

Class Notes

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1940s

Sidney O. Smith Jr. (1949) of Gainesville, GA, had the Brenau University Board of Trustees unanimously vote to name its graduate school after him.

1960s

Wyckliffe A. Knox Jr. (1964) of Augusta, GA, was named as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" as published in *Georgia Trend* magazine.

R. Alexander Crumbley (1966) of McDonough, GA, was selected to join the inaugural class of the University of Georgia's Board of Visitors.

1970 - 1974



Charles A. Pannell Jr. (1970) of Chatsworth, GA, was named as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" as

published in *Georgia Trend* magazine. **Milner S. Ball** (1971) of Athens, GA, received the Athens Justice Project's Social Justice Award. **Jack B. Hood** (1971) of Birmingham, AL, has published his third novel, *Banjo*



Method. **William H. Kimbrough Jr.** (1973) of Athens, GA, established his own consulting practice and will offer

comprehensive tax, estate and asset protection planning, as well as a spectrum of administrative services that can be provided in the form of total estate management or as individual services. **William D. Barwick** (1974) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to join the inaugural class of the University of Georgia's Board of Visitors.

James L. Gale (1974) of Raleigh, NC, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "2011 Legal Elite."

1975 - 1979

Edward D. Tolley (1975) of Athens, GA, was named as one of "Georgia's Legal Elite" for criminal law as published in *Georgia Trend* magazine.



Robert N. Elkins (1976) of Athens, GA, joined the firm Kitchens New & Cleghorn. **J. Stephen Schuster** (1976) of

Marietta, GA, was appointed to the State Bar of Georgia's Finance Committee. **Donna Gude Barwick** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to join the inaugural class of the University of Georgia's Board of Visitors.

Gerard M. Chapman (1978) of Greensboro, NC, celebrated with his wife Linda the birth of their grandson, Benjamin David Bertin, on Oct. 5, 2010. **Thomas M. Cole** (1978) of Gainesville, GA, was inducted into the Georgia Fellows of the American



College of Trial Lawyers. **Paul A. Lafranchise** (1978) of Bakersfield, CA, established his own law firm with a focus

on labor and employment law matters. Additionally, he celebrated the birth of his first grandchild, Elle Victoria Banister, on Nov. 3, 2010.



E. Thomas Branch Jr. (1979) of Decatur, GA, **Reagan W. Dean**

(1979) of Marietta, GA, and **David P. Hartin** (1979) of Marietta, GA, have celebrated the Christmas season together for more than 25 years.



Neil C. Gordon (1979) of Atlanta, GA, serves as president-elect of the National Association of

Bankruptcy Trustees. **Frank L. Wilson III** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to join the inaugural class of the University of Georgia's Board of Visitors.

1980 - 1984

Susan R. Boltacz (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was selected by the Internal Revenue Service as one of 10 new members of its

Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee. **Robert E. Flourney III** (1980) of Marietta, GA, has become the chief judge of Cobb County Superior Court.

David E. Ralston (1980) of Blue Ridge, GA, was selected to join the inaugural class of the



University of Georgia's Board of Visitors.

Harold E. Gill Jr. (1981) of Monroe, GA, joined the firm Taylor

English Duma as a partner.

R. Matthew Martin (1981) of Snellville, GA, joined the firm McKenna Long & Aldridge. **Jesse C. Stone** (1981) of Waynesboro, GA, was elected to serve in the Georgia State Senate to represent the 23rd District. **Mark F. Taylor** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to join the inaugural class of the University of Georgia's Board of Visitors.

John L. Watkins (1982) of Chamblee, GA, had an article that he co-authored with **Roy E. Hadley Jr.** (1988), "The Legal Issues Are Somewhat Cloudy in the Cloud: A Primer for Lawyers on Cloud Computing," posted to the State Bar of Georgia's Technology Law Section website.



Robert "Bobby" B. Baker Jr. (1983) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Freeman Mathis & Gary as a partner. **J. Randolph Evans** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to chair the Judicial Nominating Commission. **Laurie A. Fowler** (1983) of Athens, GA, received the Ogden Doremus Award for Excellence in Environmental Law, which recognizes the role that lawyers play in protecting Georgia's natural resources, from the nonprofit public interest legal



group GreenLaw.

William A. Gillon (1983) of Germantown, TN, has become the CEO and president of Cotton

Board. **James B. Matthews III** (1983) of Athens, GA, was named a shareholder with the firm Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley. **Terry C. Hughes** (1984) of Fitzgerald, GA, was elected to the Superior Court of Georgia's Cordele Judicial Circuit. **Valinda Barrett Wolfert** (1984) of Dallas, TX, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of finance for the 10th consecutive year.

1985 - 1989

John J. Ellington (1985) of Soperton, GA, was elected the 25th chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia. **Andrew M. Beal** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, established the firm Beal & Blich. **Sally Quillian Yates** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was named as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" as published in *Georgia Trend* magazine. **Constance Patterson Haywood** (1987) of Suwanee, GA, joined the firm DLA Piper as special counsel. **Tina Shadix Roddenbery** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, established the firm Holland

Roddenbery. **Roy E. Hadley Jr.** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, had an article that he co-authored with **John L. Watkins** (1982), "The Legal Issues Are Somewhat Cloudy in the Cloud: A Primer for Lawyers on Cloud Computing," posted to the State Bar of Georgia's Technology Law Section website. **Russell T. Abney** (1989) of Sandy Springs, GA, was selected mass torts section lawyer of the year by his firm Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles. **David A. Kelly** (1989) of Washington, DC, was appointed deputy assistant general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board's Division of Operations-management of the Office of General Counsel. **Michael A. Siegel** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, has fulfilled his dream of owning his own business by buying the Ideal Aluminum Products Co. in Deland, FL.

1990 - 1994



Murray J. Weed (1990) of Atlanta, GA, presented "E-Discovery, Public Records and Metadata" to the

Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association during its

Mid-Year Meeting in Atlanta.

Kenneth B. Hodges III (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Ashe, Rafuse & Hill as a partner. Additionally, he and his wife Melissa, along with big sister Margaret, celebrated the birth of John Bryant "Jack" during Sept. 2010. **Michael C. Pruett** (1991) of Athens, GA, was named as one of "Georgia's Legal Elite" for tax, trusts and estates as published in *Georgia Trend* magazine.

Michael L. Jaconette (1992) of Battle Creek, MI, was elected judge of the Calhoun County Probate Court of Michigan.

Sheri Gates McGaughy (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to receive the Horizon Award, which recognizes a woman with a consistent record of professional success and job excellence, at the seventh annual Red Letter Awards by the Atlanta Chapter of Women in Cable

Telecommunications. **Kelly A. Lee** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, was elected Superior Court judge for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit.



K. Lee Adams (1994) of Atlanta, GA, joined Atlanta's John Marshall Law School as an associate professor. She

teaches Civil Procedure and Constitutional Law.

Her published research covers several aspects of labor and employment law in the U.S. and Australia, although her principal focus is on sex discrimination and the work-family intersection.

Jennifer Greene Ammons

(1994) of Covington, GA, was named as one of "Georgia's Legal Elite" for government affairs as published in *Georgia Trend* magazine. **Scott D. Cahalan**

(1994) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Georgia Institute of Technology as an adjunct professor and teaches courses in design and construction law. **Barry A.**

Fleming (1994) of Harlem, GA, established the firm Fleming &



Nelson. **James V.**

Painter (1994) of Augusta, GA, was selected for the third year in a row for inclusion in *The Best*

Lawyers in America in the field of medical malpractice law. Also, he was named co-chair of the medical malpractice subcommittee of the litigation section of the American Bar Association. **Adrian L. Patrick** (1994) of Snellville, GA, was featured in an article in *Columns*, the University of Georgia's faculty and staff newsletter.

Kurt M. Rozelsky (1994) of Greenville, SC, was elected to the

American Board of Trial Advocates.

1995 - 1999



Kevin J. Mencke

(1995) of

Germantown, TN, was elected chair of the Association of Corporate Counsel's

Employment and Labor Law

Committee. **Cesar C. Mitchell**

II (1995) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm DLA Piper as of counsel.

Daniel B. Snipes (1995) of Statesboro, GA, was appointed to the State Bar of Georgia's

Finance Committee. **Stephanie**

B. Tillman (1995) of Thomasville, GA, was named vice president of compliance and assistant general counsel of Flowers Foods.

James D. Blicht IV (1996) of Atlanta, GA, established the firm Beal & Blicht. **Frank A.**

Tillotson (1996) of Woodbridge, VA, joined the D.C. office of BrownRudnick as director of government law and strategies.



L. Clinton Crosby

Jr. (1997) of

Smyrna, GA, celebrated with his wife Lisa the

birth of Samantha Ellis and Emma Claire on Oct. 6, 2010. **W.**

Robert "Rob" Woodall III (1997) of Avondale Estates, GA, was

elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives to represent Georgia's 7th Congressional District. **Anthony D. Lehman** (1998) of Alpharetta, GA, announced his marriage to Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Walker on Nov. 20, 2010. **Paul J. Oeland IV** (1998) of Decatur, GA, was named as one of "Georgia's Legal Elite" for family law as published in *Georgia Trend* magazine.



Ranse M. Partin (1998) of Atlanta, GA, established his own law firm. **Robert J. Robinson** (1998) of Smyrna, GA, joined

WorldPay Inc. **Keith R. Blackwell** (1999) of Smyrna, GA, was appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Christian A. Coomer** (1999) of Cartersville, GA, was elected to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives to represent the 14th District.



Kimberly Elder Holt (1999) of Athens, GA, celebrated with her husband

Clarke and daughter Claire the birth of Caroline on Oct. 20,



2010. **Amy Burton Loggins** (1999) of Marietta, GA, received the Jonathan A.

Silber Outstanding Committee Member of the Year Award from the Association of Corporate Counsel for individual excellence, leadership and major contributions made by a member of an ACC committee. Additionally, she celebrated the birth of her third son, Joshua Glynn, on Nov. 22, 2010.

Joshua D. Walker (1999) of Savannah, GA, relocated his practice to the office of Hunter & Lewis. **Ryan K. Walsh** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, has become president of the Atlanta Legal Aid



Society. **Robin S. Wharton** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Eric and daughter Arabella the

birth of Josephine Virginia Kronberg on June 4, 2010. Additionally, she received her Ph.D. in English from the University of Georgia.

2000 - 2004

Sonja M. Cox (2000) of Carrollton, GA, was selected to be the Altamaha Riverkeeper.



James P. Daniel (2000) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife **Cade A. Daniel** (2001)

the birth of their daughter

Catherine McNeil on Aug. 11, 2010. **Glianny Fagundo** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, has become a partner with the firm Elarbee Thompson. **M. Holland Cox Kirbo** (2000) of Moultrie, GA, was named associate general counsel of Flowers Foods. **Ian K. Leavy** (2000) of Chattanooga, TN, has joined Volkswagen Group of America as corporate counsel human resources. **Patrick N. Millsaps** (2000) of Camilla, GA, was elected chairman of the Georgia State Ethics Commission. **Jeffery O. Monroe** (2000) of Macon, GA, was appointed to the State Bar of Georgia's Finance Committee. **Suzanne Hatch Schultz** (2000) of Marietta, GA, celebrated with her husband Alain the birth of their daughter Elise Susanna on Oct. 5, 2010. **Neil L. Wilkinson** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, had his book *Running on Full: The Story of Ruth & Ruby Crawford* published by Kennesaw State University Press. **Charles J. Bethel** (2001) of Dalton, GA, was elected to serve in the Georgia Senate to represent the 54th



District. **Rebecca L. Crumrine** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was named a shareholder with the firm Davis Matthews & Quigley.



Cade A. Daniel (2001) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband **James P. Daniel** (2000) the birth of their daughter Catherine McNeil on Aug. 11, 2010.

Christopher K. Greene (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined McGuireWoods as a partner.

Cassandra H. McCauley (2001) of Milwaukee, WI, joined Johnson Controls as senior group counsel of building efficiency. **Mary Paige Adams** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, has become a partner with the firm Green & Sapp. Additionally, she was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to the Judicial Nominating Commission.

Thomas H. Hawk III (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner with the firm King & Spalding and will continue his practice focus on transactional law and regulatory matters for health industry clients. **Edward A. Marshall**

(2002) of Mableton, GA, was elected a partner with the firm Arnall Golden Gregory and will continue to practice in the area of litigation. **Keith A. Mauriello** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner with the firm Arnall Golden Gregory and will continue to practice in the area of health care.

Caroline R. Nichols (2002) of Jacksonville, FL, joined the Merrimac Capital Corporation.



Robert C. Stanley (2002) of Atlanta, GA, has become a partner with the firm Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett &

Dunner and will continue to practice in both patent and



trademark law. **Jason S. Alloy** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner with the firm



RobbinsFreed. **Josh B. Belinfante** (2003) of Sandy Springs, GA, was named a partner with the firm

RobbinsFreed and will continue to practice in the area of commercial litigation as well as advising on governmental and health care law matters.

Additionally, he was elected vice chairman of the Georgia State Ethics Commission. **Amy Combs**

Bender (2003) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Robert Dominick Bender on May 8, 2010. **Stacey Godfrey Evans** (2003) of Smyrna, GA, was elected to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives to represent the 40th District.

Kevin A. Woolf (2003) of Avondale Estates, GA, has become a partner with the firm Seyfarth Shaw. **Thomas F. Hollingsworth III** (2004) of Athens, GA, has become a shareholder with the firm Blasingame Burch Garrard & Ashley. **Francys Johnson** (2004) of Statesboro, GA, established his own law firm.



Christopher J. Latimer (2004) of Columbus, MS, was named a shareholder with the firm Mitchell

McNutt & Sams. **Brian K. Mathis** (2004) of Powder Springs, GA, has become a partner with the firm Insley Race. **Erica L. Morton** (2004) of Kennesaw, GA, has become a partner with the firm Hicks, Casey & Foster where she has practiced insurance defense since 2004. **Jennifer M. Nelson** (2004) of Vancouver, WA, was selected to be the Small Acreage Outreach specialist for the West Multanomah and Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation Districts during completion of her M.S. in Environmental Science with the University of Illinois. **Susannah Rogers Pedigo** (2004) of Savannah, GA, was named a partner with the firm Inglesby Falligant.

Florian Stamm (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was named a partner with the firm Smith Gambrell & Russell. **Aimee E. Stowe** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, joined the DeKalb County Child Advocacy Center as a child advocate attorney.

2005 - 2009

Keri F. Conley (2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Georgia Hospital Association as associate general counsel. **Kira Y. Fonteneau** (2005) of Birmingham, AL, was selected to be a member of Class 7 of the Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum. **Charmel L. Gaulden** (2005) of Gulfport, MS, was an integral part of forcing an agreement from the State of Mississippi to allocate \$132 million from existing Hurricane Katrina disaster assistance funds to meet unmet housing needs for low income victims in her position as executive director of the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center. **Kristie Edenfield Piasta** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Morris Manning & Martin. **Anna Lee Uniacke** (2005) of Gulf Breeze, FL, joined the Office of Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel as an assistant regional counsel. **C. Knox Withers** (2005) of Marietta, GA, received the

Breaking the Cycle Award for exemplary contributions toward ending intimate partner violence by the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation. **C. Caleb Connor** (2006) of Lagrange, GA, joined Mountville Mills Inc. as vice president of special projects and corporate counsel. **Nicole**

Garsombke Ibbotson (2006) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Morris Manning &



Martin. **Bianca N.**

Jaikaran (2006) of Alpharetta, GA, joined the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency as assistant regional counsel.

Additionally, she announced her marriage to Raven R. Larson on Jan. 1, 2011. **M. Elizabeth**

Simpson (2006) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Mark Podojil on Oct. 23, 2010. **Jordan A. Wolff** (2006) of New York, NY, has joined the firm Bernstein



Litowitz. **Dar'shun N.**

Kendrick (2007) of Decatur, GA, was elected to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives to represent the 94th District. **Preston J.**



Meche II (2007) of New Orleans, LA, joined Tulane

University Law School as a career counselor focusing on environmental and public interest law. **Rusi C. Patel** (2007) of Dunwoody, GA, joined the Georgia Municipal Association as associate general counsel.



Lindsay W. Forlines (2008) of Avondale Estates, GA, co-developed Buncolator, an iPhone and iPad application

program that keeps score for the game of Bunco. The app is available online through the Apple App Store. **Morgan Bedell Luddeke** (2008) of Watkinsville, GA, has associated with the firm Cohen & Caproni. **Adriana Hristova Mitchell** (2008) of Smyrna, GA, has associated with the firm Morris Manning & Martin. **Naveen Ramachandrappa** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore. **Gerum Yilma** (2008) of Lawrenceville, GA, has associated with the firm McGuire Woods. **Muneer O. Awad** (2009) of Oklahoma City, OK, joined the Oklahoma Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations as executive director. **Jeremy B. Cole** (2009) of Athens, GA, joined the firm Wimberly, Lawson, Steckel,

Schneider & Stine. **John W. Hackney** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin. **Brian C. Lea** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to serve as a judicial clerk for Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court for the 2011-12 term. **Jennifer Grayson Lytle** (2009) of Athens, GA, announced her marriage to Mark R. Lytle on Dec. 21, 2010.

2010

Samuel Justin Adams (2010) of Evans, GA, announced his marriage to Tammy Lynn Barfield on Sept. 25, 2010. **Julie E. Adkins** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice. **Judson Bryant** (2010) of Lilburn, GA, will complete a Master of Laws in taxation at Northwestern University in May 2011. He recently placed first in the American Bar Association's Section of Taxation's Tax Challenge held during the ABA's annual meeting. **Benjamin W. Cheesbro** (2010) of Mainz, Germany, has a one year assignment with the Johannes Gutenberg University as the university's common law lecturer in the areas of legal English and

intellectual property law and also works closely with the university's three moot court teams. **Joseph L. Cushner** (2010) of Statesboro, GA, has joined the Office of the District Attorney for the Ogeechee Circuit. **Russell J. Edwards** (2010) of Athens, GA, was elected treasurer of the Democratic Party



of Georgia. **Kathleen Van Pelt Gibson** (2010) of Ringgold, GA, has associated with the firm Grant, Konvalinka &

Harrison. **Rachel L. Goodrich** (2010) of Nashville, TN, has joined Sarah Cannon Research Institute as a staff attorney.

Marie E. Greene (2010) of Athens, GA, has associated with the firm of Lavender, Baker & Slider. **Sean P. Kane** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Freeman Mathis & Gary in the firm's business liability and insurance law practice group. **S. Lindsey Lonergan** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough.



Princewell N. Njoku (2010) of Chicago, IL, joined Dykema as an associate in the litigation department.



Rajesh Shah (2010) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs and will practice with the firm's health care practice group. **Heather M. Trick** (2010) of Orlando, FL, has joined the Office of the Public Defender for the 9th Judicial Circuit.