

Class Notes

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1950s

Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler (1957) of Savannah, GA, was named a corporate super lawyer in the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list, Corporate Counsel Edition. Additionally, his family was named the "UGA 2011-2012 Family of the Year." **Bernard J. Mulherin** (1959) of Augusta, GA, was honored by having his family named the "Irish Family of the Year" by the Irish-American Heritage Society.

1960s



Perry Brannen Jr. (1965) of Savannah, GA, received the 1st Annual Emory Findley Award for Outstanding Judicial

Service presented by the Council of Superior Court Judges.



Otis A. Brumby Jr. (1965) of Marietta, GA, received the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Marietta Kiwanis

Club. **C. Wilbur Warner Jr.** (1965) of Atlanta, GA, has established the firm Warner, Bates & McGough. **Patrick J. Rice** (1966) of Augusta, GA, was honored by being named the St. Patrick's Day parade grand marshal by the Irish-American Heritage Society.

1970 - 1974



William D. Montgomery (1970) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list in the area of real estate.



J.D. Smith Jr. (1971) of Gainesville, GA, has joined JAMS Resolution Center - Atlanta where he will serve as an arbitrator,

mediator and special master for disputes in a variety of areas including administrative law, appellate, employment, insurance, personal injury/torts, professional liability and real property. **Edward E. Bates Jr.** (1972) of Atlanta, GA, has established the firm Warner, Bates & McGough.

J. Robert “Bob” Persons III (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list in the area of insurance coverage. **Robert B. Wedge** (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list in the area of construction litigation. **H. Lane**



Dennard Jr. (1973) of Madison, GA, received the Marshall Tuttle Award presented by the State Bar of Georgia. The award is in recognition of his extraordinary and outstanding legal services and support of the Military Legal Assistance Program, which has been part of his pro bono service to veterans. Mr. Dennard is a retired partner from the firm King & Spalding and a former adjunct professor at the UGA School of Law. **Thomas**

E. Jones Jr. (1974) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list in the areas of corporate, securities and finance.



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1975 – 1979

B. Michael Mears (1977) of Decatur, GA, served again as a guest lecturer for Bahcesehir University Law School in Istanbul, Turkey, as a part of the university's International Law Symposium. **Martha A. Miller** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, has joined

the firm Schulten Ward & Turner as a partner. **Neil C. Gordon** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was elected president of the National Association of Bankruptcy



Trustees. **Barry P. Harris IV** (1979) of New Bern, NC, has joined First Citizens Bank as chief legal officer. **Frederick A.**

Johnson (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed as an administrative law judge with the U.S. Social Security Administration and assigned to the Greensboro, NC, Office of Disability Adjudication and



Review. **Weyman T. Johnson Jr.** (1979) of Athens, GA, was elected as chairman and president of the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation. **Kathy S.**



Palmer (1979) of Swainsboro, GA, received the Outstanding Service Award presented by

the UGA College of Family & Consumer Sciences.

1980 – 1984

M. Stephen Hyles (1980) of Columbus, GA, was appointed as a U.S. magistrate judge for the Columbus division. **William H. Boling Jr.** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Morris, Manning & Martin as of counsel.

Judy Greenbaum Croy (1981) of Marietta, GA, has established the firm Croy & Timms and is a name partner. **Bertis E. Downs IV** (1981) of Athens, GA, served as a panelist at a February conference addressing current music industry business and legal issues that was hosted by the Georgia Law Sports and Entertainment Law Society, the UGA Music Business Program and Nuci's Space. **Robert D. Cheeley** (1982) of Duluth, GA, has joined the firm Conley Griggs as of counsel. **Ertharin Cousin** (1982) of Chicago, IL, was appointed executive director of the United Nations World Food



Programme. **Janet E. Hill** (1982) of Arnoldsville, GA, was named as one of the "Top Fifty Women Lawyers in Georgia" and to the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list in the area of employment and labor law.

Gerald L. "Gary" Mize Jr. (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to serve on the nine member nationwide management committee of Alston & Bird.

Keith J. Reisman (1984) of Chattanooga, TN, has become the assistant city attorney for Chattanooga.



1985 – 1989

David J. Blevins (1985) of Cohutta, GA, was named

superior court judge for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit by Gov. Nathan Deal. **Jonathan M. Jellema** (1985) of Charleston, SC, has joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Charleston District as lead district counsel. **Daniel J. Mohan** (1985) of Marietta, GA, has rejoined the firm Morris Manning & Martin as a partner. **Alan F. Rothschild Jr.** (1985) of Columbus, GA, was selected for inclusion in the "2011 Legal Elite" by *Georgia Trend* magazine for his expertise in the area of taxes, estates and trusts.



T. Matthew Mashburn (1986) of Decatur, GA, was named to the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list in the area of real estate.



Julianna C. Theall (1986) of Greensboro, NC, was named to the *Business North Carolina's* 2012 Legal Elite list in the area of labor and employment law.

Tammy Cox Stokes (1987) of Savannah, GA, was named chief judge of the Chatham County Recorder's Court.

1990 – 1994

Tracy Seckinger Plott (1991) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Ballard Spahr as a partner.



Floyd M. "Buck" Wiley III (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as one of "America's Top 1,000 Advisors" by *Barron's* magazine and was ranked fourth in the state of Georgia.

Stephanie Stuckey Benfield (1992) of Atlanta, GA, received the 2011 Atlanta Bar Association's Outstanding Lawyer in Public Service Award.

Additionally, she has joined Greenlaw as executive director.

Lori Fulton Cutillo (1992) of Winchester, MA, has established her own law firm.



Gregory F. Harley (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list in the area of business litigation.



Gregory G. Holland (1992) of Greensboro, NC, was named to *Business North Carolina's* 2012 Legal Elite list in the

area of antitrust law. **Victor Y. Johnson** (1992) of Danielsville, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service presented by the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. **Mark A. Lewis** (1992) of Bozeman, MT, was named state finance chair for Mitt Romney's Montana State Finance leadership team.

Additionally, he has been named the NCAA's executive vice president for championships and alliances. **Sheri Gates**

McGaughy (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the board of the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel and the Southeast Chapter of Women in Cable

Telecommunications. **Herbert M. Poston Jr.** (1992) of Dalton, GA, was named district attorney for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit by Gov. Nathan Deal. **Sarah A. Clarkson** (1993) of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, has established her own law firm.

Jonathan E. Laster (1994) of Statham, GA, has established his own law firm.

Kurt M. Rozelsky (1994) of Greenville, SC, was named to the 2012 *South Carolina Super Lawyers* list in the area of transportation/maritime.

1995 – 1999

Gregory M. McCoskey (1995) of Tampa, FL, has joined the firm Akerman Senterfitt as a shareholder. **Dorsey R. Carson Jr.** (1996) of Jackson, MS, was

ranked as a leading practitioner in the area of construction litigation in the 2012 edition of *Chambers USA*.

Shawn D. Scott (1996) of Atlanta, GA, was named a partner with Weinberg, Wheeler, Hugdins, Gunn & Dial.

Amelia Bever Willis (1996) of Marietta, GA, was elected a shareholder with Ogletree,

Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart. **Robert E. Alderson Jr.** (1997) of New York, NY, has affiliated with Jacobacci & Partners in Turin, Italy, as a U.S. intellectual property law



consultant. **Ian N. Matthes** (1997) of Roswell, GA, celebrated with his wife Stephanie the

birth of their son Harrison Reed on Feb. 20, 2012. **Marcus R. Todd** (1997) of Thomasville, GA, has established his own law firm. **Stephen K. Marsh** (1998) of Alexandria, VA, was elected as counsel with Arnold & Porter. **Carter Page Schondelmayer** (1998) of Columbus, GA, was selected for inclusion in the “2011 Legal Elite” by *Georgia Trend* magazine for her expertise in the area of labor and employment law.



Scott E. Hitch (1999) of Roswell, GA, has joined Burr & Forman as counsel in the firm’s environmental practice group. **Colin**



A. McRae (1999) of Savannah, GA, was named a “Rising Star of Business” by *Savannah Magazine* and *Business in Savannah* magazine.

2000 – 2004

James E. Baker (2000) of New York, NY, was named partner

with the firm Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart & Sullivan. **Olesya Barsukova-Bakar** (2000) of Falls Church, VA, celebrated the birth of her son Philipp Teiss on Feb. 25, 2012. Additionally, she was named partner with the firm Hogan Lovells. **Angela Orso Martin** (2000) of Sanford, NC, has joined the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. **Patrick N. Millsaps** (2000) of Camilla, GA, was named chief of staff to Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich. **Laine Schwartz Posel** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Greg and their children, Zachary and Alexa, the birth of Carly Rose on Jan. 27, 2012. **Howard J. Russell** (2000) of Las Vegas, NV, was named partner at the firm Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial. **Elizabeth Brooks Scherer** (2000) of Garner, NC, has been certified by the North Carolina State Bar's Board of Legal Specialization as an appellate practice specialist. **Jennifer Rives Culler** (2001) of Athens, GA, celebrated with her husband Billy the birth of their daughter Colette Elise Rhoton on Jan. 25, 2012. **Tyler C. Dunn** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner with the firm Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco. **Steven D. Henry** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was named a “Rising Star” in the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list.



Kwende B. Jones (2001) of Stone Mountain, GA, was named a “Rising Star” in the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list.

Elisabeth C. Prescott (2001) of Baton Rouge, LA, celebrated with her husband Davis the birth of their daughter Vivienne Sinclair on Sept. 22, 2012. **Brian M. Rickman** (2001) of Tiger, GA, was appointed to the Board of Public Safety by Gov. Nathan Deal. **Ashoo Sharma** (2001) of Alpharetta, GA, was named partner with the firm Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco. **Charles S. Smith** (2001) of Indianapolis, IN, was named partner with the firm Schultz & Pogue. **Cindy A. Upchurch** (2001) and **Jefferson F. Upchurch** (2001) of Mableton, GA, celebrated the birth of their daughter Charlotte Elizabeth on Jan. 17, 2012. **John J.**

Banaghan (2002) of Greensboro, NC, has established his own law firm. **Sarah Moore Johnson** (2002) of Bethesda, MD, was named of counsel with the firm Venable. **John D. Northup** (2002) of Savannah, GA, has associated with the firm Morris, Manning & Martin. **Todd H. Stanton** (2002) of Atlanta, GA,



has established his own law firm. **Brian C. Vick** (2002) of Cary, NC, was named partner with the firm Williams Mullen. **Kyle**

G. A. Wallace (2002) of Woodstock, GA, was named partner with the firm Alston & Bird. **Seth M. Diamond** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner with the firm Magill Atkinson Dermer. **Allison C. Jett** (2003) of Chamblee, GA, was named partner with the firm Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco. **Christy**



Durden Jordan (2003) of St. Simons Island, GA, celebrated with her husband Chris the birth of their daughter Julia Elizabeth on March 3, 2011.

Additionally, she has joined Southeast Georgia Health System as a staff attorney. **Ryan W. Koppelman** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner with the firm Alston & Bird. **Carroll W. McGuffey III** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner with the firm Troutman Sanders. **Tiana S. Mykkeltvedt** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was profiled in an article that appeared in the Feb. 10-16 edition of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*.



Christopher M. Thomas (2003) of Raleigh, NC, was named partner with the firm Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein.

Kristin C. M. Waller (2003) of Watkinsville, GA, has joined the Piedmont Circuit Public Defender Offices as an assistant public defender. **Sara A. Fitzsimons**

(2004) of Delmar, NY, was selected to serve as a judicial law clerk to Judge James H. Ferreira of the New York State Court of Claims. **Christopher C. Frost** (2004) of Birmingham, AL, has become a shareholder with the firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale.



Stephanie J. Harris (2004) of Chicago, IL, has associated with the firm Goldberg Kohn. **Benjamin R. Makin** (2004) of Athens, GA, was named an associate judge for the Athens-Clarke Magistrate Court. **A.**

Justin Poplin (2004) of Lenexa, KS, was named partner with the firm Lathrop & Gage.



Heidi E. Royal (2004) of Charlotte, NC, was named a shareholder with the firm Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson. **Barry A.**



Staples (2004) of Birmingham, AL, has become a shareholder with the firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale.

2005 – 2009

Angela H. Barber (2005) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Justin Barber on Oct. 29, 2011. **W. Hennen Ehrenclou** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, has established his own law firm.



Laura DeMartini Eschleman (2005) of Smyrna, GA, celebrated with her husband

Edward the birth of their son Brendan Robert on Feb. 3, 2012.

Robert L. Fortson (2005) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm McGuireWoods and has joined McGuireWoods Consulting as vice president of state government relations. **Kavan S. Grover** (2005) of Suwanee, GA, has established the firm Ehrenclou & Grover. Additionally, he was named a “Rising Star” in the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers*



list. **Tracy L. Rhodes** (2005) of Marietta, GA, has established her own law firm.

Christopher A. Gaston (2006) and

Alana E. Zorrilla-Gaston (2006) of Stuart, FL, celebrated the birth of their daughter Eliana Simone on Dec. 25, 2011. **Elizabeth Barganier Insogna** (2006) of Nashville, TN, celebrated with her husband Jonathan the birth of their daughter Preston Adeline on Sept. 28, 2011. **S. Kiran Lingam** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm King & Spalding. **Dustin R. Marlowe** (2006) of Jefferson, GA, was named a “Rising Star” in the 2012 *Georgia Super Lawyers* list.

Kathryn E. Rhodes-Reynolds (2006) of Columbus, GA, celebrated with her husband Frank the birth of their son Evan Allen Reynolds on March 28, 2011. **Lindsay E. Willis** (2006) of Gastonia, NC, has joined the faculty of the Cato Campus of Central Piedmont Community College. **Elizabeth A. Buckley** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Robert E. Buckley on Nov. 25, 2011.

Christopher C. Close Jr. (2007) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Morris Manning & Martin. **Justin B. Long** (2007) of Alexandria, VA, has become legislative affairs specialist at the Bureau of Prisons Legislative



Office. **Jessica Mallanda Lund** (2007) of Gainesville, GA, announced her marriage to Chris T. Lund on Jan. 21, 2012. **Jennifer**

Campbell Mock (2007) of Statesboro, GA, has established her own law firm. **Joshua F. Norris** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Troutman Sanders. **Adrienne L. Smith** (2007) of Decatur, GA, received the Law Firm Attorney of the Year Award presented by the Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta. **Thomas C. Soldan** (2007) of Fredericksburg, VA, has joined the firm Price Benowitz to lead the firm's new Fairfax office. Additionally, he is serving as the

2012 president of the Fauquier County Bar Association and as an insurance regulation vice chair with the American Bar Association. **Chad C. Almy** (2008) of Marietta, GA, has joined Turner Broadcasting System Inc.



Scott R. Grubman (2008) of Savannah, GA, celebrated with his wife Heather the birth of their daughter Alexis Kate on Feb.

23, 2012. Additionally, he has joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia as an assistant U.S.



attorney. **Adam L. Hebbard** (2008) of Athens, GA, has established his own law firm and will focus on providing cost-effective legal

services to start-ups and small-to-medium sized businesses, including corporate and LLC formations. Additionally, Hebbard will represent clients in criminal and civil cases. **John P. Jett** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the National Board of the Young Lawyers Division of the Federal Bar Association. **Sara Khaki** (2008) of Alpharetta, GA, has established her own law firm. **Ashley Meyer Kilpatrick** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, has become executive director of the nonprofit organization Back on My Feet Atlanta. **Adam B. Land** (2008) of Athens, GA, has joined the UGA

School of Law as an assistant director of legal career services with a special focus on judicial clerkship advisement. **Shana Webb Pennywell** (2008) of Conyers, GA, has associated with the firm L.S. Pearson & Associates. Additionally, she celebrated with her husband Styron the birth of their daughter Emerson Grey on Jan. 29, 2012.



Darren G. Rowles (2008) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Smith Gambrell & Russell.

Katherine A.

Sheehan (2008) of Athens, GA, was elected member-at-large of the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia for 2012.

Sarah M. Stephens (2008) of Atlanta, GA, made a presentation about the effects of global economics on women's rights in the Middle East at the

International Conference on Women's Rights in India during March. **Hayley Roper Wells**

(2008) of Swannanoa, NC, has associated with the Asheville office of Ward & Smith. **Travis A.**

Williams (2008) of Gainesville, GA, received the inaugural Assistant Circuit Defender of the Year award presented by the Georgia Association of Circuit Public Defenders. **Melanie K.**

Bettis (2009) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm King & Spalding as a project attorney.

Ailis L. Burpee (2009) of Atlanta,

GA, has associated with the firm Seyfarth Shaw. **Olesia Gorinshteyn** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the Fogle Law Firm. **Tate M. Keenan** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi. **Kathleen A. Quirk** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Nate the birth of their son, William Joseph Marsh, on Nov. 16, 2011.

James R. Reed (2009) of Marietta, GA, has joined GEICO as staff counsel. **Edina Slomic** (2009) of Chantilly, VA, has joined Lexolution as legal recruiter and project manager.

Robert D. Thomas (2009) of Greenville, SC, has associated with the firm Andersen Tate & Carr. **Daniel B. Tilley** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, had his article "The Non-Rules of Evidence in the ad hoc Tribunals" published in the American Bar Association's *The International Lawyer*. **Elizabeth C. Whitworth** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Jarrard & Davis.

2010 – 2011

Joi Reed Fairell (2010) of Conyers, GA, has established her



own law firm. **Allan C. Galis** (2010) of Savannah, GA, has associated with HunterMaclean's specialty litigation

group. **Rachel K. Jones** (2010) of Tampa, FL, has associated with

the firm Glenn, Rasmussen, Fogarty & Hooker in the litigation practice group. **Hilary C. Keith** (2010) of Ridgeland, MS, has associated with the Atlanta office of Jones Day.

Ashley A. King (2010) of Macon, GA, has associated with the Fogle Law Firm. **Alison Lerner** (2010) of Athens, GA, has joined the Barrow County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender. **Ryan C. Locke** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Loren the birth of their daughter Margaret Milton on March 8, 2012. **Jarvis B.**

Läkemäker (2010) of Athens, GA, has associated with the firm Frederick J. Hanna & Associates as a collection attorney. **John E.**



Seay (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has established his own small business and intellectual property law firm with an emphasis on entertainment clients and arts-related small businesses. **Kevin E. Strachan** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Bryan Cave. **Clinton W. Teston** (2010) of Gainesville, GA, announced his marriage to **Natalie Marie Vickers** (2011) on Oct. 9, 2011. **Bradford S. Twombly** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Dickenson Gilroy. **Daniel C. West** (2010) of Douglasville, GA, has associated with the firm

Higgins & Fried LLP. **Molly M. Anderson** (2011) of Suwanee, GA, has become a law clerk with the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

Omar Salomon Barahona (2011) of Lawrenceville, GA, has joined the Fogle Law Firm as a law



clerk. **Niki Drossos Brooks** (2011) of Valdosta, GA, announced her marriage to William Tyler Brooks on

March 10, 2012. **Daniel O. Burroughs** (2011) of Augusta, GA, announced his marriage to Elizabeth Erin Ashe on Nov. 5, 2011. **Christine A. Clay** (2011) of Valdosta, GA, has associated with the firm Young, Thagard, Hoffman, Smith, Lawrence & Shenton. **Leigh E. Creighton** (2011) of Stone Mountain, GA, has become an assistant public defender with the Northeastern Circuit Public Defender's Office. **O. Victoria Epshteyn** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm King & Spalding as a project attorney. **John David Fichtner** (2011) of Roswell, GA, has associated with the firm McCalla Raymer. **Sherwin K. Figueroa** (2011) of Marietta, GA, has become an assistant solicitor general with the Douglas County Solicitor-General's Office. **Lacey L. Houghton** (2011) of Lincolnton, GA, has associated with the firm Roberts Tate. **David Scott Klein** (2011) of Lawrenceville, GA, has associated

with the firm O'Kelley & Sorohan.

Whitney C. Livengood (2011) of Chattanooga, TN, was selected to be a law clerk for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit. **Meredith F.**

Macon (2011) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

Amanda N. Reed (2011) of Woodstock, GA, has associated with the firm Fox & Mattson.

Fabian G. Rincon (2011) of Winder, GA, has established his own law firm. **Megan M. Scheller**

(2011) of Midland, GA, has associated with the Columbus office of Hall Boothe Smith & Slover. **Megan H. Smernoff** (2011) of Tallahassee, FL, has joined the Florida Legislature as a legislative policy analyst.

Robert P. Thomas III (2011) of Augusta, GA, has associated with the firm Fulcher Hagler. **Natalie**

M. Vickers (2011) of Newnan, GA, announced her marriage to

Clinton W. Teston (2010) on Oct. 9, 2011. **Jacinda R. Walker**

(2011) of Powder Springs, GA, has associated with the firm Dickason Law Group. **Anne V.**

Wallace (2011) of Winthrop, MA, has associated with the firm Burns & Farrey.