

COOPER NAMES REED STAFF ATTORNEY

Tennessee native will focus on intellectual property and music industry

NASHVILLE—U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper (D-TN) today announced that he has appointed Sam Reed to the newly created position of staff attorney, with a specific focus on intellectual property, music and entertainment issues. Before joining Cooper's office, Reed worked as a lawyer at the Nashville-based firm Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis.

"As Music City's congressman, I know how important intellectual property laws are to maintaining the integrity and vitality of the music industry," said Cooper, who has represented Nashville since 2003. "Sam is already well-versed in the complex world of IP law, and I welcome his counsel as we make public policy that meets the challenges of the 21st century entertainment industry."

Reed is a 2005 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. He earned an LL.M. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2006. Reed completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Miami and is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He will work in Cooper's Washington office.

"It's an honor to be a part of Congressman Cooper's amazing staff," said Reed. "I've already witnessed the way he approaches his job—with intellectual vigor, purpose and a real sense of service—and the energy is contagious. I'm thrilled for the opportunity to make a difference, and I know I'm in the right place to do it."

###