

Class Notes

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1950s

Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler (1957) of Savannah, GA, has had an updated edition of the book *Damn Good Dawgs!* that he co-authored with Kent Hannon published by The University of Georgia Press.

1960s

John D. Crosby (1964) of Tifton, GA, was named by Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle to the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform. **H. Dean Covington Jr.** (1965) of Lindale, GA, has joined McDonald Wealth Management. **Maria Bouchelle Campbell** (1967) of Birmingham, AL, has joined the firm Hall, Sides, & Akin.



1970 - 1974

R. Carl Cannon (1970) of Marietta, GA, was included in the 2010 Georgia Super Lawyers publication. **William L. Rogers Jr.** (1971) of Gainesville, GA,

has become commissioner of the Georgia Real Estate Commission.

J. Thomas Vance (1971) of Carrollton, GA, was spotlighted in an article in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his preparation for a triathlon less than a year after surviving a plane crash.

Burton W. Wiand (1971) of Clearwater, FL, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of *Florida Super Lawyers*.

1975 - 1979



John C. Pridgen (1975) of Cordele, GA, has become the president of the Council of Superior Court Judges. He has served as a superior court judge in the Cordele Judicial Circuit since 1999

and as chief judge since 2005. Before his appointment to the bench, he served as district attorney. **James B. Ford** (1976) of Kalamazoo, MI, had a five generation memoir of his family, *I Lived in Those Times*, published by Amazon. **James L. Henderson III** (1976) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed



Sutherland's first chief diversity officer. **Barbara Mendel Mayden** (1976) of Nashville, TN, has been active in the American Bar Association for more than 30 years. Barbara

represented the State of New York on the American Bar Association's board of governors, serving on the board's Executive Committee and as chair of the board's Operations Committee and has been nominated to again serve on



the board with a term commencing in August of 2011. **Stanley S. Jones Jr.** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, received the Sandy Brandt Volunteer Service Award

from Mental Health America in recognition of his 40 years of dedicated service. **Alfred J. Powell Jr.** (1977) of Camilla, GA, was appointed by House Speaker David Ralston to the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform.

John E. Thompson (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was named a Georgia Super Lawyer by *Atlanta Magazine* and Georgia Super Lawyers for his work in the employment and labor law areas.

R. Harold Meeks Jr. (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in an article in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his membership in the band CussinWillas (www.cussinwillas.com) and their return performance at LawJam 2011. At LawJam 2010, the band made it to the final three.

R. Wayne Thorpe (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to the board of directors of J.A.M.S., a mediation and arbitration firm. **Robert A. Whitlow** (1979) of Charlotte, NC, has published his tenth novel, *Water's Edge*. **William B. Wood** (1979) of Grayson, GA, has established his own law firm in Lawrenceville after practicing with Smith, Gambrell & Russell for 28 years. He specializes in business law, particularly mergers and acquisitions, general corporate issues, and state and local tax matters. For the last two years, he has served as an adjunct professor of corporate tax at the UGA School of Law. **Susan R. Boltacz** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, SunTrust Bank Group vice president and director of tax information reporting, was appointed by the Internal Revenue Service as a member of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC). **Patricia G. Griffith** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was named the chair of the board of directors of the Atlanta Shakespeare Company.

David J. McDade (1982) of Douglasville, GA, was named to the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform by Gov. Nathan Deal and was elected president of the District Attorney's Association of Georgia. He is serving his sixth consecutive term in office, making him the third longest-serving district attorney among active district attorneys in the state. Additionally, he was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Deal earlier this year. **Mary Real Chapin** (1983) of Tybee Island, GA, was selected to be the administrator for St. Michael Church. **J. Randolph Evans** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform by Gov. Nathan Deal.

R. Wayne Bond (1984) of Marietta, GA, has joined the firm Seyfarth Shaw as a partner. **Todd E. Naugle** (1984) of Tyrone, GA, has established his own law firm. **Matthew D. Williams** (1984) of Lilburn, GA, has established his own law firm in Cumming, GA.

1985 - 1989



Norman F. J. Allen III (1985) of Douglasville, GA, **John J. Ellington** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, and **Christopher J. McFadden** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, held

an impromptu class reunion at the Court of Appeals of Georgia during a visit by the Office of the Staff Advocate, United Forces Command, led by Col. Allen. **Robin Barney Blount** (1985) of East Point, GA, was appointed to the State Rehabilitation Council by Gov. Nathan Deal.



Donna L. Musil (1985) of Eatonton, GA, was awarded a Clews Center for the Arts Artist-in-Residency

fellowship to spend a month at the Chateau de la Napoule in the south of France during Oct. 2011. **Deborah A. Ausburn** (1986) of Woodstock, GA, has joined the firm Taylor English Duma as a partner. **T. Matthew Mashburn** (1986) of Decatur, GA, was featured in an article in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his hobby of collecting uniforms worn by German-speaking



athletes who compete in the Olympic Games. **Gregory V. Sapp** (1986) of Savannah, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to the State Court of Chatham County. Additionally, he will serve

as president of the Savannah Bar Association during 2011-12. **Julianna C. Theall** (1986) of Greensboro, NC, was ranked as a leading practitioner in labor and employment law in the 2011 edition of *Chambers USA*. **Ural D. L. Glanville** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to a special criminal justice reform council by Chief Justice Carol W. Hunstein.



Tina Shadix Roddenbery (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Rosemary Smith Armstrong (1989) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins as a partner.

J. Charles Olderman (1989) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Forestar Group as real estate counsel. **Barton R. Bright III** (1990) of Marietta, GA, has joined BBVA Compass as corporate counsel.

Ronald C. Melcher (1990) of Marietta, GA, has joined the firm Crowe Horwarth as a principal. **John W. Ray Jr.** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in an article in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his membership in the

band The Subpeonas and their performance at LawJam 2011.



Ellen Brown Landers (1991) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to James C. "Jim" Landers on April 2, 2011. **E. Lee Davis Jr.**

(1991) of Statesboro, GA, has joined Armstrong Atlantic State University as university counsel. **Michael J. Keller** (1991) of Pompano Beach, FL, has joined the firm Roetzel & Andress as a partner in the firm's intellectual property practice group. **Duane C. Presten III** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Schiff Hardin as a partner. **J. Marcus Edward Howard** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, was a guest speaker at the Atlanta Bar Association's Sole Practitioner/Small Firm Section's breakfast meeting in June. **Rebecca Burnaugh Segrest** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Victor Segrest on May 14, 2011.

1995 - 1999

D. Michael Conner (1995) of Pooler, GA, was appointed to be Jesup's city attorney by the Jesup City Council.

W. Heath Garrett (1995) of Marietta, GA, was appointed to the Professional Standards Commission by Gov. Nathan Deal. **Amy Elaine Smith** (1995) of Kathleen, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal as the new solicitor



general for Houston County. **Dorsey R. Carson Jr.** (1996) of Jackson, MS, is running for a seat in the Mississippi House of Representatives. He has been ranked as a leading practitioner in litigation and construction in the 2011 edition of

Chambers USA. **C. Celeste Creswell** (1996) of Dalton, GA, was appointed to the Dalton-Whitfield charter commission by the Dalton City Council. **David C. King** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, has established his own law firm. **I. Marie Livingstone** (1996) of Guyton, GA, has become director of planning and development at Effingham Hospital. **Tracy Nelson Lopresti** (1996) of Milton, GA, announced her marriage to Alejandro Lopresti on April 23, 2011. **Elizabeth L. Schuchs-Gopaul** (1996) of Arlington, VA, was selected in July to be the Wing Staff Judge Advocate at David-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, AZ. **Carlton A. DeVooght** (1997) of St. Simons Island, GA, was selected for inclusion on the UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list. **Kimberley Joiner Hale** (1998) of Norcross, GA, was featured in an article in the *Fulton County Daily*



Report regarding her painting of landscapes. **Andrew T. Starr** (1998) of Mission, KS, announced his marriage to Amy Elizabeth Bauman on April 2, 2011.



Keith R. Blackwell (1999) of Smyrna, GA, was selected for inclusion on the UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list.

Kimberly Brackett-Jones (1999) of Raleigh, NC, has joined the firm Sasser Fieldsner as a partner. **Christopher M. Carr** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion on the



UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list. **Katherine Lewis Parker** (1999) of Clayton, NC, was selected for inclusion on

the UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list.

2000 - 2004

Shyam K. Reddy (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion on the UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list. **Ryan M. Reid** (2000) of Williamson, GA, has established his own law office. **Julie M. Wade** (2000) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion on the UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list. **W. Michael D'Antignac** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the State Court of Fulton County as a law clerk. **Scott M. Lenhart** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, has joined CARE USA as an associate general counsel. **Mary Paige Adams** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion on the UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list. **Brennan W. Bolt** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm McKenna Long & Aldridge. **Kevin J. McDonough** (2002) of Cumming, GA, has established his own law firm. **Jeffrey A. Calabrese** (2003) and **Melissa F. Calabrese** (2003) of Louisville, KY, celebrated the birth of their son John August on Feb. 2, 2011. **Stacey Godfrey Evans** (2003) of Smyrna, GA, has established the firm Wood, Hernacki & Evans. **Charles M. Ferguson Jr.** (2003) of Monroe, GA, has joined the law firm of Atkinson & Cullen. **R. Daniel Graves** (2003) of Elberton, GA, has joined Elberton Federal Savings and Loan as vice president. **Michael J. Jacobs** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, has established his own law firm. **L. Bartlett Newman** (2003) of Marietta, GA, was selected for inclusion on the UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list.

E. Wycliffe Orr Jr. (2003) of Atlanta, GA, graduated in June from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, receiving an MBA, with distinction, and has joined Privet Fund Management, an Atlanta-based public securities investment firm. **Ryan T. Strickland** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, has established his own law firm. **Joshua M. Watkins** (2003) of Birmingham, AL, was featured in *The Birmingham News* for his work with the Birmingham Angel Network, and he received the 2011 Small Business Advocate of the Year Award presented by the Birmingham Business Alliance. **Kweku G. Ainuson** (2004) of Accra, Ghana, has expanded his commercial law practice in Ghana by opening an office in the Atlanta area to serve his U.S. clients who are directly doing business or acting for others doing business in Ghana. **Matthew R. Almand** (2004) of



Atlanta, GA, has joined McKesson Corporation. **Christopher A. Cospers** (2004) of Augusta, GA, was named one of Augusta's most outstanding young professionals to watch in 2011 by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the *Augusta Magazine*. Additionally, he made partner with his law firm in January. **Jason D. McLarry** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Troutman Sanders.

2005 - 2009

Adam M. Conrad (2005) and **Danielle Logan Conrad** (2005) of Charlotte, NC, celebrated the birth of their daughter Annelise Marie on May 16, 2011. **Ashley Ledford Culberson** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the Office of the Attorney General of Georgia as an

assistant attorney general. **Kira Y. Fonteneau** (2005) of Birmingham, AL, was a member of Class 7 of the Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum, as well as was named by the magazine *Super Lawyers* as a 2011 Rising Star in the area of criminal defense for the state of Alabama. Additionally, she and her husband Omar celebrated the birth of their daughter Sydney Elise on June 2, 2011. **Robert L. Fortson** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted in Georgia360's healthcare practice as a director with the diversified public affairs firm. **Paul W. Hitchcock** (2005) of Milledgeville, GA, celebrated with his wife Courtney the birth of their daughter Hayleigh Elizabeth on March 11, 2011. **Jadun O. McCarthy** (2005) of Macon, GA, was named the 2012 Georgia Teacher of the Year. **Daniel W. White** (2005) of Marietta, GA, has become a named partner with the firm Haynie, Litchfield, Crane & White. **Knut Woestehoff** (LL.M. 2005) of San Francisco, CA, has associated with the firm Carroll, Burdick & McDonough. **M.J. Blakely Jr.** (2006) and **Jennifer S. Blakely** (2008) of Tucker, GA, celebrated the birth of their son Michael Joseph III on June 27, 2011. **Mary Rae Dudley** (2006) of El Paso, TX, announced her marriage to Michael Bennett Dudley on March 19, 2011. **R. Davis Powell** (2006) of New York, NY, announced his marriage to Meredith Richter on April 23, 2011. **Kimberly Council Sheridan** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Kitchens Kelley Gaynes. **Lucas A. Smith** (2006) of Athens, GA, has associated with the firm Taylor English Duma. **Terri R. Stewart** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was named a





Rising Star by *Atlanta Magazine* and Georgia Super Lawyers. **Elizabeth C. Arnett** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs.



Jacob Russell Davis (2007) of Elberton, GA, has associated with the firm Lipshutz Greenblatt. **James R. Fletcher II** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the Geheren Firm.



Robert Z. Kelley (2007) of Arlington, VA, has associated with the firm Sutherland. **Dar'shun N. Kendrick** (2007) of Decatur, GA, received her

Master's in Business Administration from Kennesaw State University on Aug. 2, as well as was appointed co-chair of the House Democratic Economic Development Committee as a Freshman State Representative, representing 58,000



Georgians in Dekalb and Rockdale Counties. **H. Scott Lowry Jr.** (2007) of Athens, GA, joined the firm of Durden & Mills as of Jan. 1, 2011. He and **Kristin**

Rebecca Strunk (2007)

announced their marriage on June 4, 2011. **Caroline Knox Anderson** (2008) of Thomson, GA, joined the company Watson and Knox, Inc. as director of operations. **Jennifer S. Blakely** (2008) and **M.J. Blakely Jr.** (2006) of Tucker, GA, celebrated the birth of their son Michael Joseph III on June 27, 2011.

Lee B. Carter (2008) of Rome, GA, has associated with the firm Brinson, Askew, Berry, Seigler, Richardson & Davis.

T. Lawrence Evans (2008) of Lilburn, GA, has associated with the firm Oliver Maner. **Sara Barnhart Fletcher** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the NCR Corporation as in-house counsel where she will provide legal support for the entertainment, e-commerce and procurement groups. **Efrain A. Poloche** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, has



associated with the firm Seyfarth Shaw. **Hayley Roper Wells** (2008) of Swannanoa, NC, has completed the American Law Institute-American Bar Association's course in

advanced employment law and litigation. **J. Allen Callison** (2009) of Suwanee, GA, has associated with the firm Morgan & Akins. **Jessica Cox Casey** (2009) of Washington, D.C., announced her marriage to Sam Casey on May 7, 2011. **Andrew M. O'Connell** (2009) of Decatur, GA, has associated with the firm Hamilton, Westby, Antonowich & Anderson. **Gregory D. Smith** (2009) of Athens, GA, was spotlighted in an article in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for his work with the Atlanta Street Food Coalition.

2010 - 2011

William B. Bembry (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm KPMG. **Russell J. Edwards** (2010) of Athens, GA, co-hosts the radio talk show "True South" and has associated with the Law Office of J. Hue Henry. **Emma A. Hastings** (2010) of Clemson, SC, has become the assistant district attorney prosecuting drug cases for the Mountain Judicial Circuit in South Carolina. **A. Binford Minter** (2010) of Columbus, GA, participated this past May in "Dancing Stars of Columbus," a charity event of the Alzheimer's

Association. **Kevin P. Murphy** (2010) of Savannah, GA, has become a judicial law clerk to Judge B. Avant Edenfield. **Rajesh Shah** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion on the UGA Alumni Association's 2011 "40 Under Forty" list. **David A. Smythe** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm King & Spalding as project attorney. **Julia L. Titolo** (2010) of Chicago, IL, has associated with the Bellows Law Group. **Lori E. Chriss** (2011) of Gainesville, GA, has become a judicial law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Susan Cole. **Andrew A. Curtright** (2011) of Marietta, GA, has associated with the firm Downey & Cleveland. **Marisa N. Pins** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Epstein, Becker & Green. **Anne Marie Pippin** (2011) of Washington, D.C., has joined the U.S. Department of Energy as a Presidential Management Fellow. **Kristin Rigdon** (2011) of Houston, TX, has joined the U.S. Department of Labor as a legal clerk. **Morgan K. Wood** (2011) of Grayson, GA, has associated with the firm Lilenfeld. **Jennifer L. Zweig** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Sustainability.