



Jim Bates - Natural Resources and Real Estate Group

“We are foresters by profession.” This probably isn’t a statement you’d expect to hear from someone that works for a bank. “We have 15 foresters on staff managing properties related to timber,” said Jim Bates, head of the Natural Resources and Real Estate (NRRE) group at Regions. “We have clients with everything from very large to small parcels, with simple ownership patterns to very complex ownership patterns. Our goal is to apply professional knowledge and experience in the timber industry to help landowners meet their individual financial goals.”

Bates leads Regions’ growing NRRE team and is responsible for approximately \$2 billion of assets under management, including timberland, farmland, mineral interests and real estate.

Bates first joined the NRRE group in 2010 serving as the portfolio manager of Regions Timber Fund. In 2017, Bates was promoted to senior vice president and has since duly served as the Birmingham regional manager and the Timber Fund manager. He is a registered forester with 24 years of experience in the forest industry. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Forest Resource Management from Auburn University, and a Master of Business Administration from Aspen University. He is a member of the Alabama Forestry Association and the Society of American Foresters.