

Class Notes

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1960s



Arnold C. Young (1965) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2027. Young is a partner at HunterMaclean.

Houston, TX, was recognized by *Texas Lawyer* with the 2026 Lifetime Achievement Award.



Smith is a partner at King & Spalding. **Christopher W. “Chris” Phillips** (1988) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*

1970s

Saunders Aldridge III

(1975) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2027.

Aldridge is counsel at HunterMaclean.



in America 2027 and recognized as Lawyer of the Year for his practice in construction law.

Phillips is a partner at HunterMaclean. **Kirby G.**

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



1980s



Wade W. Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*

2027. Herring is a partner at HunterMaclean. **Reginald R. “Reggie” Smith** (1987) of



2027 and recognized as Lawyer of the Year for her work in medical malpractice law - defendants. Mason is a partner at HunterMaclean.

1990s



Harold D. Melton (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined Georgia State University College of Law as expert-in-residence.

Skipper G. StipeMaas

(1992) of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion by Equal Justice Works as a 40x40 Alumni Changemaker.



StipeMaas is executive director of the Georgia Heirs Property Law Center. **Thomas**



S. “Tom” Cullen (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2027. Cullen is a partner at HunterMaclean.

Edward O. “Ted”

Henneman Jr. (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2027. Henneman is a partner at



HunterMaclean. **Christine N. Scartz** (1994)



of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion by Equal Justice Works as a 40x40 Alumni Changemaker. Scartz is a clinical associate professor and the Jane W.

Wilson Family Justice Clinic director at the UGA School of Law. **Douglas R. “Doug” Woodruff** (1995) of Ringgold, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as judge of the



Catoosa County State Court.



Enku Gelaye (1997) of Pittsburgh, PA, was appointed as senior vice provost for

student experience strategy at the University of Pittsburgh. **Jessica L.**



Heywood (1997) of Washington, D.C., was promoted to the rank of full clinical professor at the UGA School of Law and was presented with the Lanier Award for Excellence in Clinical Education by the student body. Heywood is also the director of the Washington, D.C. Semester in Practice.



Brian K. Epps (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as a judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals. **Leigh Martin May**

(1998) of Atlanta, GA, was named the recipient of the Woman of Achievement Award by the Women in the Profession Section of the Atlanta Bar Association. May is

currently the chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. **Edward H. Brumby Jr.** (1999) of Athens, GA, was appointed to serve as an associate judge of the Athens-Clarke County Magistrate



Court. **Jennifer L. "Jen" Howard** (1999) of Birmingham, AL, joined Baker Donelson as an attorney.

Colin A. McRae (1999) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2027. McRae is a partner at HunterMaclean.



Kenneth P. "Ken" Weinberg (1999) of Birmingham, AL, joined Baker Donelson as a shareholder.

2000–2009

Drew D. Frick (2000) of Jacksonville, FL, was named senior vice president and general counsel of the Tampa



Bay Rays. **Michael J. "Mike" Hartman** (2000) of Marietta, GA, was appointed to serve as vice president, general counsel and secretary at

FUJIFILM Americas. **Chandler P. Thompson** (2001) of Salt Lake City, UT, joined Spencer



Fane as a partner. **Cynthia C. Adams** (2002) of Douglasville, GA, was elected to serve as chair of the Council of



Accountability Court Judges Executive Committee. Adams is chief judge of the Douglas County Superior Court. **J. Robert**



"Rob" McNiff (2002) of Winterville, GA, was promoted to clinical associate professor at the

UGA School of Law. McNiff was hired in 2017 and he teaches mediation and negotiation, and directs the Mediation Clinic. **Amit Bose** (2004) of Arlington, VA, joined Strategic Rail Finance as a senior advisor. **Sean M. Ditzel** (2006) of Marietta, GA, was elected as a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Ditzel



is a founding partner at Abernathy Ditzel



Hendrick. **Taberah "Joy" Holloway** (2006) of Nashville, TN, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as



counsel. **Jeffrey H. “Jeff” Gibson** (2007) of Nashville, TN, joined Bass Berry & Sims as a member.

Merritt E. McAlister (2007) of Gainesville, FL, was appointed dean of the University of Florida Fredric G.



Levin College of Law. **John D. Bennett** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, joined Arnall Golden Gregory as a partner. **Azba Habib** (2008)

of Smyrna, GA, joined Column as chief compliance officer.

Akilah Mance (2008) of



Houston, TX, was appointed to the Rice University Board of Trustees.



Mance is general counsel and director of government affairs at the Houston Forensic Science Center.

Tiffany Mallory

Moore (2008) of Smyrna, GA,

was featured on *Vanguard*

Law in a September 4th

article titled “Tiffany Moore –

Mercedes-Benz USA” as reported by Jason

Pafundi and Diana Carrillo. Moore is associate

general counsel at Mercedes-Benz USA.



Sherrie L. Hines (2009) of Colbert, GA, was elevated to the role of lecturer at the UGA School of Law. Hines was

hired as a limited term lecturer in the spring of 2025. **Jahnisa Tate Loadholt** (2009) of Tucker, GA, was promoted to general counsel at RangeWater Residential.

2010–2019

Kathleen Van Pelt Davis (2010) of Ringgold, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as district attorney for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit. **Allan C.**

Galis (2010) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2027. Galis is a partner at



HunterMaclean. **Jean Goetz Mangan** (2011)



of Austin, TX, joined the University of Texas at Austin School of Law as a senior lecturer. Mangan previously

served as a lecturer and director of bar

passage at the UGA School of Law. **Lauren K.**

Trant (2011) of Marietta, GA,

launched a new firm, Trant

Family Law.





Christopher D. “Chris” Williams (2011) of Columbus, GA, was sworn in as a Juvenile Court judge in the Chattahoochee Judicial

Circuit. **Jeanmarie Tankersley Ethridge** (2012) of Greenville SC, joined Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd as special counsel. **Lennon B.**



Haas (2012) of Atlanta, GA, joined Kabat Chapman & Ozmer as a partner.

Madeline Wills (2012) of Augusta, GA, joined Eagle Telemedicine as executive vice president and general counsel. **Walker W. Beard** (2013) of Atlanta, GA,



was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2026 by the UGA Alumni Association. Beard is chief executive officer and

partner at Super Canoe. **Mary Beth Martinez** (2013) of Brooklyn, NY, joined Acute 7 as the director of legal.



John Henry Theiss (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to associate general counsel at Truist, where he also serves as senior vice president. **Ellen**

R. Clarke (2014) of Arlington, VA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2026 by the UGA Alumni



Association. Clarke is security counsel at



Google. **Ryan P. Gentes** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bobcat Company as senior corporate counsel. **Catherine**

A. Sumner (2014) of Statesboro, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as district attorney of the Ogeechee Judicial

Circuit. **Christopher R. “Chris” Keegan** (2016) of Woodstock, GA, was



appointed by Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr as the new section chief of

the statewide Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit. **Jonathan J. Stuart** (2016) of Atlanta,



GA, was named to the Atlanta Bar Leadership Academy Class of 2026. Stuart is an

associate with Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings.



Jared C. Batte (2017) of Dothan, AL, joined Construction Partners as deputy general counsel.

Brianna Sullivan Maxwell

(2017) of Carrollton, GA, was promoted to partner at Tisinger Vance. **Ryan L.**



Giles (2018) of Washington, D.C., was appointed to serve as chief counsel to the Senate

Majority Leader. **Gracie Shepherd Saas**

(2018) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2027*. Saas is an associate at HunterMaclean.



Amanda T. Hoefer (2019) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult



Cummings as an associate.

John “Will” Monroe (2019) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the Atlanta Bar Leadership

Academy Class of 2026. Monroe is an associate with Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers.

Connor J. Rose (2019)

Houston, TX, was selected for inclusion in the 2027 *Best Lawyers “Ones to Watch”*

directory published by *Woodward/White*.

Rose is an associate at Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr.



2020s



Lindsey M. Hughes (2020)

of Marietta, GA, was promoted to senior attorney analyst at the Georgia Senate Office of Policy and

Legislative Analysis. **Caitlin**

F. May (2020) of Athens, GA, was elevated to the role of lecturer at the UGA School of Law. May was hired as a limited term lecturer in the fall of 2025.



James C. Berrigan (2021)

of Duluth, GA, joined the Ken Nugent Law Firm as an attorney. **Alexa L. Dato-**

Caudell (2021) of Gainesville

GA, was appointed to the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division Board of

Directors. Dato-Caudell is an associate at





Tallant Howell. **Jacob Fucetola** (2021) of New York, NY, joined Crosby Legal as director of legal. **Devin L.**

Mashman (2021) of Decatur, GA, was named to the Atlanta Bar Leadership Academy Class of 2026. Mashman is an attorney at Cannella Snyder. **Holly K.**



Stephens (2021) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division Board of

Directors. Stephens is an associate at McArthur Law Firm. **Alexandria H. “Alex”**

Clark (2022) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors.



Clark is a judicial law clerk for the Supreme



Court of Georgia. **Connely M. Doizé** (2022) of Brookhaven, GA, joined Law Firm GC as an associate. **Amber D. Porter**

(2022) of Stockbridge, GA, was installed as 2nd vice chair of the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division High School Mock



Trial Committee. Porter is an associate at Smith Welch Webb & White. **Sydney G.**



Habegger (2023) of Washington, D.C., joined Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville as an associate.

Alexandra F. Hammock (2023) of Atlanta, GA, joined Harrison as an associate.



Frank G. Lumpkin IV



(2023) of Columbus, GA, was named to the *Columbus & the Valley* 2026 Five Under 40 list.

Lumpkin is an associate at Hall Booth Smith.

Ellen T. “Ellie” Williams

(2023) of Atlanta, GA, accepted the Moving The Work Forward Award on behalf of the Justice for



Incarcerated Survivors Program presented by the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. Williams is the legal director at the Justice for Incarcerated Survivors Program. **Michael**



A. Head (2024) of Atlanta, GA, joined Harrison as an associate.



Braden T. Meadows (2024)

of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2026 by the UGA Alumni Association. Meadows is chief

operating officer and general counsel at SWH Landscape Architecture. **Warren**

“Ren” Schmitt (2024) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the Atlanta Bar Leadership Academy Class of 2026.

Schmitt is an associate with Bryan

Cave Leighton Paisner. **Juwan H. Parker**



(2026) of Atlanta, GA, joined Sheley Hall & Williams as an associate. **Benjamin A.**

Privitera

(2026) of New York, NY, joined Eversheds Sutherland as an associate.



In Memoriam

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

Nancy Lillian Spratt Arnett (1976)

Atlanta, GA
August 30, 2026

C. King Askew (1971)

Rome, GA
August 10, 2026

Jay Michael "Mike" Bass (1988)

Valdosta, GA
July 20, 2026

Robert R. "Bob" Cook (1964)

Midway, GA
July 27, 2026

John Lewis Douglas (1977)

Atlanta, GA
September 3, 2026

Thelma Elizabeth "Ted" Dillard

Ethridge (1948)
Elberton, GA
September 9, 2026

Robert W. "Rob" Hassett (1976)

Atlanta, GA
July 17, 2026

Charles Floyd Hatcher (1969)

Alexandria, VA
September 1, 2026

Lawrence Stephen McGoldrick

(1983)
Canton, GA
July 23, 2026

Stephen "Steve" Eugene Shepard

(1976)
Augusta, GA
September 15, 2026

Eugene K. "Gene" Swain (1977)

South Glastonbury, CT
September 14, 2026