

Class Notes

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1950s

Allen L. Chancey Jr. (1951) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and 1970. **Frank W. Seiler** (1957) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a member of the “Top One Percent” of the attorneys in the nation by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel.

1960s

Archer D. Smith III (1966) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and 1970. **James M. Ney** (1967) of Marietta, GA, was elected to Furman University’s Board of Trustees. **John M. Tatum** (1968) of



Savannah, GA, was recognized by the Chambers USA Guide 2015 as a leader in the field of general

commercial litigation, and received the Judge Frank Cheatham Professionalism Award from the Savannah Bar Association for best exemplifying professionalism and engaging clients and members as a whole. **Nathaniel G. Slaughter III** (1969) of Atlanta, GA, joined Taylor English Duma.

1970s

Robert Benham (1970) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and 1970. **Marvin C. Mangham Jr.** (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and 1970. **Jack O. Morse** (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and 1970. **J. D. Smith Jr.** (1972) of Gainesville, GA, joined his son’s newly established firm, The

Smith Law Practice, as of counsel. **Jason R. Archambeau** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and 1970. **Richard B.**

Chandler Jr. (1973) of Buford, GA, was honored by the Gwinnett Chamber as its Citizen of the Year. **I. Kenneth Dious** (1973) of Athens, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and



1970. **Charles B. Rice** (1973) of Homerville, GA, was announced as a 2015 Tradition of Excellence Award recipient. **Frank W.**

Virgin Sr. (1973) of Atlanta, GA, joined Taylor English Duma.

Kenneth R. Waldrep (1973) of Forsyth, GA, was appointed to the Court-Martial Review Panel. **R.**

Benjamin Reid (1974) of Miami, FL, was appointed national co-chair of the ABA Judicial Intern Opportunity Program. **Sharon Nyota Tucker**

(1974) of Albany, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and 1970. **Janice A. Mays** (1975)

of Washington, D.C., was featured in the *National Journal* as one of the 20 most powerful women staffers on Capitol Hill. **Robert P. Killiam** (1976) of Brunswick, GA, was named one of Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers of 2015 by *Legal Leaders*.

Andrew H. Ernst (1977) of Savannah, GA, received recognition from the Chambers USA Guide 2015 as a leader in the field of environmental law. **John W.**



Sheffield III (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Court-Martial Review Panel. **R.**



Harold Meeks Jr. (1979) of Atlanta, GA, joined Taylor English Duma's litigation and dispute

resolution practice. **R. David Ware** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, joined Ichter Kresky & Associates.



1980s

Daisy Floyd (1980) of Macon, GA, permanently returned to the post of dean at the Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law. **William Terry Turner** (1980) of Baxley, GA, was named the solicitor-general of the year for 2015.



Beverly B. Martin (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to the American Law Institute.

D. Albert Brannen Jr. (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was elected as a 2015 Fellow by the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers for demonstrating experience in the field and a history of service and leadership. **Barth X. DeRose** (1982) of Washington, DC, was named to the 2015 Washington D.C. Super

Lawyers list. **Horace J. Johnson Jr.** (1982) of Covington, GA, became President-Elect of the Council of Superior Judges of Georgia.



Kenneth J. Jones (1982) of Augusta, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center for Civil and Human Rights for work in the civil rights movement between 1960 and 1970. **Wade H. Watson III** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, started his own firm, The Watson Firm. **Wade**



W. Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, earned recognition from the Chambers USA Guide 2015 as a leader in the field of labor &

employment. **Gregory C. Sowell** (1983) of Bishop, GA, joined Cook Noell Tolley & Bates. **Timothy N. Toler** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, started his own firm, The Toler Firm. **Roy J. Boyd Jr.** (1985) of Brunswick, GA, was named one of Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers of 2015 by *Legal Leaders*. **Robert P. Hall III** (1985) of Washington, D.C., was named vice president of Federal Government Affairs at Entergy Corporation. **Clay D. Land** (1985) of Columbus, GA, was appointed to serve on the Budget Committee for the Judicial



Conference of the United States. **Julianna C. Earp** (1986) of Greensboro, NC, earned recognition in the 2015 Chambers USA Guide and received the highest

ranking for North Carolina lawyers in the practice area of labor and employment. **Jeffrey**

W. Frazier (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was sworn in to the Fulton Magistrate Court. **Sally Q. Yates** (1986) of



Washington, DC, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as the nation's deputy attorney general. **Rachel K. Iverson** (1987) of Alpharetta, GA, joined McManamy McLeod Heller as a partner. **Lori Chesser** (1987) of Des Moines, IA, received the A. Arthur Davis Award by the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute. **Albert A. Myers III** (1988) of Conyers, GA, was appointed to the Rockdale Circuit public defender supervisory council. **Yvette M. Daniels** (1989) of Stone Mountain, GA, was added to the UGA Alumni Association Board of Directors. **Gregory B. McMenemy Jr.** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was named one of Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers of 2015 by *Legal Leaders*. **Donna McCarty Swilley** (1989) of Conyers, GA, received the Family Law Information Center volunteer award for 2014.

1990s

Craig E. Bertschi (1990) of Dunwoody, GA, became a partner at McRae Bertschi. **Jody Jenkins Corry** (1991) of Athens, GA, was added to the UGA Alumni Association Board of Directors. **Kenneth B. Hodges III** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, started his own firm,

Ken Hodges Law. **Stephanie Benfield** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed the new Sustainability Director by Mayor Kasim Reed. **Duke R. Groover** (1992) of Macon, GA, was named one of Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers of 2015 by *Legal Leaders*. **Kevin Cranman** (1993) of Duluth, GA, was recognized by the International Asset Management Media on the 2015 list of top 300 IP strategists. **Michael L. Edwards** (1993) of Savannah, GA, accepted a position as a visiting professor to teach U.S. law and assist with legal clinics at Sheffield Hallam University. **Darren W. Penn** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, was elected the 60th president of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. **Bonnie Keith Green** (1995) of Charlotte, NC, started her own firm, The Green Firm, PLLC. **Laura S. Bonander** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, joined The Watson Firm.



JP Boulee (1996) of Decatur, GA, was appointed to the Superior Court in DeKalb County by Gov. Nathan Deal. **W.**

Gregory Pope (1996) of Covington, GA, was elected to the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Directors. **James M. Ottley** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, joined Stout Kaiser Matteson Peake & Hendrick as of counsel. **Tilman E. Self III** (1997) of Macon, GA, became Secretary Treasurer of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia. **D. Clayton Howell** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined Sutherland Asbill & Brennan as a partner.



Kelly C. Mullally (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined Taylor English Duma's intellectual property practice as counsel. **Lee D. Garrett** (1999) of Woodstock, GA, was announced as publisher of The Cherokee-Ledger News. **Scott E. Hitch** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough as a partner. **Colin A. McRae** (1999) of Savannah, GA, was installed as President of the Savannah Bar after serving as President-elect for the past year.



2000 – 2004

John F. Salter Jr. (2000) of Marietta, GA, was selected as a 2015 Rising Star by *Georgia Super Lawyers* magazine for the seventh year. **C. Tippins Burch** (2001) of Johns Creek, GA, formed Chalmers Park & Burch and was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements. **Amy E. Fouts** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined BakerHostetler. **Brian M. Rickman** (2001) of Clarkesville, GA, was named to the Georgia Commission on Medical Cannabis. **Ansley B. Threlkeld** (2001) of Savannah, GA, became director of governmental affairs at the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce. **Brennan W. Bolt** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined McGuireWoods as a partner. **Natalie S. Woodward** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class

for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements.

John A. Ernst Jr.

(2003) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future



accomplishments and achievements.

Stacey Godfrey Evans (2003)

of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements.

Michael J. Jacobs (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the State Court in DeKalb County by Gov. Nathan

Deal. **Jeffrey M. Kwastel** (2003) of Lackland, TX, became Chief of Contracts and Fiscal Law at the U.S. Air Force Services Activity Legal Office. **W. Ryan Teague**

(2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Georgia Commission on Medical Cannabis. **Lindsay Ferguson** (2004)

of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future



accomplishments

and achievements. **Kevin A.**

Gooch (2004) of Atlanta, GA,

became a 2015 Fellow for the Leadership Counsel on Legal Diversity and was recognized

in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise"

Class for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements.

John David Hadden

(2004) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015

for past and future

accomplishments and achievements.

Kristi A. Lange (2004) of Atlanta, GA, joined BakerHostetler. **Jeffrey**

P. Shiver (2004) of Atlanta, GA, opened new offices in Savannah and

Saint Simons. **Brian Randolph Smith**

(2004) of Atlanta, GA, started his own firm,

The Smith Law Practice.



2005 – 2009

Michael J. Breslin (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to counsel at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton's Atlanta office.

Charmel L. Gauden

(2005) of New

Orleans, LA, became

the new program

director for public

safety grants at Baptist Community

Ministries. **Amy L. Baker** (2006) of

Atlanta, GA, rejoined Stites &

Harbison as of counsel. **Otis A.**

Brumby III (2006) of Marietta, GA,

purchased the Cherokee-Ledger

News. **Allison S. Dyer** (2006) of

Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the

Daily Report's "On the Rise" Class for

2015 for past and future

accomplishments and achievements.

Dustin R. Marlowe (2006) of

Athens, GA, was recognized in the



Daily Report's "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements.

Gillian B. O'Nan (2006) of Brookhaven, GA, was named one of Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers of 2015 by *Legal Leaders*. **Terri R. Stewart** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements. **Carey R. Busen** (2007) of Washington, DC, was named partner at Baker & Hostetler.



Rachel Young Fields (2007) of Savannah, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements.

Merritt E. McAlister (2007) of Atlanta, GA, became a 2015 Fellow for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. **Jennifer A. Mock** (2007) of Statesboro, GA, was elected president-elect of the young lawyers division of the State Bar. **Daniel E. Sineway** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements.

James E. Butler III (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class of 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements.



Scott R. Grubman (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for

2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements.

John P. Jett (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized in the *Daily Report's* "On the Rise" Class for 2015 for past and future accomplishments and achievements. **John B. Manly** (2008) of Savannah, GA, was elected to the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors as the representative for the Eastern Circuit. **Danielle Dejerne Davis** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Cordell & Cordell as an associate. **Michael Eshman** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Schreeder Wheeler & Flint as an associate.

2010 – 2014

Norman L. Barnett (2010) of Douglasville, GA, was named an assistant district attorney in Douglas County. **Jamie A. Perez** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was awarded the 2015 Kerry Harike Joedecke Atlanta Young Lawyer of the Year Award. **James M. Dervin** (2011) of New York, NY, became an assistant corporation counsel at the New York City Law Department. **Andrew J. King** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, became associate attorney at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith. **Meredith Lee** (2011) of Chattanooga, TN, joined Miller & Martin. **Martina G. Palatto** (2011) of St. Simons Island, GA, joined Roberts Tate as an associate. **Wm. Robert Gignilliant IV** (2012) of Greenville, SC, joined Jackson Lewis as an associate. **Erica Svoboda** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, joined

BakerHostetler as an associate.

Paula Briceno (2013) of Brookhaven, GA, received the Corporate Counsel Rising Star Award given by *Atlanta Business Chronicle/Association of Corporate Counsel Georgia Chapter*. **David E.**

Balajthy (2014) of Washington, D.C., became an attorney-advisor at NASA, Office of Inspector General.

Robert R. Campbell III (2014) of Nashville, TN, joined Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis. **Matthew G. Traut**

(2014) of Athens, GA, joined Johnson Marlowe.