

Class Notes

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1940s

William O. Solms (1947) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and by a government produced film for his service to the U.S. during WWII for his role in creating the only American cemetery in Holland, the Margraten Memorial Center, and for ensuring a final resting place for those killed in the war.

Upshaw C. Bentley Jr. (1949) of Athens, GA, received the Alumni Merit Award from the UGA Alumni Association.

1960s

Emmet J. Bondurant II (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as one of three "Lawyers of the Year in Georgia" by *The Best Lawyers*

in America. **R. Alexander Crumbley** (1966) of McDonough, GA, was presented with the John Holliman Jr. Award for Lifetime Achievement by UGA's Grady College.

1970s



John C. Bell Jr. (1972) of Augusta, GA, achieved the ultimate in mountain climbing by reaching the summit of Mt.

Kilimanjaro - intact! **Sarajane N. Love** (1973) of Watkinsville, GA, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from LaGrange College during the May commencement program. **Robert T. Bockman** (1975) of Columbia, SC, received the prestigious Order of the Palmetto Award, which is the highest civilian honor presented by the state of South Carolina. **Patricia J. Craft** (1977) of Decatur, GA, joined Strickland Brockington & Lewis as of counsel. **William K. Broker** (1978) of Savannah, GA, was elected president-elect of the Savannah Bar Association.

Kenneth E. Gross Jr. (1978) of Falls Church, VA, was appointed Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan by President Obama.

S. Lark Ingram (1978) of Smyrna, GA, received the Cobb County Trial Lawyers Association "Judge of the Year 2008" Award.

Valerie Caproni (1979) of Washington, D.C., was selected

to give UGA's inaugural Suzette M. Talarico Lecture.

1980 - 1984



Joseph T. Farrell (1980) of Orlando, FL, was appointed judge of Compensation Claims for the Orlando district of

Florida. **Daisy Hurst Floyd** (1980) of Macon, GA, was included in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* list of "Who's Who in Education 2009." **Timothy W. Floyd** (1980) of Macon, GA, received the professionalism award from the Atlanta Bar Association during its annual meeting. **C. Glenn Dunaway** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, joined Morris, Manning & Martin as a partner. **Ertharin Cousin** (1982) of Rome, Italy, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Aug. 7, 2009, as ambassador to the United



Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Patricia G. Griffith (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in an

"Executive Profile" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Nathaniel Lee** (1982) of Indianapolis, IN, was selected as a Distinguished Barrister for the State of Indiana by the Indiana Lawyers Leadership in Law Series. **John B. Wilkerson Jr.** (1982) of Macon, GA, joined Hathaway Properties as director

of the governmental housing division. **Timothy D. Scrantom** (1983) of Sullivan's Island, SC, launched Juridica Capital Management, a company on the London Stock Exchange that invests in claims.



Gregory A. Adams (1984) of Stone Mountain, GA, was selected for the 2009 Georgia State

University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Community Service Award. **John H. Chalfant** (1984) of Shawnee Mission, KS, joined RPS Benefits/Northwestern Mutual as an employee benefits producer and financial representative.

1985 - 1989

Robert P. Hall III (1985) of Washington, D.C., joined Dutko Worldwide as a senior vice president and director of international trade and tax policy. **Christopher J. McFadden** (1985) of Decatur, GA, was installed as the second vice president of the Atlanta Bar Association. **Frank J. Hanna III** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for membership in the Buckhead Coalition. **Gregory V. Sapp** (1986) of Savannah, GA, was elected treasurer of the Savannah Bar Association. **S. Wesley Woolf** (1986) of Savannah, GA, established the firm of Steffen & Woolf. **B.J. Bernstein** (1987) of Atlanta, GA,



received the 2009 Justice Award from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice as a community organizer and was

recognized by the YWCA as a 2009 Woman of Achievement.

Tammy Cox Stokes (1987) of Savannah, GA, was elected the first African-American woman to be president of the Municipal Court Judges Council of Georgia.

Michael B. Terry (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was installed as the president-elect of the Atlanta Bar Association. **Elizabeth B.**

Chandler (1988) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Asbury Automotive Group as vice president and general counsel. **Thomas C.**

Chubb III (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was named president of Oxford Industries. **Scott J. Forster** (1989) of Calhoun, GA, argued the case *Dean v. U.S.* (08-5274) at the U.S. Supreme Court on March 4, 2009.

1990 - 1994

Tracy Seckinger Plott (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Schiff Hardin as a partner. **Lisa Goldwire Colbert** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was elected secretary of the Savannah Bar Association.

1995 - 1999

Austin E. Carter (1995) of Macon, GA, was included in the 2009 list of "Georgia Super

Lawyers Rising Stars" by *Law & Politics* and *Atlanta* magazines.

Pratt H. Davis (1995) of Marietta, GA, joined Page Perry as counsel. **James D. Blich IV** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, received the professionalism award from the Atlanta Bar Association during its annual meeting.

David C. King (1996) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Molly J. Prodggers (2005) on March 21, 2009. **John S. Mills**

(1996) of Tallahassee, FL, was selected to be profiled in the *Jacksonville Business Journal's* list of "40 under 40." **Holly A. Pierson** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, joined Morris, Manning & Martin as of counsel in the firm's healthcare/litigation department.

Michael H. Smith (1996) of Savannah, GA, was featured in the "40 under 40" article published by Savannah's *The Business Report & Journal*. **Mari C. Chambers** (1997) of Savannah, GA, established the Chambers Law Firm, which will specialize in practicing social security disability law. **Hope C.**

Allen (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Social Security Administration as an attorney-advisor. **Robert S. Highsmith Jr.** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was named executive partner of the Atlanta office of Holland & Knight. **Angela B. Hitch** (1998) of Roswell, GA, established the firm Hitch & Webb. **Robert D. Howell** (1998) of Moultrie, GA,

was selected to be the guest speaker at the Winter-Spring 2009 commencement for Moultrie Technical College. **David C. Smith** (1998) of Rome, GA, established the firm Smith, Lewis and Haley. **Stacy B. Williams** (1998) of Decatur, GA, associated with the firm Mazursky Constantine. **J. Clay Fuller** (1999) of Columbus, GA, celebrated his 10 year law school anniversary by trying a two week jury trial with classmate Charlie Peeler of Albany, GA, in West Palm Beach Florida. The jury found in their favor and awarded their client \$2.5 million. **Scott E. Hitch** (1999) of Roswell, GA, established the firm Hitch & Webb. **John H. Longwell** (1999) of Washington, DC, joined the faculty of The George Washington University Law School. **Charles E. Peeler** (1999) of Albany, GA, celebrated his 10 year law school anniversary by trying a two week jury trial with classmate Clay Fuller of Columbus, GA, in West Palm Beach Florida. The jury found in their favor and awarded their client \$2.5 million.

2000 - 2004



Sean C. Callahan (2000) of Tenafly, NJ, enjoyed celebrating the holidays with his daughter Mia who is already a Georgia Bulldog fan. **Kristin Holloway Jones** (2001) of Decatur, GA,

celebrated with her husband Shane and daughter Carson the birth of Harper Caroline on Jan. 3, 2009. **A. Bryan Baer** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, received the professionalism award from the Atlanta Bar Association during its annual meeting. **Keshawn M. Harry** (2002) of Tucker, GA, co-authored the article "The Georgia Uniform Securities Act of 2008: An Analysis of Significant Changes to Georgia's Blue Sky Law," which was published in the *Georgia Bar Journal*. **John F. Kane** (2002) of Decatur, GA, associated with Fields, Howell, Athans & McLaughlin. **Edward A. Marshall** (2002) of Mableton, GA, authored "A Phoenix Rising: Elimination of the Requirement of First-Person Reliance Under Civil Rico and Its Implications For Georgia Litigants," which was published in the *Georgia Bar Journal*. **Peter B. Murphy** (2002) of Greenville, SC, was appointed vice chair of the Labor and Employment Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. **Mariclaire E. Partee** (2002) of Bethlehem, PA, was appointed canon for the Ministry of the Baptized at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, PA. **Mary Beth Hand** (2003) of Macon, GA, became a permanent law clerk for Senior District Judge Hugh Lawson. **Coby S. Nixon** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, announced his

marriage to Ansley Brannen on May 23, 2009. **Rebecca C. Franklin** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, established the law firm FranklinLaw. **John G. Perry** (2004) of Commerce, GA, announced his marriage to Sarah Anne Galle (2008) on Sept. 6, 2008.

2005 - 2009

Brandon P. Ansley (2005) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Emily Nelson on April 18, 2009. **Ramsey Henderson Bridges** (2005) of Athens, GA, was selected to participate in the 2010 Athens L.E.A.D. Class.

Robert L. Fortson (2005) of Decatur, GA, associated with Turner Bachman & Garrett. **R. Jason Fowler** (2005) of Washington, D.C., associated with Covington & Burling.

Amelia Godfrey Helmick (2005) of Columbus, GA, announced her



marriage to David Helmick on April 18, 2009. **J.L. King II** (2005) of Tallahassee, FL, joined the South Georgia Judicial

Circuit's Public Defender Office. Additionally, he celebrated with his wife Brittney the birth of their son James Lory "Trip" III on March 16, 2009. **Molly Prodgers King** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to David C. King (1996) on March 21, 2009. **Justin A. Danner** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, joined the

company Fiserv as an attorney. **Leland H. Kynes** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Holland & Knight. **Christopher M. Gant** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Quirk & Quirk. **Patrick H. Garrard** (2007) of Athens, GA, was selected to participate in the 2010 Athens L.E.A.D. Class. **Nia C. Mahallati** (2007) of Arlington, VA, became the chair of Vanguard Alliance Corp. (mentor prodigy company to E-merging Technologies Group) in Reston VA. **Meghan Dougherty Marino** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Fields, Howell, Athans & McLaughlin. **Rachel Harkavy Wilson** (2007) of Dallas, TX, announced her marriage to Scott Wilson on April 4, 2009. **Adam B. Land** (2008) of Athens, GA, was selected to participate in the 2010 Athens L.E.A.D. Class. **Michael A. Melonakos** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Brende Merlé Smith on April 25, 2009. **Sarah Galle Perry** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to John G. Perry (2004) on Sept. 6, 2008. **Efrain A. "Sonny" Poloche** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was named a board member of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials. **Christopher L. Lockwood** (2009) of Macon, GA, authored a note "Biotechnology Industry Organization v. District of Columbia: A Preemptive Strike Against State Price Restrictions

on Prescription Pharmaceuticals,"
which was published in the
*Albany Law Journal of Science &
Technology*