

## Class Notes

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### 1970s



**Richard H. "Rick" Deane Jr.** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was installed as president of the American College of Trial

Lawyers. Deane is of counsel at Jones Day.

**Kenneth M. "Ken" Henson Jr.** (1978) of Columbus, GA, was recognized with the Sarah Turner Butler Heritage Award from the Historic Columbus Foundation.

**Valerie E. "Val" Caproni** (1979) of New York City, NY, assumed senior status in January 2025.

Caproni served as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York since 2014.

### 1980s

**Allen N. Bradley** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as counsel in the tax and trusts



and estates practice groups. **J. Jeffrey "Jeff" Helms Jr.**

(1986) of Homerville, GA, secured a \$2-million medical malpractice verdict for his clients Michelle and Jesse White. Helms is the founding

partner of the Helms Law

Firm. **Michael B. "Mike" Terry** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, secured an \$83-million



verdict against Judy Simmons. Terry is a partner at Bondurant Mixson & Elmore.



**Audrey Boone Tillman** (1989) of Columbus, GA, was elevated to senior executive vice president at Aflac. Tillman

also holds the title of general counsel at Aflac.

## 1990s



**E. Stephanie Stuckey** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in an October 11 *Daily Report* article highlighting her restoration of the iconic Stuckey's brand.

Stuckey is CEO and chair of Stuckey's

Corporation. **Richard A.**

**"Rick" Coughlin** (1993) of Greensboro, NC, was featured on *North Carolina Lawyers*



*Weekly's* Managing Partners to Watch list.

Coughlin is deputy general counsel and

managing partner at Fox Rothschild. **Thomas**



**S. "Tom" Cullen** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among *Georgia Trend's* 2024 Legal Elite.

Cullen is a partner at HunterMaclean. **John**

**P. Webb** (1994) of

Stockbridge, GA, secured an

\$83-million verdict against

Judy Simmons. Webb is

managing partner at Smith Welch Webb &

White.



**J. Benedict "Ben" Hartman** (1996) of St. Simons Island, GA, was selected for inclusion among *Georgia Trend's* 2024

Legal Elite. Hartman is a partner at

HunterMaclean. **C. Andrew**

**"Andy" Childers** (1998) of

Brookhaven, GA, secured a post-remand \$50-million

dental malpractice verdict for his client Joyce

Crawford. Childers is a founding partner of

Childers Schlueter & Smith. **Robert D.**



**"Robb" Howell** (1998) of Moultrie, GA, secured a \$2-million medical malpractice

verdict for clients Michelle and

Jesse White. Howell is the founding partner of

the Howell Law Firm. **Brandon M. Barron**

(1999) of Norcross, GA, was named to the

University of Georgia Alumni Association's

2025 Bulldog 100.\* **Gillen S.**

**Joachim Sr.** (1999) of

Kennesaw, GA, joined Goggans

Stutzman Hudson Wilson &

Mize as managing attorney.



## 2000–2009



**Jennifer Auer “Jen” Jordan** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, secured a post-remand \$50-million dental malpractice verdict for

her client Joyce Crawford. **Cynthia C.**

**Adams** (2002) of

Douglasville, was sworn in as the chief judge of the Douglas County Superior Court. Adams



was originally appointed to the Superior Court bench by then Gov. Nathan Deal in



January 2017. **Aretha V. Blake** (2002) of Charlotte, NC, was re-elected to a third term as a District Court judge

for the 26th Judicial District of North

Carolina (Mecklenburg

County). **Ashley B. Fournet**

(2003) of Atlanta, GA, secured an \$83-million verdict against



Judy Simmons. Fournet is a partner at

Brodhead Law. **Charles B. “Charlie”**

**Thompson** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was named

to the University of Georgia Alumni

Association’s 2025 Bulldog 100.\*



**Laura DeMartini** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined Hall Booth Smith as of counsel. **Erik S. Johnson**

(2005) of Atlanta, GA, was named as president of the Robert W. Woodruff



Foundation effective February 1, 2025.



**Veronica L. Richardson** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized with the Workers Injury Law and Advocacy

Group Rising Star Award. Richardson is managing partner of

Richardson Law. **Tyler R.**

**Brown** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at



King & Spalding. **Kevin E.**

**Epps** (2008) of Watkinsville,

GA, was presented with the

Marsy’s Law Champion Award

by the advocacy organization Marsy’s Law for

Georgia. **Tiffany Mallory**

**Moore** (2008) of Smyrna, GA,

was promoted to associate

general counsel at Mercedes-

Benz USA.





**Darren M. Tobin** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$2-million personal injury verdict for his client Gwen Trice.

**Jeremy D. Stallman** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2025 Bulldog 100.\*

### 2010–2019



**Ashley A. Hammack** (2010) of Aiken, SC, was recognized with the 2024 Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence

in State Prosecution. **Christopher B.**

**“Chris” Newbern** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$42-million verdict for his client, Jonathon Wright, against



Roberto Aron, GFL Environmental Holdings



(US) and GFL Environmental Services USA. **Benjamin J. Osorio** (2011) of Fairfax, VA, was named to the University

of Georgia Alumni Association's 2025 Bulldog 100.\* **Christopher R.**

**“Chris” Breault** (2012) of Columbus, GA, secured a \$42-million verdict for his client,



Jonathon Wright, against Roberto Aron, GFL

Environmental Holdings (US) and GFL



Environmental Services USA. **Lindsey Cambardella** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia

Alumni Association's 2025 Bulldog 100.\* **Matthew V.**

**“Matt” Noller** (2013) of San Francisco, CA, was promoted to counsel at King & Spalding.



**David B. Dove** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was elected vice chair of the Board of Regents of the University System of

Georgia. Dove is a partner at Troutman

Pepper. **Matthew C. “Matt”**

**Wilmot** (2014) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among *Georgia Trend's* 2024



Legal Elite. Wilmot is a partner at



HunterMaclean. **Gregg M. Jacobson** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at King & Spalding. **George S.**

**Ray** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion among *Georgia Trend's* 2024 40 Under 40 list.







**William H. "Wil" Alexander** (2016) of Barnwell, SC, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's

2025 Bulldog 100.\* **Adrian M. Pandev** (2016) of New York City, NY, was named to the University of Georgia



Alumni Association's 2025 Bulldog 100.\* **Carson M. Alexander** (2017) of Barnwell, SC, was named to the

University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2025 Bulldog 100.\* **Thomas L. "Bo" Hatchett III** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, secured a

\$31-million settlement for his client Metro Site. **Taylor Samuels Irwin** (2019) of Manhattan, KS, was awarded a U.S. Army Commendation Medal and was promoted to senior litigation counsel at the



1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps at Fort Riley, KS.

## 2020s

**Jackson A. McDonald** (2021) of Cornelia, GA, secured a \$31-million settlement for his



client Metro Site. **Nikita D. "Nik" Zlatopolsky** (2022) of Marietta, GA, secured a \$1-

million settlement for his clients involved in an automobile accident that resulted in serious neck and back injuries. Zlatopolsky is a personal injury attorney at Jackson Injury

Law. **Jordan M. Heath** (2024) of Atlanta, GA, joined Jones Walker as an associate.



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

## ***In Memoriam***

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

[Walter C. "Wally" Alford](#) (1974)

Lawrenceville, GA

October 24, 2024

[Ralph A. Aubuchon](#) (1987)

Brookline, MO

November 6, 2024

[Jack C. Bell](#) (1964)

Gainesville, GA

November 17, 2024

[Joseph P. "Joe" Brennan Sr.](#) (1977)

Savannah, GA

October 5, 2024

[Harvey Scott Gray](#) (1976)

Atlanta, GA

December 18, 2024

[Spencer Lawton Jr.](#) (1971)

Savannah, GA

November 13, 2024

[David D. "Dave" Rawlins](#) (1970)

St. Simons Island, GA

November 26, 2024

[Edwin D. "Ed" Robb Jr.](#) (1970)

Savannah, GA

October 29, 2024

[Raford P. "Ray" Rogers Jr.](#) (1972)

Tifton, GA

November 7, 2024

[James W. "Jim" Smith](#) (1974)

Athens, GA

October 15, 2024

[Howard P. Wallace](#) (1955)

Griffin, GA

November 8, 2024

[Allen S. Willingham](#) (1979)

Appling, GA

November 8, 2024

[Charles C. "Chuck" Witcher](#) (1982)

Newnan, GA

December 16, 2024

[Robert P. "Bob" Witcher](#) (1973)

Charleston, SC

December 3, 2024

[Gordon Robert Zeese](#) (1972)

St. Simons Island, GA

December 1, 2024