

Class Notes

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1970s



I. Kenneth "Ken" Dious (1973) of Athens, GA, was selected as the recipient of the 25th Annual Justice

Robert Benham Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service presented by the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

1980s



James W. "Jim" Hawkins (1983) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$12.2-million breach of contract verdict

for his client Ganesha Perera, M.D. against MagMutual Insurance Company. **Wade W.**



Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, was selected as the recipient of the 25th Annual Justice Robert

Benham Award for Community Service for

Judicial District 1 presented by the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Super Lawyers. Herring is a partner at HunterMaclean.



Cary Ichter (1984) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$12.2-million breach of contract verdict for his

client Ganesha Perera, M.D. against



MagMutual Insurance Company. **C. Bradford "Brad" Marsh** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, launched a new firm, Marsh Atkinson &



Brantley. **Lori T. Chesser** (1987) of Des Moines, IA, was elected by her peers to serve as president of

Dentons Davis Brown.



Steve C. Jones (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as a recipient of the University of Georgia 2025 President’s Medal.



Gregory L. “Greg” Roseboro (1987) of Athens, GA, was featured on Georgiadogs.com in a

February 4th article titled “Georgia Experiences Life-Changing for Roseboro” as reported by John Frierson. Roseboro is an adjunct professor at the University of Georgia School of Law and is of counsel at the Mabra Law Firm.



Christopher W. “Chris” Phillips (1988) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025

Georgia Super Lawyers. Phillips is a partner at HunterMaclean.



David A. Fugett (1989) of Lakeland, FL, was honored by the News Service of Florida with the inaugural

2024 Florida Impact Award.

Kirby G. Mason (1989) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Super



Lawyers. Mason is a partner at HunterMaclean.

1990s



J. Marcus E. “Marc” Howard (1993) of Kennesaw, GA, secured a \$7.2- million wrongful death verdict for

his client Sherry Hurwitz following the death of her spouse Steven Hurwitz. **Julia**



A. Houston (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was selected by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* for the 2025

Leaders in Corporate Citizenship Award.

Houston is chief strategy and marketing

officer at Equifax. **Lance P.**



McMillian (1998) of Atlanta, GA, authored a book titled *Street Girls*, the sixth novel in his Atlanta Murder Squad

crime series. McMillian is an associate professor at Atlanta’s John Marshall Law

School. **Nelson O. Tyrone**



III (1998) of Atlanta, GA, secured an \$8 million wrongful death verdict for

clients Becky and Jay Wise, the largest wrongful fetal death verdict in Georgia to

date. Tyrone is the founder of Tyrone Law Firm, Georgia's most successful birth injury law firm representing families of mothers and babies that have been injured or died during labor.



Colin A. McRae (1999) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Super

Lawyers. McRae is a partner at HunterMaclean.

2000-2009



Duane K. Barron (2000) of Staunton, VA, was named the chief public defender for Augusta and Rockbridge

counties and the cities of Staunton, Lexington, and Buena Vista. Barron has been a public defender since 2005 and was the deputy public defender in the

Staunton office since



Sarah Moore Johnson (2002) of Washington, D.C., was included in the *Washingtonian's* Top

Lawyers list for 2024 and was named one of five national finalists for Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year in the

Citywealth Powerwomen Awards 2025.

Johnson's boutique law firm, Birchstone Moore LLC, merged with Harrison LLP in



January 2025. **Ronald E. "Ronnie" Mabra Jr.** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$6-million wrongful death settlement for his clients

Cyntrell Damond and

Marcus Jones. **Molly**

Prodgers King (2005) of

Atlanta, GA, joined Marsh



Atkinson &



Brantley as counsel. **D. Lee Clayton** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, launched a new firm, Marsh Atkinson & Brantley.

Tedra L. Cannella (2007) of

Decatur, GA, was selected

for inclusion among the

2025 Georgia Super

Lawyers. Cannella is a



partner at Cannella Snyder.



Rachel Young Fields (2007) Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Super

Lawyers. Fields is a partner at HunterMaclean.



Christopher E. "Chris" Maxwell (2007) of Atlanta, GA, joined Reed Smith as a partner.

Caleb F. Walker (2007) of Macon, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Super Lawyers.



Walker is a partner at the McArthur Law



Firm. James E. "Jeb" Butler III (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$6-million wrongful death settlement

for his clients **Cyntrell Damond** and



Marcus Jones. Naveen Ramachandrappa (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$12-million verdict for his client

Kyle Zachary Rowland.

Robert H. "Rob" Snyder Jr. (2008) of Decatur, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Super Lawyers. Snyder is a partner at **Cannella Snyder**.



2010-2019



Andrew H. Dekle (2010) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion to the GaBiz 2024 Top Lawyers list

published by *Atlanta Magazine*. Dekle is a

partner at Bouhan Falligant.



Alan H. Meincke (2011) of Alpharetta, GA, launched a new firm, Meincke Houston Family Law. **William R.**

"Billy" Rennie (2011) of Watkinsville, GA,

was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to

serve on the Western Circuit Public

Defender Supervisory Panel. Rennie is a

founding partner at Rennie & Rosenberg.



Brian S. Abrams (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Hall Gilligan Roberts & Shanlever.

Andrew J. "Andy" Conn

(2014) of Savannah, GA,

launched a new firm, Conn

Law. **Kristyn A. Long** (2015)



of Atlanta, GA, joined the

Georgia Hospital

Association as general

counsel.





D. Harley Yancey IV (2015) of Rome, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve on the North Georgia

Mountains Authority. Yancey is president

of State Mutual Insurance Company. **C. Shaun Polston**



(2016) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner at Nelson Mullins Riley &



Scarborough. **Jared C. Batte** (2017) of Birmingham, AL, was named partner at Bradley Arant Boulton

Cummings. **Callen A.**

Carroll (2017) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner at Nelson Mullins Riley &



Scarborough. **Pedro Dorado** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, joined MetLife Investment Management as senior counsel.



Andrew Z. Smith (2017) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to shareholder at Greenberg Traurig.



Caitlin H. Sullivan (2017) of Charlotte, NC, was elected shareholder at Robinson Bradshaw. **Jason T.**

Vuchinich

(2017) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn &



Dial. **Gracie Shepherd Saas** (2018) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia

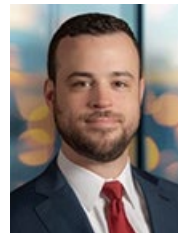
Rising Stars. Saas is an associate at

HunterMaclean. **Michael L.**

Thompson (2019) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Rising Stars.



Thompson is with the McArthur Law Firm.



Adam J. Wittenstein (2019) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to member at Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins

Gunn & Dial.

2020s



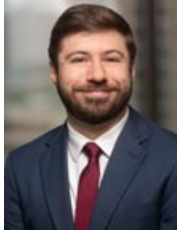
Samuel L. “Sam” Hatcher (2020) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to executive counsel by Gov. Brian Kemp.

Hatcher previously held the role of deputy executive counsel. **John D.**

“JD” Hawkins Jr. (2020) of Atlanta, GA, joined Reed Smith as an associate.



Andrew J. “Andy” Klemm (2020) of Atlanta, GA, joined Reed Smith as an associate.



Chase C. Lyndale (2020) of Decatur, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Rising Stars.

Lyndale is with Cannella Snyder. **William**



C. “Will” Ortiz (2020) of Atlanta, GA, was elected president of the Georgia Hispanic Bar Association.

Ortiz is with Warshauer Woodward Atkins.

Devin L. Mashman (2021) of Decatur, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Rising Stars.



Mashman is with Cannella Snyder. **Holly K. Stephens** (2021) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion



among the 2025 Georgia Rising Stars.

Stephens is with the McArthur Law Firm.



Connely M. Doizé (2022) of Atlanta, GA, joined Marsh Atkinson & Brantley as an associate.

Haley E. Gleerup (2022) of Atlanta, GA, joined Reed Smith as an associate.



Olivia B. Landrum (2022) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2025 Georgia Rising Stars.

Landrum is an associate at Berman Fink Van Horn. **Tanner L. Potts** (2022) of Athens, GA, was named chief executive



officer at Classic City Collective. **Emily K. Crowell** (2023) of Atlanta, GA, joined Reed Smith as an associate.



Hana A. Omar (2024) of Atlanta, GA, joined Reed Smith as an associate.



Maia F. Semmes (2024) of Atlanta, GA, joined Marsh Atkinson & Brantley as an associate.

In Memoriam

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

[Herman S. Caldwell Jr.](#) (1970)

Mooresville, NC
January 29, 2025

[Curtis R. Richardson](#) (1964)

Clarkston, GA
February 9, 2025

[Ronald S. "Ron" Cooper](#) (1969)

Alexandria, VA
January 13, 2025

[Daniel J. "Dan" Sammons](#) (1978)

Murrayville, GA
February 26, 2025

[Earl William "Billy" Gunn](#) (1979)

Gainesville, GA
March 9, 2025

[Michael E. "Mike" Sumner](#) (1984)

Newnan, GA
February 22, 2025

[Vernon Nathaniel "Nat" Hansford](#)

(1968)
Lexington, GA
March 4, 2025

[Gerald S. Tanenbaum](#) (1970)

Charleston, SC
January 28, 2025

[William U. "Bill" Hyden Jr.](#) (1975)

Trion, GA
February 25, 2025

[William F. "Billy" Lee Jr.](#) (1968)

Newnan, GA
February 7, 2025

[Neal B. Littlejohn](#) (1962)

Columbus, GA
January 2, 2025

[John Dean Marshall Jr.](#) (1984)

Smyrna, GA
February 16, 2025