

## Class Notes

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### 1970s

**William S. Stone** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$26-million wrongful death verdict on behalf of his clients Molly and Michael Thornal.

### 1980s

**Mary Jane Stewart** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia as senior trial counsel in the Criminal



Division. **Sergio O. Alvarez-Mena III** (1981) of Coral Gables, FL, joined Charles Schwab & Co. as managing director and chief international counsel.

**Beverly B. Martin** (1981) of New York, NY, joined the New York University School of Law as executive director of the Center on Civil Justice.



**Wade W. Herring II** (1983) of Savannah, GA, was honored with inclusion in the 2021 *Georgia Trend* Legal

Elite.



**Wade A. Buser** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, launched the firm Continuum Legal Group. **Sally Q. Yates**

(1986) of Atlanta, GA, received the Women's White Collar Defense Association's 2021 Champion Award.



**Christopher W. Phillips** (1988) of Savannah, GA, was honored with inclusion in the 2021 *Georgia Trend* Legal

Elite.

### 1990s



**Joseph W. Dent** (1991) of Albany, GA, launched his firm Joseph W. Dent, P.C. **Mary Maclean D. Asbill**

(1993) of Chapel Hill, NC, was promoted to director of the North Carolina Offices at the Southern Environmental Law Center.





**Barbara M. Seymour** (1993) of Columbia, SC, authored a book titled *Trust Accounting for South Carolina Lawyers:*

*An Annotated Practice Manual* published by the South Carolina Bar. Seymour is with Clawson and Staubes and concentrates her practice in professional responsibility law.



**Thomas S. Cullen** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was honored with inclusion in the 2021 *Georgia Trend Legal*



Elite. **Frank S. Macgill** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was honored with inclusion in the 2021 *Georgia Trend Legal*

Elite. **Darren W. Penn** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, secured an undisclosed settlement against the Darlington



School. **J. Benedict "Ben" Hartman** (1996) of Savannah, GA, was honored with inclusion in the 2021 *Georgia*

*Trend Legal* Elite. **Jason B. Green** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.2-million verdict of behalf of his client Terrence Holt.

## 2000–2009

**Julie M. Wade** (2000) of Savannah, GA, was named to the University of

Georgia Alumni Association's 2022 Bulldog 100\* for her work at Park Place Outreach Youth Emergency



Services. **Arman M. Deganian** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2022

Bulldog 100\* for his work at Litner + Deganian. **Alan J. Hamilton** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$30-million wrongful death settlement in regard to a fatal tractor-trailer wreck. **Ronald E. Mabra Jr.** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.4-million verdict on behalf of his client Linda Watts.



**Benjamin R. Makin** (2004) of Athens, GA, was appointed chief magistrate judge of the Athens-Clarke County

Magistrate Court. **Jeffrey P. Shiver** (2004) of St. Simons Island, GA, secured a \$30-million wrongful death settlement in regard to a fatal tractor-



trailer wreck. **Megan Kreitner Ouzts** (2005) of Atlanta, Georgia was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2022

Bulldog 100\* for the business she co-owns, The Spotted Trotter, a USDA certified boutique charcuterie and butcher shop in Atlanta, Georgia.

The business was previously on the list in 2015, 2016 and 2017. In addition to owning the business with her husband, Megan is senior legal counsel for Waste Management in its Labor and Employment Legal Department. **Michael A. Caplan** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2022 Bulldog 100\* for his work at Caplan Cobb and secured a \$67-million class action settlement against Global Tel Link Corporation. **Sean M. Ditzel** (2006) of Marietta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2022 Bulldog 100\* for his work at Abernathy Ditzel Hendrick Bryce. **Andrew S. Johnson** (2006) of Hinesville, GA, secured a \$30-million wrongful death settlement in regard to a fatal tractor-trailer wreck. **James E. Radford** (2006) of Decatur, GA, secured a \$67-million class action settlement against Global Tel Link Corporation. **James E. "Jeb" Butler III** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.25-million wrongful death settlement in a pedestrian accident case and in a separate action secured a \$4-million settlement against Paradise Rental Boats. **Cameron D. Hawkins** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2022 Bulldog 100\* for his work at Edwards &

Hawkins. **Naveen Ramachandrappa** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$4-million settlement against Paradise



Rental Boats. **George R. Reinhardt III** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Morris Manning & Martin.

## 2010–2020

**Norman L. Barnett** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Criminal Division. **Russell J. Edwards** (2010) of Athens, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2022 Bulldog 100\* for



his work at Agora Vintage. **David F. Ellison** (2010) of Athens, GA, joined Fortson Bentley & Griffin.

**Gary D.**

**Knopf** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, launched the firm Continuum Legal Group.

**Stephanie M. Ruiter**

(2010) of New York, NY, was promoted to senior director at

Laternal Link. **M. Gino Brogdon Jr.**

(2011) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2022 Bulldog 100\* for his work at The Brogdon Firm.

**Christopher B. Newbern** (2011) of



Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.4-million verdict on behalf of his client Linda Watts. **Benjamin J. Osorio** (2011) of Fairfax, VA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2022 Bulldog 100\* for his work at Murray Osorio. **Michael T. Rafi** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$3-million wrongful death settlement on behalf of a murder victim's minor



child. **Michael T. Henson** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Morris Manning & Martin. **Rebekah D.**

**McCorvey** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough.



**Daniel J. Noice** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Morris Manning & Martin.



**Alexander M. Scharyj** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Morris Manning & Martin. **Frederick W.**

**"Fritz" Vaughan** (2012) of Winston-Salem, NC, joined Kilpatrick Townsend as senior government relations advisor of the



North Carolina Government Relations Team. **Keri M. Martin** (2014) of Savannah, GA, joined Hall Gilligan

Roberts & Shanlever as an associate.



**Christopher D. Troutman** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, joined Alston & Bird as a senior associate. **Gordon G. Van Remmen** (2015)

of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1-million settlement in a sexual harassment case against the City of Jesup et al.



**Gerald T. Chichester** (2016) of Atlanta, GA, joined Fox Rothschild as an associate. **Thomas A. Giannotti** (2017) of

Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.25-million wrongful death settlement in a pedestrian accident case. **Christopher D. Stokes** (2017) of Atlanta, GA,

secured a \$3-million wrongful death settlement on behalf of a murder victim's minor child.



**Gary J. McGinty** (2019) of Savannah, GA, joined Bouhan Falligant as an associate. **Erin M.**

**Munger** (2019) of Atlanta, GA, joined King & Spalding as an associate. **Addison**



**Smith** (2020) of Atlanta, GA, joined McGuireWoods as an associate.





## 2021



**Abbey V. Duhé** (2021) of Athens, GA, joined Fortson Bentley & Griffin. **Julia Weaver**

**Ritch**

(2021) of Savannah, GA, joined Bouhan Falligant as an associate.



**R. Ross Smith Jr.** (2021) of Houston, TX, joined Bissinger Oshman Williams & Strasburger as an associate.

*\*The Bulldog 100 list celebrates the top 100 fastest growing organizations owned or operated by UGA alumni and alumnae.*

***In Memoriam***

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

**Barschall Andrews II (1962)**

Columbus, GA

October 22, 2021

**Hudson E. Ayers (1962)**

Lake City, FL

December 3, 2021

**William Kent Campbell Sr. (1969)**

Covington, GA

November 30, 2021

**Austin E. Catts Sr. (1971)**

St. Simons Island, GA

October 13, 2021

**John Michael Coleman (1980)**

Athens, GA

December 10, 2021

**Neal L. Conner Jr. (1968)**

Waycross, GA

December 17, 2021

**James B. Gordon (1964)**

Marietta, GA

October 18, 2021

**Laura M. Jack (1983)**

Athens, GA

November 10, 2021

**Troy J. Johnson (1953)**

Roswell, GA

November 1, 2021

**William W. "Bill" Lavigno III**

(1972)

Lilburn, GA

November 12, 2021

**Alice E. Lawwill (1957)**

Sunset, SC

November 4, 2021

**Levis A. "Buster" McConnell Jr.**

(1969)

Warner Robins, GA

November 15, 2021

**Alfred Montague "Mont" Miller**

(1963)

Evans, GA

November 13, 2021

**Leo L. Phillips Jr. (1970)**

Cochran, GA

November 28, 2021

**Brian N. Rendich (2013)**

Tallahassee, FL

October 8, 2021

**F. Larry Salmon (1963)**

Rome, GA

November 6, 2021

**Timothy D. Scrantom (1983)**

Atlanta, GA

October 19, 2021

**Edward S. Sell III (1965)**

Macon, GA

December 30, 2021

**John W. Winborne III (1973)**

Atlanta, GA

November 4, 2021