

Class Notes

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1950s

Frank W. “Sonny” Seiler (1957) of Savannah, GA, was posthumously named the District Award Honoree for the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service.

1960s

Larry C. Walker Jr. (1965) of Perry, GA, was conferred with the inaugural Honorary Doctor of Public Administration degree by Middle Georgia State University. Walker was a founding partner and of counsel at Walker Hulbert Gray & Moore.

1970s

James M. “Jim” Weaver (1972) of Lake Wales, FL, was honored by the Florida Bar with recognition as a 50-year member in good standing. **L. Joseph “Joe” Shaheen Jr.** (1975) of Tampa,



FL, was honored by the Florida Bar with recognition as a 50-year member in good standing.

1980s

Allen C. Levi (1981) of Hamilton, GA, was featured by Pamela Paul in *The Wall Street Journal* on June 25, 2026. The article reflects the unprecedented success of Levi's self-published novel, *Theo of Golden*, which became a bestseller, selling more



than 2.5 million copies. **J. Randolph “Randy” Evans** (1983) of Naples, FL, joined the Ave Maria School of Law

as a full-time professor of law. **Edward H. Lindsey Jr.** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, joined Parks Chesin & Walbert as a



partner. **William C. “Bill” Gentry** (1986) of Marietta, GA, was installed as the 64th president of the State

Bar of Georgia. Gentry is the founder of the Gentry Law Firm. **Michael B. “Mike” Terry** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was named a star individual in the inaugural Georgia Appellate Litigation category of the 2026 *Chambers and Partner*. Terry is a partner at Bondurant



Mixson & Elmore. Paul B. Murphy (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement

Award as part of the 2026 Southeastern Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report* and *Law.com*. Murphy is a partner at King & Spalding. **David A. Fugett** (1989) of Winter Haven, FL, was appointed as general counsel for the University of West Florida.



1990s



Anne E. Burnett (1990) of Athens, GA, was named a recipient of the 2026 Hall of Fame Award by the American Association of Law Libraries. Burnett is the foreign and international law librarian at the UGA Alexander

Campbell King Law Library.

James M. “Jim” Sherman (1990) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to the Atlanta Bar



Association Board of Directors as a member-at-large for the 2026-28 term.

Sherman is a partner at Stanley Esrey &



Buckley. Benjamin A. “Ben” Land (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was re-elected to serve on the Supreme Court of

Georgia. **Gregory G. “Greg” Schultz** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, joined Offit Kurman as a principal. **Elizabeth D.**



Gobeil (1995) of Savannah, GA, was re-elected to serve on the Georgia Court of Appeals.

2000-2009



Charles J. “Charlie” Bethel (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was re-elected to serve on the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Brian M. Rickman (2001) of Atlanta, GA, is stepping down from the Georgia Court of Appeals after 10-plus years of service and will return to private practice as a partner at Cathey & Strain.

G. Gardiner Thompson V (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was named president and CEO at BCDC. **Martin A. “Marty”**



Levinson (2004) of Alpharetta, GA, was elected president of the Georgia Defense Lawyers

Association. Levinson is a senior partner at Shires Peake & Gottlieb. **Otis A. Brumby III** (2006) of Marietta, GA, recently acquired the *Oconee Enterprise*, *Walton Tribune* and *Covington*



News. Brumby is president and publisher of Times Journal Media, which has been family owned and operated since 1916 and currently publishes over 25 news, magazine and digital products



throughout Georgia. **Maria M. Todorova** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the

Distinguished Leaders Award as part of the 2026 Southeastern Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report* and *Law.com*. Todorova is a partner at Eversheds Sutherland.

Tyler R. Brown (2008) of Atlanta, GA, joined Paul Hastings as a partner.



Mercedes G. Ball (2009) Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to Division B of the State Court of DeKalb County.

Christopher L. “Chris” Foreman (2009) of Albany, GA, was named managing partner at Watson Spence.



Brian C. Lea (2009) of Memphis, TN, was sworn in as a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. **Joshua B.**



“Josh” Portnoy (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as a partner.

David J. Yunker (2009) of Marietta, GA, launched a new firm, Tyson Yunker.



2010-2019



Allan C. Galis (2010) of Savannah, GA, was named head of HunterMaclean's litigation team and

highlighted as a "recommended lawyer" by the *Legal 500 USA*

guide. **Rishi P. Chhatwal** (2011) of Washington, D.C., joined Redgrave as a



partner. **Katie T. McMahon** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, is a Navy JAG, currently serving aboard the USS Gerald R.

Ford (CVN-78). McMahon serves as the command judge advocate advising the ship's commanding officer on military justice and ethical issues.

Matthew G. "Matt" Rooks (2011) of Atlanta, GA, joined CRH Americas as



associate general counsel.



Jennifer Potts Seybold (2011) of Washington, D.C., was

promoted to partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth.

David B. Dove (2014) of



Marietta, GA, was appointed to the UGA Athletic Association Board of Directors effective July 1, 2026 for a three-year term.



Dove is a partner at Troutman Pepper. **Colby L. Keefe** (2016) of Fort Myers, FL, attained her board

certification in condominium and planned development law from the

Florida Bar. **Caleb H. Ratliff** (2016) of Rome, GA, was

installed as treasurer of



the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia. Ratliff is a partner at Cox



Byington Twyman. **Mary Grace Griffin** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, was elected as shareholder at Baker

Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz.

Olivia M. Scofield (2017) of New York, NY, rejoined

Duane Morris as special

counsel. **Cameron J. Cilano**



(2018) of Marietta, GA, launched a new firm, Cilano Law. **Noël Couch**



(2018) of Athens, GA, has been named assistant



general counsel for athletics with the UGA Office of Legal Affairs. Couch has been in the role of assistant general counsel with



the office since November 2025. **John T. Cagigas** (2019) of Atlanta, joined Winstead as an associate.

Warren F. Smith (2019) of Atlanta, GA, joined Holland & Knight as an associate.



2020s



Jonathan Kaufman (2020) of New York, NY, joined Abell Eskew Landau as an associate.

Gina M. Mackey (2020) of Duluth, GA, joined Groth Makarenko Kaiser & Eidex



as an associate. **Victoria T. Hicks** (2021) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office as

chief senior assistant district attorney. **Emily M. Walker** (2021) of Sandy Springs, GA, joined O'Hagan Meyer as an



associate. **James G. "Jay" Bozza** (2024) of Atlanta, GA, joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough as an

associate. **Cameron Q. Ward** (2024) of Atlanta, GA, joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough as an associate.



Caleb Z. Morris (2025) of Atlanta, GA, joined Hall Booth Smith as an associate.

In Memoriam

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

C. Ronald Barfield (1961)

Thomaston, GA

May 24, 2026

Ronald C. "Ron" Berry Sr. (1983)

Savannah, GA

May 24, 2026

Albert D. "Al" Bowers (1969)

Blairsville, GA

April 18, 2026

William Joseph "Joe" Bruckner

(1969)

Atlanta, GA

June 2, 2026

Laura Davis Patterson

Athens, GA

May 6, 2026

*Mrs. Patterson was the spouse of
beloved UGA School of Law Professor*

L. Ray Patterson

Russell T. "Rusty" Quarterman

(1974)

Darien, GA

May 19, 2026

Thomas Frank "Tom" Richardson Sr. (1975)

Macon, GA

May 7, 2026

Homer McCrary Scarborough Jr.

(1966)

Macon, GA

April 11, 2026

Jeffrey Carl Shurtleff Sr. (1979)

Augusta, GA

May 29, 2026

Craig P. Siegenthaler (1990)

Louisville, KY

May 18, 2026

Leonard Joseph "Skip" Spooner (1970)

Greenville, SC

June 19, 2026

John M. Tanzine III (1979)

Franklin, TN

May 28, 2026

Lamar Cobb Walter (1966)

Savannah, GA

May 13, 2026

Lawrence C. "Larry" Walker Jr. (1965)

Perry, GA

June 9, 2026

Lawrence David "Dave" Willison III (1967)

Hamilton, NJ

June 21, 2026