

Class Notes

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1960s



Emmet J. Bondurant II (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was named as the recipient of the 2024 American Bar

Association Medal. Bondurant is the founder of the Atlanta-based litigation boutique firm Bondurant Mixson & Elmore.

Arnold C. Young (1965) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2025.



1970s



Jack B. Hood (1971) of Birmingham, AL, retired after 33 years as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney Offices in the Middle District of Georgia and the Northern District of Alabama. Since 1983, he authored or co-authored 63 law books counting new editions.

Saunders Aldridge III

(1975) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2025.



1980s



James R. "Jim" McKoon (1981) of Chattanooga, TN, secured a \$17-million verdict against the American Honda

Co. and Willett Honda South.

Wade W. Herring II (1983)

of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best*



Lawyers in America 2025.

Darryl K. Henderson (1985) of Charlotte, NC, was named senior vice president and chief

human resources officer for YMCA of the USA. **William C.**

"Bill" Gentry (1986) of Marietta, GA, was elected



treasurer of the State Bar of Georgia for the 2024-25 term. **Christopher W. “Chris” Phillips** (1988) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2025 and recognized as Lawyer of the Year for his practice in construction law.



Kirby G. Mason (1989) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2025.



1990s



Lisa R. Reeves (1990) of Newnan, GA, secured a \$5.2-million settlement for family of a tenant who died from

injuries after falling through a water-damaged floor in landlord’s apartment in Baldwin County, GA. **Joseph**

A. “Joe” Fried (1993) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$16.2-million verdict against



Amazon Logistics et al. **Thomas S. “Tom”**



Cullen (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2025.



Edward O. “Ted” Henneman Jr. (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*

in America 2025. **Frank S. Macgill** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*



2025. **John B. Moriarty Jr.** (1994) of Mill Valley, CA, was appointed as chief legal officer and corporate



secretary at Avidity

Biosciences. **Cale H. Conley** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$17-million verdict against the American Honda Co. and



Willett Honda South. **Michael L. Goldberg** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$16.2-million verdict against Amazon



Logistics et al. **Charles W. Lamb Jr.** (1998) of Albany, GA, joined the U.S.



Department of the Navy as an



EEO specialist. **Laura G. Hester** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed leader of the real estate practice group at



Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings. **Colin A. McRae** (1999) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2025. **Christopher P.**

“Chris” Twyman (1999) of Rome, GA, was sworn in as president-elect of the State Bar of Georgia for the 2024-25 term.



2000–2009



Shannon L. Drake (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings as partner in the healthcare and real estate practice groups.

Dana M. Wilson (2000) of Augusta, GA, was appointed clerk of court for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

Michael Geoffroy (2001) of Covington, GA, was selected by the Piedmont Regional



Office of the Georgia Legal Services Program as the recipient of its Pro Bono Advocate Award. Geoffroy is managing partner at MG Law. **Amanda L. Dean** (2003) of Gainesville, GA, was appointed by the Northeastern Judicial Circuit to serve as judge of the

Juvenile Court for Hall and Dawson counties.



Arman M. Deganian (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Lifeline Animal Project Board of Directors. Lifeline is

one of the nation’s largest animal shelters and cares for over 38,500 animals each year in their shelters, clinics, and community throughout Fulton and DeKalb counties.

Deganian is partner at Litner + Deganian.

Tiana S. Mykkeltvedt

(2003) of Atlanta, GA, secured a confidential settlement in the historic



national trial against Red Roof Inn hotels. **J.**



Alexander “Alex” Reed

(2006) of Athens, GA, was elected president of the

Academy of Legal Studies in

Business at its centennial conference held in Washington, D.C. **Meredith S. Watts** (2006)

of Peachtree Corners, GA, secured a \$1.64-million personal injury verdict for her client

Earnest Woody against Cruz

Construction. **Andrew W.**

“Andy” Eaton (2007) of

Atlanta, GA, joined Law Firm



GC as partner. **Sarah J. Griffie** (2007) of

Jefferson, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian

Kemp to serve as a judge on the Superior Court of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit. **Noah**



B. Abrams (2008) of Raleigh, N.C., secured a \$17-million verdict against the American Honda Co. and Willett Honda

South. **James E. “Jeb” Butler III** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$29.4-million verdict against Peachstate



Hospitality. **Naveen Ramachandrappa** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$29.4-million verdict against

Peachstate Hospitality. **John W. Wallace** (2008) of Jacksonville, FL, was selected by *Best Lawyers in America* as a 2025 Lawyer of the Year in environmental law and litigation. Wallace is a shareholder at



Smith Hulsey & Busey. **Manoj S. “Sachin” Varghese** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, secured a confidential settlement in the historic national trial against Red Roof Inn hotels.

2010–2019



Allan C. Galis (2010) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2025. Galis is

hiring partner at HunterMaclean. **Audrey A. Lewis** (2010) of Marietta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2024 by the UGA Alumni Association.



M. Blake Tillery (2010) of Vidalia, GA, received the Family Medicine Legislative Champion of the Year Award

from the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians. **Tamara M. Branch** (2012) of Tifton, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2024 by the UGA Alumni Association.

Eric L. Roden (2012) of Charleston, SC, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2024 by the UGA Alumni



Association. **Amanda Kay Seals** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, secured a confidential settlement in the historic

national trial against Red Roof Inn hotels.



Emily C. Ward (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized with the Women Trailblazer Award presented by the

Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce. **Alexander**

“Alex” McDonald (2014) of Athens, GA, joined Fortson



Bentley & Griffin. **Joshua H. “Josh” Dorminy** (2015) of Savannah, GA, was named partner at

Roden Law. **Davis S. Popper** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$17-million verdict against the American Honda Co. and



Willett Honda South. **Jonathan S. “Jon” Tonge** (2016) of Duluth, GA, was named partner at Andersen Tate & Carr and secured a confidential settlement in the historic national trial against Red Roof Inn hotels.



Carson M. Alexander (2017) of Burnwell, SC, was sworn in as an associate judge for the Municipal Court of Springfield, SC. Alexander is a trial attorney who leads the litigation department at Alexander & Alexander. **Thomas L. “Bo” Hatchett III**

(2017) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 40

Under 40 Class of 2024 by the UGA Alumni



Association. **Brittany M. Partridge** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$29.4-million verdict against Peachstate

Hospitality. **Gracie**

Shepherd Saas (2018) of Savannah, GA, was selected



for inclusion in *Best Lawyers:*

Ones to Watch in America 2025. **Michael L.**



Thompson (2019) of Atlanta, GA, graduated from the Young Lawyers Division Leadership Academy and was selected as

co-chair of the Young Lawyers Division Solo and Small Firm Committee.

2020s



Cameron P. Keen (2021) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2024 by the UGA Alumni Association.

R. Ross Smith Jr. (2021) of Houston, TX, was selected to the 2024 *Lawdragon 500 X –*



The Next Generation legal

guide. Smith is an associate at Bissinger Oshman Williams & Strasburger.



Nicholas W. Brown (2023)
Raleigh, NC, is serving as an assistant extension professor at the North Carolina State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.



R. Frederick "Freddy" Stroud Jr. (2024) of St. Simons Island, GA, joined HunterMaclean as an

associate. **Zoe K. Taylor (2024)** of Savannah, GA, joined HunterMaclean as an associate.



In Memoriam

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

[Sarah Bartholomew](#) (1994)

Valdosta, GA

July 28, 2024

[Jack L. Park Jr.](#) (1974)

Molena, GA

September 8, 2024

[Hilliard P. Burt](#) (1951)

Albany, GA

August 5, 2024

[Ralph K. "Kran" Riddle](#) (1978)

Savannah, GA

August 23, 2024

[Bobby C. "Bob" Cloer](#) (1957)

Atlanta, GA

July 26, 2024

[Thomas E. "Ed" Tante IV](#) (1974)

Columbus, GA

August 6, 2024

[Michael T. DeHaven](#) (1990)

Atlanta, GA

August 20, 2024

[James C. "Carleton" Vaughn Jr.](#)

(1966)

Augusta, GA

July 6, 2024

[Milton Hirsch](#) (1949)

Columbus, GA

August 6, 2024

[Nicholas J. "Jay" Yeager](#) (1999)

Clinton, TN

July 26, 2024

[Larry S. Kimel](#) (1972)

St. Simons Island, GA

July 7, 2024

[William H. "Bill" Kitchens Sr.](#)

(1973)

Atlanta, GA

August 22, 2024

[Norris N. Mullis](#) (1959)

Bogart, GA

September 12, 2024