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John Fletcher is a partner in the firm's Tax & Estates Practice Group and practices from the Jackson, Mississippi office. With more than thirty years' experience in the legal, corporate, and accounting arenas, his practice focuses primarily on state tax matters, encompassing multi-state income, franchise, sales, use and local *ad valorem* taxes. Mr. Fletcher also has assisted his clients on a broad range of federal income tax issues and appeals, and his practice has included a wide variety of non-tax legal services, including legal entity formation and maintenance, business mergers and acquisitions, commercial real estate leasing, gaming regulation, and general business contractual issues.

Prior to joining Jones Walker, Mr. Fletcher worked as State Tax Counsel at General Electric Company (GE), where he assisted with income and franchise tax audits and appeals, major acquisitions and dispositions, and provided legal support to its property tax team in appeals and litigation matters. Earlier in his career, John was a member of KPMG's State and Local Tax practice in New York City while pursuing an LL.M. in Taxation at New York University. John earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Delta State University, where he recently served as President of the National Alumni Association, and his juris doctor degree at The University of Mississippi School of Law, where he serves on the Ole Miss Alumni Association Board of Directors. While at GE, he also served as an adjunct professor at the Albany (NY) Law School, teaching State and Local Tax Law.

Mr. Fletcher is also active in his community, especially with the Mississippi Children's Museum, the Great City MS Foundation, the Community Foundation of Mississippi, the Mississippi Economic Council, the Mississippi Manufacturer's Association, St. Richard Catholic Church, and several other community and business organizations. He and his wife Lisa have two sons at Ole Miss and a third in high school in Jackson.

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