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1950s
Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler (1957) of Savannah, GA, was named a corporate super lawyer in the 2012 Georgia Super Lawyers list, Corporate Counsel Edition. Additionally, his family was named the “UGA 2011-2012 Family of the Year.” Bernard J. Mulherin (1959) of Augusta, GA, was honored by having his family named the “Irish Family of the Year” by the Irish-American Heritage Society.

1960s
Perry Brannen Jr. (1965) of Savannah, GA, received the 1st Annual Emory Findley Award for Outstanding Judicial Service presented by the Council of Superior Court Judges.

Otis A. Brumby Jr. (1965) of Marietta, GA, received the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Marietta Kiwanis Club. C. Wilbur Warner Jr. (1965) of Atlanta, GA, has established the firm Warner, Bates & McGough. Patrick J. Rice (1966) of Augusta, GA, was honored by being named the St. Patrick’s Day parade grand marshal by the Irish-American Heritage Society.

1970 – 1974
William D. Montgomery (1970) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 Georgia Super Lawyers list in the area of real estate.

J.D. Smith Jr. (1971) of Gainesville, GA, has joined JAMS Resolution Center - Atlanta where he will serve as an arbitrator, mediator and special master for disputes in a variety of areas including administrative law, appellate, employment, insurance, personal injury/torts, professional liability and real property. Edward E. Bates Jr. (1972) of Atlanta, GA, has established the firm Warner, Bates & McGough.
J. Robert “Bob” Persons III (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 Georgia Super Lawyers list in the area of insurance coverage. Robert B. Wedge (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 Georgia Super Lawyers list in the area of construction litigation. H. Lane Dennard Jr. (1973) of Madison, GA, received the Marshall Tuttle Award presented by the State Bar of Georgia. The award is in recognition of his extraordinary and outstanding legal services and support of the Military Legal Assistance Program, which has been part of his pro bono service to veterans. Mr. Dennard is a retired partner from the firm King & Spalding and a former adjunct professor at the UGA School of Law. Thomas E. Jones Jr. (1974) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 Georgia Super Lawyers list in the areas of corporate, securities and finance.

1975 – 1979
B. Michael Mears (1977) of Decatur, GA, served again as a guest lecturer for Bahcesehir University Law School in Istanbul, Turkey, as a part of the university’s International Law Symposium. Martha A. Miller (1977) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Schulten Ward & Turner as a partner. Neil C. Gordon (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was elected president of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. Barry P. Harris IV (1979) of New Bern, NC, has joined First Citizens Bank as chief legal officer. Frederick A. Johnson (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed as an administrative law judge with the U.S. Social Security Administration and assigned to the Greensboro, NC, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. Weyman T. Johnson Jr. (1979) of Athens, GA, was elected as chairman and president of the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation. Kathy S. Palmer (1979) of Swainsboro, GA, received the Outstanding Service Award presented by the UGA College of Family & Consumer Sciences.

1980 – 1984
M. Stephen Hyles (1980) of Columbus, GA, was appointed as a U.S. magistrate judge for the Columbus division. William H. Boling Jr. (1981) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Morris, Manning & Martin as of counsel.
**Judy Greenbaum Croy** (1981) of Marietta, GA, has established the firm Croy & Timms and is a name partner. **Bertis E. Downs IV** (1981) of Athens, GA, served as a panelist at a February conference addressing current music industry business and legal issues that was hosted by the Georgia Law Sports and Entertainment Law Society, the UGA Music Business Program and Nuci’s Space. **Robert D. Cheeley** (1982) of Duluth, GA, has joined the firm Conley Griggs as of counsel. **Ertharin Cousin** (1982) of Chicago, IL, was appointed executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme. **Janet E. Hill** (1982) of Arnoldsville, GA, was named as one of the “Top Fifty Women Lawyers in Georgia” and to the 2012 Georgia Super Lawyers list in the area of employment and labor law. **Gerald L. "Gary" Mize Jr.** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to serve on the nine member nationwide management committee of Alston & Bird. **Keith J. Reisman** (1984) of Chattanooga, TN, has become the assistant city attorney for Chattanooga.

**1985 – 1989**

**David J. Blevins** (1985) of Cohutta, GA, was named superior court judge for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit by Gov. Nathan Deal. **Jonathan M. Jellema** (1985) of Charleston, SC, has joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Charleston District as lead district counsel. **Daniel J. Mohan** (1985) of Marietta, GA, has rejoined the firm Morris Manning & Martin as a partner. **Alan F. Rothschild Jr.** (1985) of Columbus, GA, was selected for inclusion in the “2011 Legal Elite” by Georgia Trend magazine for his expertise in the area of taxes, estates and trusts. **T. Matthew Mashburn** (1986) of Decatur, GA, was named to the 2012 Georgia Super Lawyers list in the area of real estate. **Julianna C. Theall** (1986) of Greensboro, NC, was named to the Business North Carolina’s 2012 Legal Elite list in the area of labor and employment law. **Tammy Cox Stokes** (1987) of Savannah, GA, was named chief judge of the Chatham County Recorder’s Court.

**1990 – 1994**

**Tracy Seckinger Plott** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Ballard Spahr as a partner.
**Floyd M. “Buck” Wiley III (1991)** of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as one of "America’s Top 1,000 Advisors" by Barron's magazine and was ranked fourth in the state of Georgia.

**Stephanie Stuckey Benfield (1992)** of Atlanta, GA, received the 2011 Atlanta Bar Association's Outstanding Lawyer in Public Service Award.

Additionally, she has joined Greenlaw as executive director.

**Lori Fulton Cutillo (1992)** of Winchester, MA, has established her own law firm.

**Gregory F. Harley (1992)** of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2012 Georgia Super Lawyers list in the area of business litigation.

**Gregory G. Holland (1992)** of Greensboro, NC, was named to Business North Carolina's 2012 Legal Elite list in the area of antitrust law.

**Victor Y. Johnson (1992)** of Danielsville, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service presented by the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism.

**Mark A. Lewis (1992)** of Bozeman, MT, was named state finance chair for Mitt Romney’s Montana State Finance leadership team.

Additionally, he has been named the NCAA's executive vice president for championships and alliances.

**Sheri Gates McGaughy (1992)** of Atlanta, GA, was named to the board of the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel and the Southeast Chapter of Women in Cable Telecommunications.

**Herbert M. Poston Jr. (1992)** of Dalton, GA, was named district attorney for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit by Gov. Nathan Deal.

**Sarah A. Clarkson (1993)** of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, has established her own law firm.

**Jonathan E. Laster (1994)** of Statham, GA, has established his own law firm.

**Kurt M. Rozelsky (1994)** of Greenville, SC, was named to the 2012 South Carolina Super Lawyers list in the area of transportation/maritime.

**1995 – 1999**

**Gregory M. McCoskey (1995)** of Tampa, FL, has joined the firm Akerman Senterfitt as a shareholder.

**Dorsey R. Carson Jr. (1996)** of Jackson, MS, was ranked as a leading practitioner in the area of construction litigation in the 2012 edition of Chambers USA.

**Shawn D. Scott (1996)** of Atlanta, GA, was named a partner with Weinberg, Wheeler, Hugdins, Gunn & Dial.

**Amelia Bever Willis (1996)** of Marietta, GA, was elected a shareholder with Ogletree,

**2000 – 2004**

Christopher C. Frost (2004) of Birmingham, AL, has become a shareholder with the firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale. Stephanie J. Harris (2004) of Chicago, IL, has associated with the firm Goldberg Kohn. Benjamin R. Makin (2004) of Athens, GA, was named an associate judge for the Athens-Clarke Magistrate Court. A. Justin Poplin (2004) of Lenexa, KS, was named partner with the firm Lathrop & Gage. Heidi E. Royal (2004) of Charlotte, NC, was named a shareholder with the firm Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson. Barry A. Staples (2004) of Birmingham, AL, has become a shareholder with the firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale.

2005 – 2009


**2010 – 2011**

**Joi Reed Fairell** (2010) of Conyers, GA, has established her own law firm. **Allan C. Galis** (2010) of Savannah, GA, has associated with HunterMaclean’s specialty litigation group. **Rachel K. Jones** (2010) of Tampa, FL, has associated with
the firm Glenn, Rasmussen, Fogarty & Hooker in the litigation practice group. **Hilary C. Keith** (2010) of Ridgeland, MS, has associated with the Atlanta office of Jones Day.

with the firm O'Kelley & Sorohan.

**Whitney C. Livengood** (2011) of Chattanooga, TN, was selected to be a law clerk for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit. **Meredith F. Macon** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. **Amanda N. Reed** (2011) of Woodstock, GA, has associated with the firm Fox & Mattson. **Fabian G. Rincon** (2011) of Winder, GA, has established his own law firm. **Megan M. Scheller** (2011) of Midland, GA, has associated with the Columbus office of Hall Boothe Smith & Slover. **Megan H. Smernoff** (2011) of Tallahassee, FL, has joined the Florida Legislature as a legislative policy analyst.