



James (Jim) Compton

*General Manager and Chief Executive Officer*

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Jim Compton became the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of SMEPA in 2004. Mr. Compton served as SMEPA's board attorney for more than 12 years and performed extensive legal work for the Association before then. Mr. Compton graduated from Jefferson County High School in Fayette, Mississippi, and received his bachelor's degree from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee in 1971 and earned a law degree from the University of Mississippi Law Center in 1976. He was a federal law clerk before entering private practice. Mr. Compton lived and worked in Biloxi, Mississippi from 1976 until 2004. He was a founding partner in the law firm of Compton, Crowell and Hewitt. Mr. Compton also served as City Prosecutor, City Judge, City Attorney, and Councilman for the City of Biloxi, for a total of 17 years.