

Class Notes

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1930s



Aaron Cohn (1938) of Columbus, GA, the nation's longest serving juvenile court judge, retired in September at the age of 95 after serving 46 years on the

bench. **Emmet J. Bondurant II** (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to receive the 2011 American Inns of Court Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Award for Professionalism and Ethics.

1960s

George H. Carley (1962) of Decatur, GA, plans to retire at the end of 2012 after 32 years of service on the bench. He will serve as chief justice of the state Supreme Court for two months before stepping down, which will cause him to make history as being the first person to serve as presiding judge and chief judge of the state Court of Appeals and presiding justice and chief justice of



the state Supreme Court. **Patrick J. Rice** (1966) of Augusta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

E. Davison Burch (1968) of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1970 - 1974

Henry G. Garrard III (1971) of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in*



America. **Jack B. Hood** (1971) of Birmingham, AL, co-authored the fifth edition of *Workers' Compensation and Employee Protection*

Laws in a Nutshell, published by Thomson Reuters/West. **James M. Poe** (1974) of Atlanta, GA, has established his own law firm.

1975 - 1979

Harry Jay Altman II (1975) of Thomasville, GA, was designated to serve on the state Supreme Court in place of Justice David Nahmias to hear the appeal in *Grossi Consulting et al. v. Sterling Currency Group* on Oct. 3. **Edward D. Tolley** (1975) of Athens, GA, was named to the Georgia Public Defender Standards



Council by House Speaker David Ralston.

Janice G. Hildenbrand (1976) of Bloomfield Hills, MI, was named to the 2011 *Michigan Super Lawyers* list,

which makes this the fifth time she has been chosen for this honor.

M. Steven Heath (1977) of Athens, GA, has joined the firm Cowser & Avery. **Andrew J. Hill III** (1977) of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The*



Best Lawyers in America. **Robert F. Mumford** (1978) of Conyers, GA, was selected for the

Immigration Enforcement Review Board by Speaker David Ralston. **John E. Thompson** (1978) of



Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The*

Best Lawyers in America. **Luis A. Aguilar** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the "101: The List of the Most Influential Leaders in the Latino Community" for 2011.



Valerie Caproni (1979) of Washington, DC, was appointed vice president and deputy general counsel, litigation and investigations for



Northrop Grumman Corp. **Michael A. Morris** (1979) of Athens, GA, was elected to the advisory board of directors for Athens First Bank & Trust.

1980 - 1984

David E. Ralston (1980) of Blue Ridge, GA, was selected to receive the 2011 Blue Key Service Award for his civic contributions.

Judy Greenbaum Croy (1981) of Marietta, GA, has established the firm Croy & Timms. **E. Kendrick**

Smith (1981) of Atlanta, GA, has had his novel *Defeating Operation Hydra* published. **D. Albert Brannen Jr.** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The*



Best Lawyers in America.

Additionally, Brannen has been once again named a "Georgia Super Lawyer" for 2012, and he is past president of the State Bar of Georgia's Labor and Employment Law Section, which was named Section of the Year at the 2011 State Bar Annual Meeting. **James Y. Rayis** (1982) of Detroit, MI, has

joined Giramarc, Mullins & Horton as of counsel. **Stephen M. Schaetzel** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, has joined McKeon, Meunier, Carlin



& Curfman as a principal. **J. Randolph Evans** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the Republican National Lawyers Association as

the 2011 Republican Lawyer of the Year. **Wade W. Herring II** (1983) of Savannah, GA, was awarded the Savannah Bar Association's Robbie Robinson Award as part of the bar's annual Law Day celebration. **James B. Matthews III** (1983) of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Timothy D. Scrantom** (1983) of Sullivans Island, SC, has established BlackRobe Capital Partners, a firm specializing in



third-party litigation funding. **Gregory A. Adams** (1984) of Stone Mountain, GA, was sworn into the Georgia



Commission on Dispute Resolution. **Thomas L. Cohen** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, has established his own law firm. **Carolyn Hoye Enichen** (1984) of

Boulder, CO, has joined the firm Dietze & Davis and will practice in the criminal and family law areas.

Julia A. Kerestine (1984) of Lantana, TX, has established her



own law firm. **W. Scott Sorrels** (1984) of Alpharetta, GA, has received the 2011 Silver Buffalo Award, the Boy Scouts of America's highest commendation

that is given to individuals who contribute noteworthy and extraordinary youth service on a national basis.

1985 - 1989

David J. Blevins (1985) of Cohutta, GA, was named to the State Personnel Board by Gov. Nathan Deal. **Robert P. Hall III** (1985) of Washington, DC, has joined the General Electric Company as senior manager and counsel for U.S. government relations and policy.

Robert O. Ball III (1986) of Atlanta, GA, has joined RapidBuyr, a business-to-business daily deal site, as chief financial officer and executive vice president of corporate development. **William V. Custer IV** (1986) of Conyers, GA, has received

the Paul H. Chapman Award from the Foundation for Improvement of Justice for his pro bono work that overturned a murder conviction.

David G. Perryman (1986) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Ballard Spahr as of counsel.



James B. Ellington (1987) of Evans, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Narayana R. "Rao" Rampilla (LL.M. 1987) of New York, NY, has been cast in the Adam Sandler movie "I Hate You Dad" that will be released in 2012. **Dean W. Russell** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, has received the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Volunteer of the Year award for his work with the

Grandparent/Relative Caregiver Project. **Donna Avans Seagraves** (1987) of Athens, GA, was named to the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council by Gov. Nathan Deal. **Steve C. Jones** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to serve as president of the UGA Alumni



Association for 2011 - 2013. **Gerald R. Weber Jr.** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the American Constitution Society's Georgia chapter at its annual

awards reception on Oct. 5, 2011, by receiving the inaugural ACS Atlanta Lawyer's Chapter Legal Legend Award.

1990 - 1994

Michael J. Hannan III (1990) of Duluth, GA, has joined the Weathington Firm as a partner.

John D. Cole (1991) of Charlotte, NC, has joined the firm Nexsen Pruet as a member. **Matthew J. Vandennack** (1991) of Omaha, NE, has joined the Bank of America in Chicago as a wealth strategist working in the private banking and investment group of Merrill. **Wayne R. Allen** (1992) of Douglasville, GA, was elected by the Legislative Services Committee as legislative counsel for the Georgia General Assembly. **Thomas C. Rawlings** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was profiled in the September issue of *Georgia Magazine* for his work as director of a field office for the International Justice Mission in Guatemala City. **Bryan W. Bockhop** (1994) of Snellville, GA, has joined the firm



Arnall Golden & Gregory. **James V. Painter** (1994) of Augusta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in*

America.

1995 - 1999

David L. Fenstermacher, Jr. (1995) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Hunter Maclean as counsel in the corporate/healthcare practice group. **Donna Negus Crawford** (1996) of Douglasville, GA, has



established her own law firm. **J. Benedict Hartman** (1996) of St. Simons Island, GA, has joined the firm Hunter Maclean as a partner.

John S. Mills (1996) of Tallahassee, FL, has established his own law firm. **Holly A. Pierson** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, has received

the Paul H. Chapman Award from the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice for her pro bono work that overturned a murder conviction.

Christy E. Calbos (1997) of Atlanta, GA, has established her own law firm. **W. Brad Carver** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 *Georgia Trend's* list of "40 Under 40: Georgia's Best & Brightest." **Michael L. Goldberg** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the "On the Rise: Top 40 under 40" list published by the *Daily Report*.

Jessica L. Heywood (1997) of Washington, D.C., has joined the University of Georgia School of Law as a part-time instructor to coordinate the school's new Washington, D.C., Semester in Practice program. **Lisa R. Blanco** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Energy Technology Ventures, a joint venture between GE, NRG and ConocoPhillips, as general counsel and chief compliance officer. **Aaron J. Johnson** (1999) of Cedar Park, TX, won the election for the Leader



ISD Place 6 school board seat. **Reginald M. Jones** (1999) of Hamilton, VA, has joined the firm Fox Rothschild as an equity partner responsible for

chairing the firm's newly formed national federal government contracts and procurement practice group. **Elizabeth Weeks Leonard** (1999) of Athens, GA, has joined the University of Georgia School of Law as an associate professor teaching torts and health law survey. Her additional teaching and research interests include health care

financing and regulation, and public health law. **Steven L. Park** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Paul Hastings as a partner. **Alon H. Price** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Huron Consulting Group as a project consultant.

2000 - 2004



Patrick N. Millsaps (2000) of Camilla, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2011 *Georgia Trend's* list of "40 Under 40: Georgia's Best & Brightest."

Additionally, Millsaps recently joined the firm Hall Booth Smith & Slover as a partner in the firm's litigation and transactional practice areas. He will work primarily from the firm's Albany and Atlanta offices.



Shelley A. Senterfitt (2000) of Atlanta, GA, has received the Gender Justice Award from the Georgia Commission on

Family Violence. **Charles J. Bethel** (2001) of Dalton, GA, was selected to receive the 2011 Blue Key Young Alumnus Award. **Heather Belin DeGaetano** (2001) of Chattanooga, TN, has become an adjunct faculty member in the political science department of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Christopher C. Nichols (2001) of Bishop, GA, has established his own law firm. **Chandler P. Thompson** (2001) of Salt Lake City, UT, has joined the firm Akerman Senterfitt as a shareholder. **Ramona Murphy Bartos** (2002) of Rincon, GA, was selected as deputy state historic

preservation officer and administrator of the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office in Raleigh, NC. **Aretha V. Blake** (2002) of Charlotte, NC, has joined the Charlotte School of Law as the director of the Center for Professional Development.



J. Christopher Driver (2002) of Augusta, GA, was selected to participate in the 2012 Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class.



Benjamin J. Vinson (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Immigration Enforcement Review Board by Gov. Nathan

Deal. **Alex M. Barfield** (2003) and **Kasi R. Whitaker** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, announced their marriage on July 2, 2011. **Heather M. Benham** (2003) of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion in "The Exceptionals 2011" list published by the *Athens Banner-Herald*. **Elizabeth Allgood Blalock** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to general counsel with the Georgia Conservancy. **Andrew C. Evans** (2003) of Smyrna, GA, has established the firm Evans & Stickland. **Andrea G. Meucci** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the Lucas Group as an executive search



consultant in their legal division. **Christopher R. Abrego** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Lisa Anne the birth of their daughter Sophia

Ryanne on Sept. 16, 2011.

Additionally, he was appointed to the Formal Advisory Opinion Board of the Georgia State Bar by State



Bar President Ken Shigley. **Amanda Eaton Ferrelle** (2004) and **J. Rice Ferrelle Jr.** (2004) of Jacksonville, FL,

celebrated the birth of their daughter Kennedy Logan on May 29, 2011. Additionally, Rice was named partner at Murphy & Anderson. **Mary Catherine Begnaud Fudger** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Arthur Lee Fudger on June 4, 2011. **Daniel P. Hart** (2004) of Decatur, GA, has associated with the firm Seyfarth Shaw.



Benjamin M. Perkins (2004) and **Sally Haskell Perkins** (2004) of Savannah, GA, celebrated the birth of their daughter Helen Winship on Sept. 21, 2011. **Jeffrey P. Shiver** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the "On the Rise: Top 40 under 40" list published by the



Daily Report.

2005 - 2009

Meredith Nesbitt Atwood (2005) of Lawrenceville, GA, has associated with the firm Andersen, Tate & Carr. **Clark R. Calhoun** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation for five years of volunteer service. **Laura Tate Kagel** (2006) of Athens, GA, has joined the University of Georgia School of Law as assistant director

of the Dean Rusk Center for International Law & Policy. **James J. Sanders** (2006) of Chicago, IL, has associated with the firm Troutman Sanders. **Terri R. Stewart** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was chosen to become a member of the 2012 class of LEAD. **Anuj Desai** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation for five years of volunteer service. **Ashley Marsh Tyndal** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Chris the birth of their daughter McClendon Bridges on Aug. 11, 2011. **M. Katherine Bates** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Nick Panayotopoulos the birth of their son Alexander Athanasios Panayotopoulos in February of 2011. **Ernest L. Beaton IV** (2008) of St. Simons Island, GA, has associated with the Brunswick office of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover. **Catherine Lawler Jackson** (2008) of Decatur, GA, has joined the Georgia Court of Appeals as a staff attorney. **Michael A. Melonakos** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, continues to practice in the areas of defense, insurance and tort law with Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson where he recently won a jury trial sitting as second chair. **Shana Webb Pennywell** (2008) of Conyers, GA, celebrated with her husband Styron the birth of their daughter Emerson Grey on Jan. 29, 2011. **Efrain "Sonny" A. Poloche** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Katie the birth of their son Cameron Cristiano on



July 18, 2011. **Matthew B. Stoddard** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Law & Moran.

Kristen Boyd Williams (2008) of College Park, GA, has established her own law firm.



Benjamin R. Carlsen (2009) of Atlanta, GA, has completed a two year federal judicial clerkship with U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Judge Lamar W. Davis Jr., and now practices with Troutman Sanders in the firm's bankruptcy practice group. **John T. DeGenova** (2009) of Alexandria, VA, has become a judicial law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Richard Leon for the District of Columbia. **William R. Glenn III** (2009) of San Francisco, CA, has established his own law firm. **Meghan Ryan Noblett** (2009) of Alpharetta, GA, announced her marriage to Andrew Mark Noblett on July 10, 2010. **Ryan L Ray** (2009) of Rydal, GA, has associated with the Cohan Law Group. **Melanie C. Walker** (2009) of Ringgold, GA, has associated with the firm Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz. **Benny W. Yee** (2009) of Savannah, GA, has joined Gulfstream Aerospace as a tax accountant.

2010 - 2011

Theresa D. Beaton (2010) of St. Simons Island, GA, has associated with the firm Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin. **Pan Hu** (LL.M. 2010) of Xinyu Jiangxi, China, has joined G4S Shanghai Ltd. as a legal director. **Alison L. Lee** (2010) of Roswell, GA, has associated with the firm Lewis Brisbois Bisgarrd &

Smith. **Steven H. Lee** (2010) of Leesburg, GA, has joined the Dougherty County District Attorney's Office as assistant district attorney. **Lauren Elizabeth Smith** (2010) of Marietta, GA, has joined the Cobb County Attorney's Office. **David S. Ballard** (2011) of Fayetteville, GA, has joined the firm Kelly, Lovett, & Blakey as a bankruptcy attorney. **M. Alex Battey** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Hall Booth Smith & Slover. **Rishi P. Chhatwal** (2011) of Washington, D.C., has associated with the firm Sidley Austin. **Catherine H. Curlet** (2011) of Washington, D.C., has joined the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces as a judicial law clerk for Judge Margaret A. Ryan. **Courtney M. Davis** (2011) of Watkinsville, GA, has associated with the firm Harris & Liken. **Andrea L. Dent** (2011) of Athens, GA, has associated with the Lavender Law Group. **John David Fichtner** (2011) of Marietta, GA, has joined the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit as a staff attorney.



Katherine L. Holley (2011) of Marietta, GA, has associated with the firm Carlock, Copeland & Stair. **Tanner D. Ivie** (2011) of Savannah, GA, announced his marriage to Caroline Johnston Cates on Aug. 14, 2011. **Ashland Jernyl Johnson** (2011) of Washington, D.C., has joined the National Women's Law Center as a Fellow. **Andrew J. King** (2011) of Macon, GA, has associated with the office of James Lee Ford as a contract attorney.

Sean M. Malone (2011) of Orlando, FL, has associated with the firm Kirkland & Ellis. **Thomas O. Matia** (2011) of Cumming, GA, has joined Ashford Advisors as a financial planner. **C. Blake McDaniel** (2011) of Alpharetta, GA, has joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta as a senior project coordinator.

Lindsey D. Parke (2011) of Tiburon, CA, has become a research fellow at the University of Georgia School of Law. **Jennifer L. Pridgeon** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm DuBose Massey Bair & Evans.

Matthew G. Rooks (2011) of Savannah, GA, has joined the firm McLain & Merritt.

Sonya Elkins Sallis (2011) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Nicholas Clifford Sallis on Sept. 17, 2011. **Patrick J. Schwedler** (2011) of St. Simons Island, GA, has joined the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia as a law clerk.

Karli A. Swift (2011) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the U.S. Department of Education as a legal fellow. **Natalie M. Vickers** (2011) of Newnan, GA, has associated with the firm McDonald, Cody & Cook.