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1960s

Richard A. Slaby (1965) of Augusta, GA, was elected president of the Council of State Court Judges.

1970s

Michael L. Murphy (1973) of Buchanan, GA, was honored as Judge of the Year by State Bar of Georgia. Samuel W. Calhoun (1974) of Lexington, VA, was named the Washington and Lee Class of 1960 Professor of Ethics. Jon B. Wood (1974) of LaFayette, GA, is retiring in September after 31 years as a Superior Court judge in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit.

Gary E. Jackson (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as the new president of the Council of Municipal Court Judges of



Georgia. John C. Pridgen (1975) of Cordele, GA, was selected as the 2016 This is Your Life honoree by the Cordele-Crisp Chamber of Commerce and the Watermelon Days Committee. James S. Altenbach (1976) of Atlanta, GA,

was recognized as a 2016 Georgia Super Lawver.

Kathleen Horne
(1976) of Savannah,
GA, was inducted as
counselor for the
Judge W. Homer
Drake Georgia
Bankruptcy Inn of
Court. Andrew H.
Ernst (1977) of
Savannah, GA, was
recognized by
Chambers USA
Guide 2016 in the





area of environmental law and was appointed as chairman of the Armstrong Foundation Board of Trustees. Mark E. Grantham (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was recogized as a 2016 Georgia Super Lawyer. John A. Cutler (1978) of Washington, D.C., became a Senior Fellow at the National Academy of Social Insurance, and a special adviser to the Women's Institute for a Secure



Retirement. Kathy S.
Palmer (1979) of
Swainsboro, GA, was
elected as the secretarytreasurer of the Council
of Superior Court
Judges of Georgia.

1980s

Jennifer Wheatley Fletcher (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2016 Georgia Super Lawyer. Hall F. McKinley III (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was sworn in as the treasurer of the Georgia Defense Lawyers



Association. Patrick T. O'Connor (1981) of Savannah, GA, was sworn in as the president of the State Bar of Georgia. Robert D. Cheeley (1982) of

Alpharetta, GA, started his own firm, Cheeley Law Group. Horace J. Johnson Jr. (1982) of Covington, GA, is serving as president of Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia. James A. Orr (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a top author as part of JD Supra's Readers' Choice Awards for his thought leadership covering key



industry topics in 2015. Wade W. Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, was recognized by Chambers USA Guide 2016 in the area of labor and employment law.

Edward H. Lindsey Jr. (1984) of Atlanta, GA, joined Dentons. Samuel



M. Matchett (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was presented with the key to the city of Valdosta by Mayor John Gayle during the 100 Black

Men of Valdosta's 22nd Annual Black Tie Banquet. **Craig K. Pendergrast** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by Chambers USA Guide 2016 in the area of environmental law. Peter J. Skandalakis (1984) of LaGrange, GA, was appointed to serve as a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia. W. Scott Sorrels (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2016 Georgia Super

Lawyer. Peter D.

Muller (1987) of
Savannah, GA, is
managing partner of
the Savannah office of
Goodman McGuffey



LLP, and he was sworn in as the president of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association. **Dean W. Russell** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the *2016 Intellectual Asset Magazine (IAM)* Patent 1000 Rankings. **Susan S. Lanigan** (1988) of Hendersonville, TN, was appointed executive vice president and general counsel of Chico's FAS, Inc.

1990s



Kenton J. Coppage (1990) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to become a Fellow of the American Bar Association. Kenneth B. Hodges III

(1991) of Atlanta, GA, was named treasurer of the State Bar of Georgia. H. Franklin Layson III (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined DLA Piper as a corporate partner. W. Pope Langdale III (1992) of Valdosta, GA, was elected to serve as the 61st president of the Georgia Trial

Lawyers Association. **Gregory G. Schultz** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by *Chambers USA Guide* 2016 in the area of real estate law. **Meredith M. Addy** (1993) of Chicago, IL, joined Tabet DiVito &



Rothstein as a partner. James V. Chin (1993) of Atlanta, GA, joined Carlton Fields as a shareholder. Laura T. Marsh (1995) of Statesboro, GA, was

appointed to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. **Stephen E. Tillman** (1995) of Baxley, GA, was named the new public defender for the Brunswick Judicial Circuit. **Karri L. Palmetier** (1996) of Centennial, CO, joined Special Aerospace Services LLC as the firm's first chief operating officer and general counsel.

Tilman E. Self III
(1997) of Macon, GA,
was elected to serve
as president-elect of
the Council of
Superior Court Judges

of Georgia. S. Craig Hemenway
(1998) of Denver, CO, was named to
the 2016 Intellectual Asset Magazine
(IAM) Patent 1000 Rankings. D.
Clayton Howell (1998) of Atlanta,
GA, was recognized as a 2016
Georgia Super Lawyer. Laurie C.
McRae (1998) of Columbus, GA,
won the District 5 seat on the
Muscogee County School Board.
Emory L. Palmer (1999) of Newnan,
GA, was appointed to the Georgia
Commission on Child Support.
Steven L. Park (1999) of Atlanta,

GA, joined DLA Piper.
Christopher H. Smith
(1999) of Savannah,
GA, moderated the
keynote panel for
Savannah's second
annual Logistics Lunch.



2000s



Brian C. Meadows (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was named a Fellow by the American Chemical Society (ACS). Howard J. Russell (2000) of Las

Vegas, NV, was named to the Board of the Unforgettables Foundation of Southern Nevada.

Jennifer Auer Jordan (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to serve on the Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia. Rebecca



C. Rieder (2001) of Atlanta, GA, had her firm, Hedgepeth Heredia & Rieder, recognized by the Atlanta Bar Association with the small firm service award. Stacey A. Carroll (2003) of Atlanta, GA, became of counsel with Conley Griggs Partin.

Arman M. Deganian (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was sworn in as the president of the DeKalb County Bar Association. Ronald E. Mabra Jr. (2004) of



Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the UGA Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of

2016. Stephanie O. Mitchell (2004) of Atlanta, GA, joined Siemens Financial Services as litigation counsel. Charles A. Pannell III (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to counsel at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton. Clark R. Calhoun (2005) of Los Angeles, CA, received the Institute for Professionals in Taxation's 2016 New Member Achievement Award. Charles H. Crawford III (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2016 Georgia



Super Lawyers Rising Star. **Nathan T. Johns** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at MendenFreiman LLP. **Wilson G. Barmeyer** (2006) of Washington,

D.C., was recognized as a 2016 Washington D.C. Rising Star. Rachel C. Fields (2007) of Savannah, GA, joined the board of directors for the Savannah Book Festival. Alison M. Ballard (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed as president of the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice Young Professionals Council. Gregory D. Smith (2009) of Bainbridge, GA, was installed as



president for Bainbridge Rotary Club. **Benn C. Wilson** (2009) of Birmingham, AL, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP as an associate.

2010 - 2015



Benjamin W. Middendorf (2010) of Atlanta, GA, joined Trimont Real Estate Advisors as corporate counsel. Ashland J.

Johnson (2011) of Washington, D.C., was recognized as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association. William K. Owens Jr. (2011) of Atlanta, GA, joined Conley Griggs

Partin as a senior associate. Nathan P. Viebrock (2011) of Charlotte, NC, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as an associate. Jennifer L.



Zweig (2011) of Washington, D.C., was recognized by the UGA Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2016. Thereasa E. Rinderknecht (2012) of Gainesville, GA, joined Conowal Welch Womack & Rinderknecht as a partner. Elliot M. Engstrom (2013)



of Greensboro, NC, joined the faculty at Elon Law School as a Legal Method and Communications Fellow and opened his own firm, Engstrom

Law, PLLC. Robert N. Hunziker Jr. (2013) of Washington, D.C., joined Covington & Burling LLP as an associate. M. Brooke McGuffey (2013) of Atlanta, GA, joined Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP as an associate. Edgar B. Callaway





(2014) of Atlanta, GA, joined Kilpatrick
Townsend & Stockton
LLP as an associate.
Andrew J. Conn (2014) of Atlanta, GA, joined
Harris Penn Lowry as an associate. Christopher
D. Troutman (2014) of Atlanta, GA, joined
Thompson Hine as a real estate associate.