

Class Notes

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1950s



Edmund I. Adams (1956) of Sparta, NC, received the 2009 Dr. I. Beverly Lake Public Service Award. **Norman S. Fletcher**

(1958) of Rome, GA, elected to serve a second term on the board of directors of the UGA Arch Foundation.

1960s

A.W. Franklin Bloodworth (1963) of Atlanta, GA, announced his retirement. **Horace H. Sibley** (1964) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the Georgia Justice Project during its annual Grass Roots Justice Awards luncheon.

Larry Walker Jr. (1965) of Perry, GA, was appointed to the Board of Regents as an at-large member by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Frederick E. Cooper** (1967) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Board of Regents as the Fifth Congressional District representative by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Ronald S. Cooper** (1969) of Alexandria, VA, rejoined Steptoe & Johnson as a partner. **Dow N. Kirkpatrick II** (1969) of Atlanta, GA, announced his retirement from Alston & Bird. He recently served as a panelist for a forum organized by the South Asian Bar Association of Georgia titled "Four Generations in the Workplace."

1970 - 1974

Ronald E. Ginsberg (1971) of Savannah, GA, received a distinguished alumni award from the Armstrong Atlantic State University Alumni Association and was elected president of the Council of State Court Judges. **F. Edwin Hallman Jr.** (1971) of Atlanta, GA, established Hallman & Wingate, a firm specializing in



environmental law. **David C. Hagaman** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for labor and

employment law for 2009. **C. Richard Langley** (1973) of Albany, GA, was board certified by the American Board of

Professional Liability Attorneys in the field of medical professional liability. **William M. Poole** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough as a partner. **James E. Mahar Jr.** (1974) of Gainesville, GA, was selected as a founding member of the Georgia Academy of Mediators & Arbitrators. **Toby B. Prodgers** (1974) of Marietta, GA, has become the chief judge of the Cobb County State Court. **Sharon "Nyota" Tucker** (1974) of Albany, GA, was named to serve on an informal panel that will advise the Georgia Democratic Congressional Delegation on presidential appointments to selected judgeships in Georgia by Congressman Sanford Bishop.

1975 - 1979

John C. Pridgen (1975) of Cordele, GA, is serving as secretary-treasurer of the Council of Superior Court Judges. **Douglas C. Vassy** (1975) of Carrollton, GA, was spotlighted by the *Carroll Star News* as solicitor for Carroll County. **Joe D. Whitley** (1975) of Alpharetta, GA, co-edited and co-authored the book *Homeland Security: Legal and Policy Issues*, published by the American Bar Association, which is a detailed collection of policy and practice-related information concerning the Homeland Security Act. **Barbara Mendel Mayden** (1976) of Nashville, TN, established Young Mayden, a legal search and consulting firm for lawyers

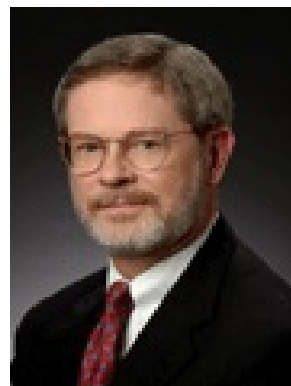
and law firms nationwide (www.youngmayden.com). **J. Philip Worthington** (1976) of Dallas, TX, joined FFE Transportation Services as vice president of enterprise sales. **John L. Douglas** (1977) of Washington, DC, joined Davis Polk as a partner in the firm's financial institutions group. **Stanley S. Jones Jr.** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council by Gov.

Sonny Perdue.



Joycelyn L. Fleming (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as one of the top immigration lawyers in the U.S. by *Legal 500* and was

named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for immigration law for 2009. **Mark J. Podlin** (1978) of St. Simons Island, GA, joined Hodnett Cooper Real Estate as an associate broker in the firm's commercial division. **John E.**



Thompson (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010* and was named by

Chambers USA as a leading individual for wage and hour law for 2009. **Gary Gerrard** (1979) of

Lexington, GA, was elected chairman of the board of Action, Inc., a ten county community action agency. **Jo Lanier Meeks** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the board of directors of the Atlanta Bar Foundation. **R. Wayne Thorpe** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed the new chair-elect of the American Bar Association's Section of Dispute Resolution and had an article he authored, "Litigation vs. Mediation," published in the *Fulton County Daily Report*.

1980 - 1984

Daisy Hurst Floyd (1980) of Macon, GA, announced she will step down as dean of Mercer University's law school at the end of the academic year to become University Professor of Law and Ethical Formation. **Janice L. Mathis** (1980) of Bogart, GA, delivered the keynote address at the seventh annual University of Georgia Black Faculty and Staff Organization's Founders Day Luncheon. **Jere W. Morehead** (1980) of Athens, GA, was selected to serve as senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Georgia. He will assume his new duties January 1, 2010. **Doris L. Downs** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was honored at the Atlanta Bar Association's Leadership Awards Luncheon by being named the 18th recipient of the Atlanta Bar Association's Honorable Romae Turner Powell Judicial Service Award.



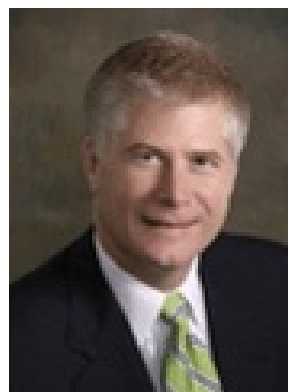
Elizabeth Wallace Fleming (1981) of Anchorage, AK, relocated to Alaska and has taken a civilian position with the Air Force as Legal Advisor to

Joint Task Force - Alaska.

Patrick T. O'Connor (1981) of Savannah, GA, received the Frank Cheatham Professional Award, which recognizes professional conduct by lawyers, by the Savannah Bar

Association. **Nathan B. Pride** (1981) of Jackson, TN, was reappointed to the board of commissioners of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission.

Frederick L. Warren III (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for labor and employment law for 2009.



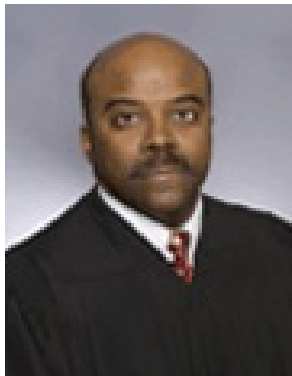
D. Albert Brannen Jr. (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2010*.

Stephen B. Farrow (1982) of Dalton, GA, was appointed to the State Board of Workers' Compensation by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Patricia G. Griffith** (1982) (photo top of next column) of Atlanta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for labor and



employment law for 2009. **James B. Durham** (1983) of St. Simons Island, GA, was named a Fellow by the Georgia Fellows of the American College of Trial

Lawyers. **Brent J. Kaplan** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, joined Isenberg & Hewitt as a partner. **George L. Murphy Jr.** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for Federal Court Litigation for 2009.



Gregory A. Adams (1984) of Stone Mountain, GA, was presented with the 2009 Distinguished Jurist Award at the annual State Bar of

Georgia meeting by the Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section.

Bruce P. Brown (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for complex commercial and constitutional



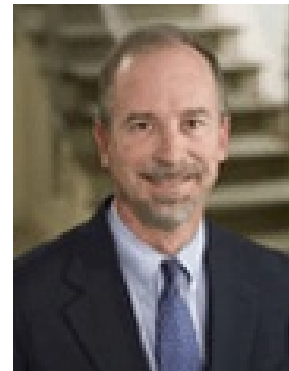
litigation for 2009. **Wiley A. Wasden III** (1984) of Savannah, GA, celebrated with his partners the 20th anniversary of the

establishment of Brennan &

Wasden. Also, he was named one of the "Best Lawyers in America" by *Best Lawyers*.

1984 - 1989

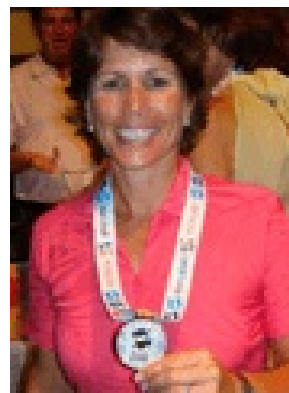
Daniel J. Mohan (1985) of Marietta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for health care law for 2009. **Gerald L. Pouncey Jr.** (1985) of Kennesaw, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for environmental law for 2009. **Alan F. Rothschild Jr.** (1985) of Columbus, GA, was named chair-elect of the American Bar Association's Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law.



G. Wayne Hillis Jr. (1986) of Dunwoody, GA, was named a leading commercial litigation practitioner by *Best Lawyers in America*. **Frank**

W. Deborde (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for bankruptcy and restructuring law for 2009. **James B.**

Ellington (1987) of Evans, GA, celebrated with his wife Michele the birth of their son Bentley "Hayes" on Mar. 5, 2009. **Amy L. Kaye** (1987) of Marietta, GA, won a Silver



Medal in the 18th Maccabiah games in Israel where she played tennis in the Masters 45+ Division. More than 7,000 athletes from 56 countries participated in the Jewish Olympic-style competition, which is held every four years.

Kenneth B. Pollock (1987) of Atlanta, GA, joined McKenna Long & Aldridge as a partner.

Paul M. Brown (1988) of Washington, DC, received the John Marshall Award for Providing Legal Advice Related to the Defense of Federal

Employees in Personal Liability Litigation. **L. Norwood Jameson** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for intellectual property law for 2009. **George N. Demas** (1989) of Colchester, VT,

joined the Vermont Housing Finance Agency as general counsel. **Roy E. Manoll III** (1989) of Athens, GA, received an Award of Achievement for Outstanding Service to the Profession from the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia.

1990 - 1994

Toni N. Jones (1990) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to general counsel of InTown Suites. **Lisa Roberts Reeves** (1990) of Newnan, GA, was appointed municipal court judge for Coweta County. **W. Benjamin Barkley** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for corporate finance law for 2009.



Kenneth B. Hodges III (1991) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Melissa the birth of their daughter Margaret Raphael on May

14, 2009. **Kristine Berry Morain** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in *The National Law Journal* for her work with the Boys & Girls Club of America.

Edward J. Tarver (1991) of Augusta, GA, was nominated to be the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia by Pres. Obama. **William G. Wassell** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined Orange Business Services as the commercial director. **Steven R. Thornton** (1992) of Dunwoody, GA, established the Thornton Law Firm.



Christopher H. Dunagan (1993) of Roswell, GA, is the pastor of the St. Philip campus of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in

Marietta, GA. **Derek V. Dooley** (1994) of Choudrant, LA, was spotlighted by *The Capital*, a publication of Capital Gazette Communications, Inc.

1995 - 1999

Rainey L. Astin (1995) of Alexandria, VA, celebrated with her husband Matthew Parks and

son Wyatt the birth of August Walton Parks on March 20, 2009. She is deputy general counsel with the Quadrangle Development Corporation. **Gail C. Robinson** (1995) of Kathleen, GA, was appointed to the Georgia Superior Court Clerks Cooperative Authority by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Shannon Casey Baxter** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, joined McKenna Long & Aldridge as of counsel. **David S. Gruskin** (1996) of Duluth, GA, was appointed to the board of directors of the Atlanta Bar Foundation. **Alexander J. Passantino** (1996) of Alexandria, VA, became a partner with Jackson Lewis. **Elizabeth L. Schuchs-Gopaul** (1996) of Arlington, VA, was assigned to the Pentagon as the chief of strategic communications branch of the Air Force Office of the Judge Advocate General and was promoted to Lt. Col. **Michael W. Taylor** (1996) of McLean, VA, is staff judge advocate with the U.S. Air Force. **Thomas J. Mew IV** (1997) of Kennesaw, GA, joined Rogers & Hardin as of counsel. **C. Maurice Nicely** (1997) of Chattanooga, TN, joined the Volkswagen Group of America as a human resources/labor attorney. **Blaine A. Norris** (1997) of Athens, GA, celebrated with his wife Allison and children Widener and Nancy Sue the birth of David Turner on Oct. 12, 2009. **Lisa R. Blanco** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined Gray Ghost Ventures as general counsel. **Dorian Murry** (1998) of Decatur,

GA, announced his marriage to Temika Williams (2001) on June 27, 2009. **Heather Sample Spires** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined Barnes & Thornburg as of counsel. **Keith R. Blackwell** (1999) of Smyrna, GA, was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Scott E. Hitch** (1999) of Roswell, GA, was named to the advocacy committee of the Georgia chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and was selected as a 2009 "Rising Star" by *Georgia Super Lawyers*. **Charles E. Peeler** (1999) of Albany, GA, was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **T. C. Spencer Pryor** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Raghu R. Raju** (1999) of Raleigh, NC, joined the firm McConnell & Sneed.

2000 - 2004

Sammy J. Grant (2000) of Atlanta, GA, qualified for the 2010 USA Triathlon Age Group National Championships. **Leigh G. Hildebrand** (2000) of Washington, DC, was selected for the 111th Congress Stennis Congressional Staff Fellows program. **Kimberly Van Bussum Loies** (2000) of La Grange, IL, joined Discover Financial Services. **Robert B. Teilhet** (2000) of Smyrna, GA, was featured in an article by the *Marietta Daily Journal* about his run for the attorney general of

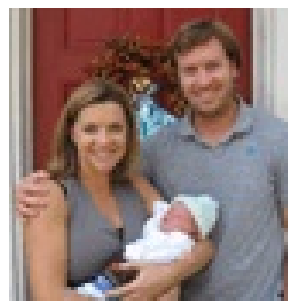
Georgia position. **Joel L. Terwilliger** (2000) of Boulder, CO, was named general counsel for the Alaska Trust Company. **Amy E. Fouts** (2001) of Marietta, GA, was named by *Chambers USA* as a leading individual for health care law for 2009. **Temika Williams Murry** (2001) of Decatur, GA, announced her marriage to Dorian Murry (1998) on June 27, 2009. **James W. Stevens II** (2001) of Mableton, GA, became the new board chairman of the bank counsel section of the Georgia Bankers



Association. **Kevin P. Weimer** (2001) of Scottdale, GA, became a partner with Fellows LaBriola. **Michael A. Bertelson**

(2002) of Roswell, GA, became a partner with Kilpatrick Stockton. **Kevin J. Tallant** (2002) of Cumming, GA, was appointed to serve on the Council of Regional Commissions by Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle. **Josh B. Belinfante** (2003) of Sandy Springs, GA, joined the Atlanta office RobbinsLaw. **Jeffrey W. DeLoach** (2003) of Athens, GA, was featured in the Spotlight 2009 in the *Athens Banner-Herald* for his professional and community service to Athens. **Coby S. Nixon** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Ansley Rebecca Brannen on May 23, 2009. **Paige Arden Stanley**

(2003) of Atlanta, GA, established her own law firm specializing in estate planning, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives, probate and estate administration as well as business law, dispute resolution and general litigation matters. **Hillary S. Stringfellow** (2003) of St. Simons Island, GA, was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Kathryn Jones Boortz** (2004) of Marietta, GA, announced her marriage to Greg Boortz on May 16, 2009. **Jason J. Carter** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was named a "Rising Star" and a "Georgia Lawyer Under 40 to Watch" by the *Fulton County*



Daily Report.

Amanda Eaton Ferrelle (2004) and **J. Rice Ferrelle Jr.** (2004) of Jacksonville, FL, celebrated the birth of their son Connor Rice on Sept. 27, 2009. **Thomas J. Ludlam** (2004) of Decatur, GA, established his own law firm. **A. Justin Poplin** (2004) of Overland Park, KS, was named president of the Intellectual Property Section of the Kansas Bar Association. **Michelle R. Wilson** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Wilson Legal.

2005 - 2009

Brandon P. Ansley (2005) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Sterling Risk Advisors as general counsel and broker. **Gretchen A.**

Bjork (2005) of Chicago, IL, associated with Nielsen, Zehe & Antas. **Clark R. Calhoun** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, had his note "Reviewing the Georgia Supreme Court's Efforts at Proportionality Review" (39 Ga. L. Rev. 631 (2005)) cited in the U.S. Supreme Court 2008 concurring opinion for Walker v. Georgia. **Deborah Bambo Lonon** (2005) of Athens, GA, was featured in the Spotlight 2009 in the *Athens Banner-Herald* for her work in the public defenders office and establishing her own law firm. **Maureen R. McGowan** (2005) of Washington, DC, was named interim director of the District Department of the Environment by Mayor Adrian Fenty. **Monica Speer Reese** (2005) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, announced her marriage to Justin Mann Reese IV on June 27, 2009. **Patrick D. Blake** (2006) of Washington, DC, joined Griffin & Murphy as a senior associate. **Michael A.**



Caplan (2006) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Anna Pappa (2009) in May 2009. **Eitan Ovdia** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed in-house attorney and project manager of RADCO Companies. **Christian L. Perrin** (2006) of Charlotte, NC, announced his marriage to Katherine Mills on June 13, 2009. **Allyn Rubright Gibson** (2007) and **Jeffrey H.**

Gibson (2007) of Nashville, TN, announced their marriage on June 13, 2009. **Justin B. Long** (2007) of Alexandria, VA, accepted an attorney position on the minority (Republican) staff of the Judiciary Committee for the U.S. House of Representatives. **Amanda L. Patterson** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as one of the 2009 E. Randolph Williams Award winners for outstanding pro bono service. **Scott R. Grubman** (2008) of Montgomery, AL, is judicial law clerk to the Hon. Joel Dubina, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. **Cherie Attwell Phears** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, is judicial law clerk to the Hon. Margaret Seymour of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina. **Sivram D. Prasad** (2008) of Washington, D.C., presented the "Constitution Day" lecture at Wayne Community College on Sept. 11, 2009. **Brittany Leigh Summers** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, associated with the Atlanta office



of Seyfarth Shaw. **Anna Papa Caplan** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Michael A. Caplan (2006) in May 2009. **Martin W. Matasi, Sr.** (LL.M. 2009) of Armidale, AU, has joined the University of New England as a marker. **James W. McPhillips** (2009) of



Birmingham, AL, announced his marriage to Jennifer Dlugasch on May 24, 2009.

James R. Reed (2009) of Athens, GA, associated with Carr & Palmer

in the firm's litigation department. **Robert L.**

Swartwood II (2009) of Marietta, GA, associated with Brock, Clay, Calhoun & Rogers.