepared for what lies ahead. Keeping an eye toward the horizon, our attorneys can offer insight into recent court decisions and advise clients of proposed regulation changes and new trends in business and industry. RUSHING & GUICE helps our clients maximize opportunity and avoid unnecessary risk.

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## Corporate Counsel

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RUSHING & GUICE serves as counsel for some of the leading companies on the Coast. Industries we have long represented include manufacturing, gaming, maritime and banking and financial services. New businesses turn to RUSHING & GUICE for assistance in establishing the most advantageous structure, preparing contracts, mitigating risks and setting the stage for growth. We help family businesses prepare for the future with succession planning and asset preservation. Real estate investors and property owners rely on RUSHING & GUICE for our long-standing expertise in the acquisition and development of real property for commercial and residential projects. Bankers, realtors, physicians and other professionals seek our guidance on ongoing business matters, entity selection, real estate transactions, governmental regulations and more. In addition to providing ongoing counsel, our attorneys are aggressive litigators who have successfully represented clients as both plaintiffs and defendants in local, state and federal courtrooms throughout the region.

## Beyond Business

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The firm's expertise extends beyond the marketplace into the home. Our attorneys provide estate planning services to individuals and families, and clients seek our counsel whenever personal legal issues arise, including divorce and personal injury. RUSHING & GUICE is the smart choice for business and beyond.

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RUSHING & GUICE has earned a reputation with clients and peers alike for excellence, thoroughness and efficiency. As experienced litigators and strategic counselors, our attorneys represent clients before state and federal courts. In addition to Mississippi, RUSHING & GUICE has attorneys licensed in Louisiana, Alabama, Texas and the District of Columbia.



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## WILLIAM L. GUICE III

### Partner

The third generation of his family to practice law with the firm, Guice is now the firm's senior partner. He focuses his practice in the areas of commercial and general litigation. His specialties include banking and business litigation, white collar criminal defense, as well as admiralty law and transactional matters. As a specially trained mediator, he often serves as a neutral third-party to help parties resolve their disputes. While studying law at Tulane, he was a member of the Board of Student Editors of the *Tulane Law Review* from 1970 to 1972. He has been named one of the top attorneys in the state through a peer survey and is a member of the Gulf Coast Business Council. Guice is a former chairman of the Southern region of the Commercial Law League of America and the author of several publications covering issues related to maritime, medical practice and collections law. He has also served as a presenter and lecturer at numerous courses on contract and commercial law, Mississippi collections law, law office management, ethics and other legal topics.

- University of Paris –La Sorbonne, 1967-1968
- B.A., Tulane University, 1969
- J.D., Tulane University School of Law, 1972
- Licensed in Mississippi, Texas and the District of Columbia



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## MARIA M. COBB

### Partner

Cobb joined RUSHING & GUICE in 1997 and became a partner in 2002. She now serves as the firm's managing partner. In addition to her significant experience in real estate, business and commercial law, Cobb conducts a general civil practice that also includes estate planning and administration, maritime finance and business transactions. She has been honored as one of Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women and one of the state's Top 40 under 40 young business leaders. The local chapter of the American Business Women's Association honored Cobb, a two-term president, as its Woman of the Year in 2006.

- B.S., Louisiana State University, 1990
- J.D., Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, 1994
- Licensed in Mississippi and Louisiana

## R. SCOTT WELLS

### Partner

A native of Biloxi, Wells graduated as valedictorian from Ocean Springs High School in 1984. While at Tulane, Wells was a member of the Moot Court Board beginning in 1988 and served as the Administrative Justice of Academic Affairs on the Moot Court Board from 1989 to 1990. After law school, he practiced law in Louisiana for four years before returning to Mississippi and joining Rushing & Guice in 1994. Wells became a partner in 2002. His practice focuses on commercial litigation, creditors' rights, bankruptcy law, corporate law, real estate, personal injury and estate planning. He has served as a board member for many civic and social organizations, including the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce and the Biloxi-Edgewater Civitan group, and is currently serving as an officer in the Harrison County Bar Association.

- B.A., Tulane University, 1988
- J.D., Tulane University School of Law, 1990
- Licensed in Mississippi and Louisiana

## PRESTON GOFF

### Associate

Preston Goff practices in the area of general civil litigation. He also serves as a real estate closing attorney for Renaissance Title, L.L.C., a subsidiary of Rushing & Guice, P.L.L.C. A native of Pearl, Mississippi, Goff first joined Rushing & Guice, P.L.L.C. as an associate in August of 2010. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Mississippi Bar Association, the Harrison County Bar Association, the Harrison County Young Lawyers Association and Coast Young Professionals.

- J.D., Mississippi College School of Law, 2009
- B.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 2006
- Licensed in Mississippi



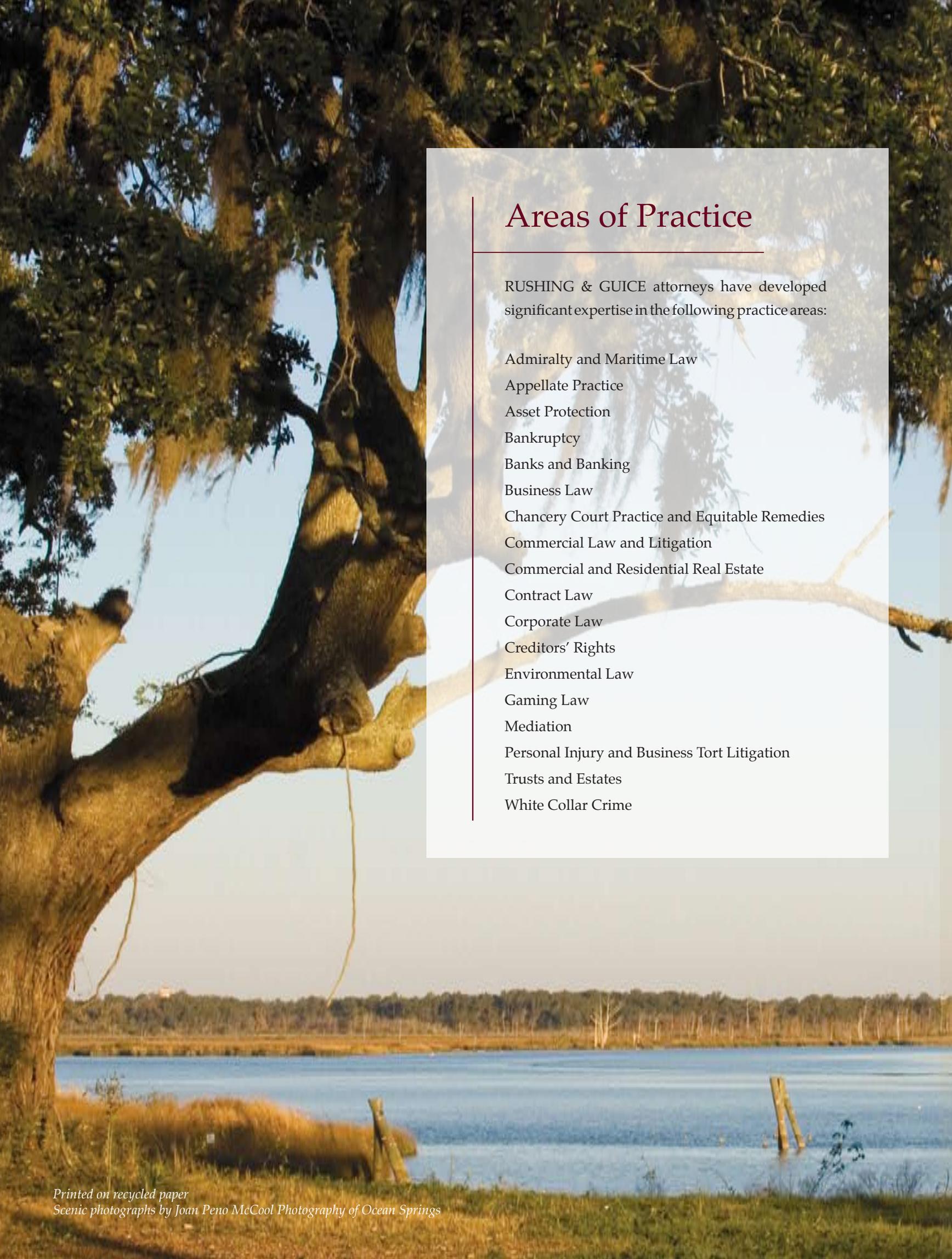
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Beyond the courthouse and conference room, Rushing & Guice regularly participates in community events and service projects. For our 100th anniversary in 2008, the firm conducted a special "100 Acts of Charity" community outreach program, donating at least 100 items to organizations on the Mississippi Gulf Coast each month. Rushing & Guice has been honored as one of the "Best Places to Work" in Mississippi, and our attorneys and staff are active members of area business, civic and legal associations.

Additional background information on each of our attorneys can be found online at [www.RushingGuice.com](http://www.RushingGuice.com).



## Areas of Practice

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RUSHING & GUICE attorneys have developed significant expertise in the following practice areas:

Admiralty and Maritime Law  
Appellate Practice  
Asset Protection  
Bankruptcy  
Banks and Banking  
Business Law  
Chancery Court Practice and Equitable Remedies  
Commercial Law and Litigation  
Commercial and Residential Real Estate  
Contract Law  
Corporate Law  
Creditors' Rights  
Environmental Law  
Gaming Law  
Mediation  
Personal Injury and Business Tort Litigation  
Trusts and Estates  
White Collar Crime