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Charles S. Weems III (“Charlie”) is an Alexandria attorney who has distinguished himself not only in his chosen profession as a leader of the bar and fierce advocate for causes public and private, but also in the greater civic arena as a dedicated servant for higher education and law reform, and a community leader of breadth and vision.

Weems graduated Order of the Coif from the LSU Law Center, where he was Editor in Chief of the Louisiana Law Review. He was elected to the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame and was named by the Law Center as its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2002. Weems continues to serve the LSU Law Center on its Board of Trustees.

He was elected President of the Louisiana State Bar Association in 1996, and led the innovative *Citizen’s Summit for Justice Reform*, which translated public input on civil trials into legislative action. Weems was honored by the LSBA with its Distinguished Service Award in 1998, and received in 1999 the Curtis Boisfontaine Award for excellence in Trial Advocacy. The Louisiana Bar Foundation honored Weems as Louisiana’s Outstanding Attorney of the Year in 2009.

Weems served on and was twice elected Chair of the LSU Board of Supervisors, serving under five different Governors from 1991 through 2008. Weems was the initial chair of the SEC Conference of Chairs in 1999 and 2000. He also served LSU as a member of the LSU Foundation and an officer of the Tiger Athletic Foundation. Weems was the spearhead of Central Louisiana’s successful effort for a 4-year LSUA, and served as President of the LSUA Foundation from 2012-2015. Weems received the Distinguished Service Award, the university’s highest recognition, from LSUA in 2013.

He is Chair Emeritus and Assistant Director of the highly respected Louisiana State Law Institute, the official law reform body of the State of Louisiana created by the legislature. Weems has continuously served the State on the Institute since his election in 1985, including two terms as its President.

Weems is a commissioner and was twice elected Chair of the England Authority (England Economic and Industrial Development District, AEX Regional Airport). He is past President of the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, and the founder and initial chair of the Central Louisiana Diversity Alliance. Weems is a past chair and board member of numerous other charitable and civic organizations. He has received honors and recognition for that work and service, including in 2014 the national Significant Sig Award from the Sigma Chi Fraternity, in 2017 the *Service Above Self* Award from the Alexandria Rotary Club, in 2024 the Bolton High School Hall of Fame, and in 2025 was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame.

Weems lives and continues to practice law in Alexandria where he is President of the firm Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell. In 2016 he became the first practicing lawyer recognized by LPB as a *Louisiana Legend*.