

Class Notes

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1960s



William T. Moore Jr. (1964) of Savannah, GA, was named as the recipient of the prestigious Frank S. Cheatham, Jr.

Professionalism Award as presented by the Savannah Bar Association.

Arnold C. Young (1965) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of civil litigation, and was selected for inclusion in

The Best Lawyers in America 2020.

John M. Hewson III (1968) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020.*



John M. Tatum (1968) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020.*



Charles N. Pursley Jr. (1969) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in eminent domain, state, local, and business litigation.

1970s

Robert Benham (1970) of Atlanta, GA, announced his future plans to retire at the end of his current term serving as a justice on the Supreme Court of Georgia. **Jon Bolling Wood** (1974) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to serve as senior judge of the Superior Courts of Georgia. **Saunders Aldridge III** (1975) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020.*



Julie E. Carnes (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was named as a recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the *Daily Report*. **Edward D. Tolley** (1975) Athens, GA, was

presented with the prestigious Amicus Curiae award as presented by the Supreme Court of Georgia for his exceptional service as the former chairman of the Judicial Qualifications Commission. **Joel O. Wooten** (1975) secured a \$280 million verdict on behalf of his clients, Larry Madere and Anjanette Thomas, against Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc. et al. **James K. Reap** (1976) of Athens, GA, was awarded the Ann Webster Smith Award by the U.S. States Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (US/ICOMOS) for his extraordinary and sustained achievement in support of conserving



the world's cultural heritage. **Donna G. Barwick** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was named as the recipient of the 2019 Greater Good

Award as presented by the Georgia Planned Giving Council (GPGC).



Andrew H. "Drew" Ernst (1977) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020* and

recognized in the exclusive *Chambers USA 2019* for his work in the area of environmental law.

G. Sanders Griffith III (1977) of Columbus, GA, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from Atlanta Business Chronicle's Corporate Counsel Awards. **Andrew J. Hill III** (1977) of Athens, GA, was selected by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. **Bobby T. Jones** (1977) of Metter, GA, secured a \$3.3 million verdict on behalf of his clients, Kareem and Wakeelah Evans.



Cynthia D. Wright (1977) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc.

(JAMS). **William C. "Bill" Berryman, Jr.** (1978) of Athens, GA, joined Fortson, Bentley & Griffin. **Carolyn T. Roddy** (1978) of



Marietta, GA, was named to serve on the University of Georgia Board of Visitors for the 2019-2021 term. **Don**

L. Waters (1978) of Savannah, GA, was elected chairman of the Board of Regents for the University



of Georgia. **Jane C. Barwick** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed chair to the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution.



1980s



Harold E. "Hal" Gill Jr. (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was named office executive member for Stites & Harbison's

Atlanta office. **Patrick T. O'Connor** (1981) of Savannah, GA, received a \$3.5 million default judgment on behalf of his client, Kaleb Smith.

Joseph N. Ponteen (1981) of St. Thomas, VI, was appointed to serve as acting attorney general for the U.S. Virgin Islands. **Horace J.**

Johnson Jr. (1982) of Covington, GA, was named as a recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Leader Award by the *Daily Report*. **Nathaniel Lee**

(1982) of Indianapolis, IN, was elected vice president of the National Bar Association during the association's 94th annual convention in New York City. **Michael L.**

McGlamry (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was named as a recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Leader Award by the *Daily Report*. **Wade**

W. Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, was inducted as a Fellow of the College of Labor Employment Lawyers,



selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020*, recognized in the exclusive *Chambers USA 2019* for his work in the area of labor and employment

law, and recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of employment and labor law. **James B. Matthews III** (1983) of Athens, GA, secured a \$3.23 million settlement on behalf of his client, U.S. Army veteran George "Mike" Egan. **Melanie L.**

Marks (1984) of Savannah, GA, was named managing partner of Bouhan Falligant.



Craig K. Pendergrast (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the exclusive *Chambers USA 2019* for his work in the area of

environmental law. **J. Madden Hatcher III** (1985) of Columbus, GA, was named to serve on the University of Georgia Board of Visitors for the 2019-2021 term.



Vivian D. Hoard (1985) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the exclusive *Chambers USA 2019* for her work in the area of tax law. **Christopher J. McFadden** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, was sworn in as chief judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals. **Patricia Tanzer Paul** (1985) of Savannah, GA, received a \$3.5 million default judgment on behalf of her client, Kaleb Smith. **Elizabeth T. "Betsy"**

Anderson (1986) of Cheyenne, WY, was appointed by Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon to serve as deputy chief of staff and general counsel for his administration.

Julianna Theall Earp (1986) of Greensboro, NC, was named among the 50 Most Influential Women by *The Mecklenburg Times*.



Lori T. Chesser (1987) of Des Moines, IA, was recognized in the exclusive *Chambers USA* 2019 for her work in area of labor and employment (immigration) law.



Benjamin H. Brewton (1988) of Augusta, GA, has joined Balch & Bingham as a partner and will lead the firm's newest office in Augusta.



Elizabeth B. "Beth" Chandler (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the November 30 edition of the *Daily Report* regarding her

perspective of serving as general counsel of Rollins Inc.

Roy E. Hadley Jr. (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the 2019-2020 Atlanta Chief Information Officer



(CIO) Advisory Board and was named to serve on the University of Georgia Board of Visitors for the 2019-2021 term. **Paul B. Murphy** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named chief of staff for FBI Director Christopher Wray. **Christopher W. Phillips** (1988) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of construction litigation and was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2020.



Kirby G. Mason (1989) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of medical malpractice and was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2020.



1990s

James M. Sherman (1990) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$6.6 million verdict on behalf of his client, Priority Payment Systems, LLC. **Mark M. Middleton** (1991) of Norcross, GA, was selected by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to serve as co-chair on the Judicial Nominating Commission. **Nancy E. Rafuse** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined Seyfarth Shaw as a partner. **Steven A. Pickens** (1992) of Lawrenceville, GA, secured a \$17.8 million verdict in

a wrongful death case against Classic Millwork Designs. **Joan T.A. Gabel** (1993) of Columbia, SC, became the 17th president of the University of Minnesota by unanimous vote of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. **John W. Nichols** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$4.2 million verdict on behalf of his client, Joao Junior, and in a separate action received a \$5 million settlement on behalf of his client, Wendell Puckett. **Matthew W. Nichols** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, joined King & Spalding as a partner with the corporate, finance and investments group. **Thomas S. Cullen** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as



2018 Legal Elite by *Georgia Trend*, selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020*, and recognized as Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers* for his practice in corporate law.

E. Olmsted “Ted” Henneman Jr. (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in*



America 2020. **Frank S. Macgill** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of tax law,



selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020*, and recognized as Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers* for his practice in tax law. **Greg Michell** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$6.6 million verdict on behalf of his client, Priority Payment Systems, LLC. **Cesar C. Mitchell Jr.** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, joined Dentons as a partner and will spearhead the firm’s local



government solutions team. **Andrew H. Walcoff** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bouhan Falligant. **Shannon C. Baxter**



(1996) of Atlanta, GA, was selected by Dentons to participate in the Fellows Program organized by the

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). **Jean-Paul “J.P.” Boulee** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, was confirmed by the Senate



to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. **J. Benedict Hartman** (1996) of Brunswick, GA, was recognized as 2018 Legal Elite by *Georgia Trend*.





Jeong-Hwa “June” Lee (1996) of Atlanta, GA, was named as a 2019 Immigration Law Trailblazer by *The*

National Law Journal. **Enku Gelaye** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was named vice president and dean of Campus Life at Emory University. **Robert S. Highsmith Jr.** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was selected by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. **Stephanie Friese** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry as a shareholder and was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area(s) of real estate and business litigation.



Colin A. McRae (1999) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of

transportation/maritime and was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2020.

Christopher H. “Smitty” Smith



(1999) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as 2018 Legal Elite by *Georgia Trend*, selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*

2020, and joined Miles Mediation & Arbitration.

2000s



Jeffery O. Monroe (2000) of Macon, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to the Superior Court of the

Macon Judicial Circuit. **W. Michael D’Antignac Jr.** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$13.8 million verdict on behalf of his client, Iasia Sweeting. **Sloane G. Perras** (2002) of Seattle, WA, was named vice president, general counsel and chief ethics officer of Foss Maritime Company. **Shannon G. Wallace** (2002) of Woodstock, GA, was selected by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to serve as co-chair on the Judicial Nominating Commission. **Stacey G. Evans** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined Wargo French as a partner. **Ashley B. Fournet** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$33 million verdict on behalf of her clients in the case of *Mayfield v. Kennison*, as well as two other actions resulting in a \$4.2 million verdict on behalf of her client, Joao Junior, and a \$5 million settlement on behalf of her client, Wendell Puckett. **W. Ryan Teague** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was selected by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. **Benjamin M. Byrd** (2004) of Atlanta,

GA, was elevated to partner at Friend Hudak & Harris. **Alan J. Hamilton Sr.** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$2.1 million verdict on behalf of his client, Sylvia Jean Stephenson. **Rebecca F. Harris** (2004) of Savannah, GA, secured a confidential settlement against CSX Transportation Inc. on behalf of her clients, Richard and Elizabeth Jones, which resulted in satisfying a 2017 \$3.9 million judgment against the railroad. **Francys Johnson** (2004) of Statesboro, GA, was appointed to serve as a member at large on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia. **Lee S. Atkinson** (2005) of Athens, GA, secured a \$3.23 million settlement on behalf of his client, U.S. Army veteran George “Mike” Egan. **Robert L. Fortson** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was named as a recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Leader Award by the *Daily Report*. **Melissa Maddox-Evans** (2005) Annapolis, MD, was named as the new executive director for the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis. **Amanda L. Norcross**



(2005) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as a recipient of the 10th Annual Emerging Leaders Award as presented by The M&A Advisor. **Scott E. Zweigel** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the

University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. **Michael A. Caplan** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$3 million settlement in a federal class action suit against the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, GA.



Andrew C. Doherty (2006) of Atlanta, GA, joined Cantor Colburn as an associate.

A. Zachary Faison Jr. (2006) of Jacksonville, FL, was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. **Santana T. Flanigan** (2006) of Conyers, GA, was appointed as an associate judge of the Henry County



Magistrate Court. **Dustin R. Marlowe** (2006) of Athens, GA, secured a \$3 million settlement in a federal class action suit against the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, GA. **Terri R. Stewart** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. **Christina M. Baugh** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, joined Barnes & Thornburg as a partner.



Rachel Young Fields (2007) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Rising Star in the area of business litigation and as 2018 Legal Elite by *Georgia Trend*. **Philip R. Green** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at King & Spalding. **Matthew T. Joe** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2019 On the Rise list as presented by the *Daily Report*. **Steven A. Richman** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to partner at Seyfarth Shaw.



Jennifer K. “Jenn” Coalson (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2019 On the Rise list as presented by the

Daily Report. **Lindsay W. Forlines** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to partner at Weathington McGrew.

Justin T. Jones (2008) of Savannah, GA, secured a \$3.3 million verdict on behalf of his clients, Kareem and Wakeelah Evans.

Brendan F. Murphy (2008) of Marietta, GA, was appointed by the Cobb County Superior Court to be the next chief magistrate judge of the Cobb County Magistrate Court.

Naveen Ramachandrappa (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$13.8 million verdict on behalf of his client, Iasia Sweeting, and was elevated to partner at Bondurant Mixson &

Elmore. **John W. Wallace** (2008) of Jacksonville, FL, was recognized by *Super Lawyer* as a 2019 Florida Rising Star in the area of land use and zoning.



Dwayne A. Brown Jr. (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Huff Powell & Bailey as an associate.



Daniel L. Huynh (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Morris Manning & Martin as a partner in the firm’s intellectual property and technology litigation group. **Patrick L. Ryan**

(2009) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to partner at FordHarrison.

2010–2018

Elizabeth Broadway “Liz” Brown (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was installed as the 38th president of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA).

Leslie H. Cushner (2010) of Statesboro, GA, was promoted to partner at Taulbee Rushing Snipes Marsh & Hodgins.

Kevin P. Murphy (2010) of Charlotte, NC, launched his own firm, Herrmann & Murphy.



Rajesh Shah (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2019 On the Rise list as presented by the *Daily Report*.



Elizabeth R. Story (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Rising Star in the area of

eminent domain. **M. Blake Tillery** (2010) of Marietta, GA, was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of



2019. **Joshua S. Wood** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by *Super Lawyer* as a 2019 Georgia Rising Star in the area of civil litigation.



Rebecca F. Clarkson (2011) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Rising Star in the area of

business/corporate and was elevated to partner at HunterMaclean.

Yvonne S. Godfrey (2011) of Savannah, GA, secured a confidential settlement against CSX Transportation Inc. on behalf of her clients, Richard and Elizabeth Jones, which resulted in satisfying a 2017 \$3.9 million judgment against the railroad.



Elizabeth Googe Brunette (2012) of Atlanta, GA, joined Fox Rothschild as an associate in the litigation

department. **Amanda R.**

Giffin (2012) of Atlanta, GA, received the

Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award for

co-authoring the article, *When Precedent Doesn't Really Stand for That Proposition: FINRA's Suitability Rule and the Meaning of 'Best Interest,'* published by Bloomberg

Law in December 2018. **Kate**

Lawson Smith (2012) of Savannah, GA, joined Parker's as chief of staff. **Frederick W. "Fritz" Vaughan**

(2012) of Washington, DC, joined the Office of Legislative Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Treasury as deputy assistant secretary. **Harry D.**

Dixon III (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was elected as a Fellow of the American Bar

Foundation (ABF) and as a member of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Leadership Academy Class of 2019.

David B. Dove (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was named as executive counsel to Gov. Brian P. Kemp and was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of



2019. **Maggy Randels** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$2.1 million verdict on behalf of her client, Sylvia Jean Stephenson. **Corey J. Goerd** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2019 On the Rise list as presented by the *Daily Report*. **Carey A. Miller** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, joined Robbins Ross Alloy Belinfante



Littlefield. **Ryan D. Sullivan** (2016) of Austin, TX, joined Kruger Carson. **Molly H. Cash** (2017) of Greenville, SC, was

featured in ShareGVL. **Nicholas N. Kemper** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, joined Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry as an associate in the firm's corporate, securities and finance group.



Jason T. Vuchinich (2017) of Atlanta, GA, joined Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial as an associate.



Daniel E. Philyaw (2018) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$2.83 million verdict on behalf of his client, Brandon Jackson, against Charter Communications.

Stuart F. Sumner (2018) of Savannah, GA, received a \$3.5 million default judgment on behalf of his client, Kaleb Smith.

In Memoriam

The School of Law expresses sympathy to the family and friends of the following law school graduates:

Charles T. Ballard (1958)

Fayetteville, GA

August 24, 2019

John D. Comer Sr. (1949)

Macon, GA

April 4, 2019

W. Donaldson “Don” Ballard (1951)

Oxford, GA

July 2, 2019

Avary M. Dimmock Jr. (1949)

Ellijay, GA

March 11, 2019

Jack T. Brinkley Sr. (1959)

Columbus, GA

January 23, 2019

Louis O. Dore (1973)

Beaufort, SC

September 16, 2019

Stephen M. Brooks (1993)

Atlanta, GA

March 6, 2019

Gordon S. Fell (1953)

Monroe Township, NJ

September 1, 2019

J. Michael Brown (1976)

Augusta, GA

March 16, 2019

William M. “Bill” Fleming Jr. (1950)

Augusta, GA

March 30, 2019

Frank W. Capers Jr. (1948)

Augusta, GA

January 14, 2019

Frank N. Ford (1989)

Eatonton, GA

June 13, 2019

Earl W. Carson Jr. (1963)

Monroe, GA

April 30, 2019

Cicero “Cid” Garner Jr. (1961)

Panama City, FL

November 29, 2018

John D. Cartledge (1961)

Chattanooga, TN

September 5, 2019

Stephen S. Goss (1986)

Albany, GA

August 24, 2019

Nelson C. Coffin III (1957)

Cuthbert, GA

September 7, 2019

John A. Gram (1974)

Gainesville, GA

August 25, 2019

Earl R. Guss Jr. (1964)
Fernandina, FL
July 23, 2019

Kathleen M. "Katy" Hurley (2000)
Duluth, GA
July 15, 2019

Kusiel "Sonny" Kaplan (1941)
Brookhaven, GA
December 5, 2018

Benjamin G. Kirbo II (1967)
Bainbridge, GA
March 28, 2019

Bruce W. Kirbo (1951)
Bainbridge, GA
December 22, 2018

William H. "Bill" Kitchens Sr. (1962)
Valdosta, GA
February 26, 2019

David L. Maddox (1972)
Nashville, TN
July 1, 2019

C. Truitt Martin Jr. (1976)
Dawson, GA
January 17, 2019

W. Richard "Dick" Mattox (1990)
Clemson, SC
July 11, 2019

C. Edward Maxwell (1962)
Jerseyville, IL
June 4, 2019

John M. Melvin (1965)
Gainesville, GA
June 9, 2019

Thomas R. Moran (1969)
Atlanta, GA
August 23, 2019

Janet B. Morgan (1984)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
March 9, 2019

Ted R. Ridlehuber (1963)
Athens, GA
March 26, 2019

Jay J.P. Schnell (1975)
Denver, CO
May 14, 2019

William N. "Wick" Searcy (1967)
Savannah, GA
December 3, 2018

James A. Secord (1974)
Chattanooga, TN
January 3, 2019

Marvin T. "M.T." Simmons Jr. (1960)
Gainesville, GA
January 15, 2019

J. David Smith (1981)
Rabun Gap, GA
December 23, 2018

Marvin W. Sorrells (1962)
Wallingford, CT
April 27, 2019

Barry L. Steinberg (1977)

Augusta, GA

June 20, 2019

Frank Troutman Jr. (1958)

Atlanta, GA

August 10, 2019

James B. "Jim" Wall (1974)

Appling, GA

May 25, 2019

Elizabeth Bentley "Betty" Watson (1983)

Atlanta, GA

February 5, 2019

John W. Wilcox Jr. (1951)

Atlanta, GA

September 16, 2019