

Class Notes

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1960s

Frederick E. Cooper (1967) of Atlanta, GA, was inducted into the Baking Hall of Fame by the American Society of Baking at BakingTECH 2023.

1970s



Jack N. Halpern (1975) of Sandy Springs, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023 Atlanta 500. Halpern is

chairman and CEO of Halpern Enterprises. **C. Randall “Randy” Nuckolls** (1977) of Washington, D.C., was selected as the recipient of the 2023 Georgia 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award.



1980s

J. Michael “Mike” Levensgood (1980) of Lawrenceville, GA, was selected as the recipient of the 23rd Annual Justice Robert



Benham Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism. **Jere W. Morehead** (1980) of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023 Atlanta



500. **Wade W. Herring II** (1983) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2023 Georgia Super Lawyer in employment litigation.

Cynthia “Cindy” Newberry Martin (1983) of Columbus, GA, has a new novel titled *Love Like This*, which drops the reader inside a long-term marriage and asks them to weigh the value of sticking with the familiar versus the value of venturing into the unknown. **Edward H.**



Lindsey Jr. (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as a recipient of the 23rd Annual Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service for



Judicial District 5 presented by the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. **M. Claire Chason** (1985) of Cairo, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as a judge on the South Georgia Judicial



Circuit. **Gerald L. Pouncey Jr.** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023 Atlanta 500.

Pouncey is chairman at Morris Manning & Martin. **Sally**

Q. Yates (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023 Atlanta 500.



Yates is partner at King & Spalding.



Gregory L. "Greg" Roseboro (1987) of Athens, GA, joined the Mabra Law Firm as of counsel. **Christopher W. "Chris"**

Phillips (1988) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2023 Georgia Super Lawyer in construction



litigation.



Kirby G. Mason (1989) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2023 Georgia Super Lawyer in medical malpractice.

1990s



Melanie D. Wilson (1990) of Lexington, VA, was chosen to serve as 2023 president-elect of the Association of American Law Schools.

Jonathan E. Eady (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023 Atlanta 500. Eady is



managing partner at Arnall Golden & Gregory. **Joseph A. "Joe" Fried** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$21-million settlement against Great West Casualty Company, Grammer Industries, Grammer



Logistics, and Glenn

Scott. **Jonathan D.**



Crumly (1994) of Atlanta, GA, joined Freeman Mathis & Gary as senior counsel.

Crumly is also principal and chief operating officer of Decisions Consulting, which provides alcohol licensing services in 39 states for a national small box grocer. **Frank S.**

Macgill (1994) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2023 Georgia Super Lawyer in estate planning and probate.





Ceasar C. Mitchell Jr. (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023 Atlanta 500. Mitchell is

partner at Dentons. **Timothy W. Wilson** (1995) of Nashville, NC, was appointed by Gov. Roy Cooper to serve as a Superior Court judge in the North Carolina Judicial District 7A serving Nash County.



Nicole "Nikki" Clifton (1996) of Falls Church, VA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023

Atlanta 500. Clifton is president of Social Impact and The UPS



Foundation. **Stephanie Friese Aron** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2023 Georgia Titan 100, an honor that highlights

Georgia's top business leaders. Aron is shareholder at Chamberlain



Hrdlicka. **Colin A. McRae** (1999) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2023 Georgia Super Lawyer in transportation/maritime.



Brian K. Ross (1999) of Lithonia, GA, was sworn in as chair of the Gate City Bar Association's Judicial Section. Ross currently serves on the

bench of the State Court of DeKalb County.

2000–2009



Ryan S. Hope (2000) of Athens, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve on the State Court of Athens-Clarke County. **C. Brian**

Jarrard (2000) of Macon, GA, secured a verdict of \$28-million in compensatory damages and \$90-million in punitive damages against Total Care Community

Living/Properties LLC, et al. **Shyam K. Reddy**



(2000) of Atlanta, GA, was elected president and chief executive officer of BlueLinx Holdings Inc. Reddy will

also join the BlueLinx Board of Directors. He recently served as BlueLinx's senior vice president, chief legal and sustainability officer and corporate secretary.

Jennifer "Jen" A. Jordan (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023



Atlanta 500. **Cynthia C. Adams** (2002) of Douglasville, GA, was featured in the January 10, 2023 She's Got GAWL podcast presented

by Georgia Association for Women Lawyers. The [episode](#) "She Was The First: Conversations with Women Trailblazers featuring Judge Cynthia Adams" reflects on her journey to

becoming the first woman Superior Court Judge of Douglas County. **Kevin A. Gooch** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2023 Atlanta 500. Gooch is partner at Holland & Knight.



Michael J. "M.J." Blakely Jr. (2006) of Decatur, GA, launched the Blakely Law Firm, specializing in catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases, mass torts, class actions and other complex litigation.



Michael A. "Mike" Caplan (2006) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated Caplan Cobb's ninth anniversary. Caplan Cobb was also selected by the UGA Alumni Association as a 2023 Bulldog honoree for the fourth time. Caplan is a founding partner of Caplan Cobb.



Briant G. Mildenhall (2007) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$21-million settlement against Great West Casualty Company, Grammer Industries, Grammer Logistics, and Glenn Scott.



Caleb F. Walker (2007) of Macon, GA, secured a \$9.2-million medical malpractice verdict against Medical Center of Central

Georgia, et al.



Daniel J. "Dan" Felz (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Alston & Bird. Felz is a member of the firm's privacy, cyber and data strategy group.

2010–2019



Jeffrey H. "Jeff" Fisher (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton. Fisher is a member of the firm's complex commercial litigation group.



Allan C. Galis (2010) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2023 Georgia Rising Star in business litigation.

Christopher B. "Chris"

Newbern (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$3.49-million settlement on behalf of Brandon Clark.



Michael T. "Mike" Rafi (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$3.1-million settlement award against Resource Management Systems, and in a separate action secured a \$1.5-million verdict on behalf of Asher Salvador Cartagena.

Joshua F. "Josh" Silk (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$10.5-million medical malpractice verdict against United Obstetrics and Gynecology, et al.



Amanda M. Waide (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$5-million verdict on behalf of Electrolux Home Products against

Whitesell Corporation. Waide is partner at Alston & Bird.



William F. Crozer (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to principal at BGR Group.

Sara C. Fish (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to principal at Fish & Richardson.



Elliot M. Engstrom (2013) of Charlotte, NC, joined Sellers Ayers Dortch & Lyons as an associate with the firm's community associations group.

Engstrom will continue his local government practice having spent the last four and a half years as attorney for Cleveland County, N.C.



Scott F. McAfee (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as a Superior Court judge for Fulton

County. **Molly L. Moyer** (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Wood Smith Henning & Berman. Moyer focuses her practice on civil defense and insurance coverage matters.



Daniel J. "Dan" O'Connor (2013) of East Palo Alto, CA, was elected partner at Alston & Bird.

O'Connor is a member of the firm's intellectual property patents team.

Ruari J. O'Sullivan (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to principal at Berman Fink Van Horn.



Edgar B. Callaway (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton. Callaway is a member of

the firm's finance general corporate, M&A & Securities team. Callaway focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, corporate restructurings, capital raising, financing transactions and general



corporate matters. **Jarrod N. Cone** (2014) Fort Worth, TX, was elected partner at Jackson Walker.

Elizabeth B. "Ellis" Diment (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. Diment



focuses her practice on commercial real estate. **Bryan W. Lutz** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Alston & Bird. Lutz is a member of the

firm's litigation and trial practice



team. **D. Harley Yancey IV** (2015) of Rome, GA, was promoted to president at State Mutual Insurance Company. Yancey

previously served as general counsel at State Mutual Insurance Company.



Colby L. Keefe (2016) of Fort Myers, FL, graduated from the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class, which

is one of the most highly respected leadership development programs in the region. Keefe is with the firm Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt.



Trevor J. Peck (2016) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Wood Smith Henning & Berman. Peck focuses his practice on providing insurance

coverage advice and representing

insurers in litigation. **Janis D. Hill** (2017) of Dallas, TX, was named vice president at Goldman Sachs Dallas.



Johnson T. Laney (2019) of Nashville, TN, received certification as a healthcare ethics consultant by the HCEC Certification

Commission. Laney is an associate at Wiseman Ashworth Trauger.

2020s



Austin L. Albertson (2022) Atlanta, GA, joined Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers as an associate. Albertson focuses his practice in

personal injury defense, premises liability, general liability, automobile, trucking and transportation litigation.

In Memoriam

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

W. Leon Barfield (1976)

Savannah, GA
February 11, 2023

Francis Anthony "Tony" Blakey

(1997)
Saint Charles, MO
March 15, 2023

James Michael "Mike" Brown

(1970)
Durham, NC
January 26, 2023

Everett Clay Bryant Jr. (1971)

Newnan, GA
January 3, 2023

Leonidas L. "Leon" Campbell

(1976)
Spartanburg, SC
January 24, 2023

Ariel Vincent Conlin (1953)

Marietta, GA
March 15, 2023

Charles R. Hadaway (1972)

Cincinnati, OH
January 31, 2023

Troy R. Millikan (1967)

Gainesville, GA
February 17, 2023

Frank C. Mills III (1973)

Canton, GA
February 17, 2023

James L. "Jim" Mullins (1979)

Stone Mountain, GA
March 13, 2023

Carl N. Richardson Jr. (1965)

Griffin, GA
January 12, 2023

Martin H. "Marty" Steckel (1972)

Decatur, GA
February 4, 2023

William N. "Bill" Withrow Jr.

(1978)
Atlanta, GA
February 12, 2023