

Friends, Clients, and Colleagues:

Today, I am pleased to share with you the exciting news that I will be joining the law firm of Adams, Hemingway & Wilson, LLP in Macon, Georgia as a partner along with my current attorney colleagues Kort Peterson and Kathryn Willis, and our paralegal Rebecca Jones. We believe that this change allows us to achieve our collective goal of more efficiently being able to exceed our clients' expectations in a personal, boutique law firm setting. Throughout this change, our practice areas and services will continue for our current and future clients, referral sources, and colleagues.

In this regard, I have spent over 20 years serving my clients in the areas of tax and estate, asset protection, and business succession planning. Additionally, I provide corporate counsel for several small to mid-sized family-owned businesses by advising them in business formation and organization, contractual and employment matters, and mergers and acquisitions.

Each one of us is thankful for our time at James Bates Brannan Groover LLP, including the time I spent serving the firm as Managing Partner from 2015-2016. We all cherish the relationships and experiences and feel that our time with James Bates has been invaluable in preparing us for this new venture.

Although this parting of ways is bittersweet for us, we are excited for the future and will continue to provide exceptional legal services. We appreciate your patience and support as we transition into our new positions with Adams, Hemingway & Wilson, LLP, working with our new partner, Brad Wilson, and collectively developing our branding and our website for your ease of reference. If you need to contact any of us, please note our updated contact information below.

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