

## Class Notes

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### 1960s



**Arnold C. Young** (1965) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019. **John**

**M. Hewson III** (1968) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in*



*America* 2019. **John M. Tatum** (1968) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019.

### 1970s



**James L. “Jim” Pannell** (1974) of Savannah, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve on the Center for Rural Prosperity and the Georgia Rural Development Council.

### Saunders Aldridge III

(1975) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019. **Andrew H.**



**“Drew” Ernst** (1977) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019.



**Cynthia D. Wright** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, received a peer review high enough that resulted in her firm, Boyd Collar Nolen

Tuggle & Roddenbery, being recognized in the 2019 edition of *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Best Law Firms” as a “Tier 1” Atlanta law firm.

### 1980s

**T. David Motes** (1980) of Winder, GA, retired from the bench in October after more than 30 years of venerable service to the state of

Georgia with 23 of those years being served in the Piedmont Judicial Circuit. **Doris L. “Dee” Downs** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, retired from the bench in October after more than 22 years of venerable service to the state of Georgia with those years being served in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit. **Michele M. Henderson** (1981) of Richmond Hill, GA, was elected to serve on Board of Directors of Southeastern Bank.

**William S. “Bill” Cowser** (1983) of Athens, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve on the Board of Homeland Security.



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

2019. **John M. Stephenson Sr.** (1984) of Albany, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve as judge for the Dougherty County State Court.

**Jay F. Hirsch** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$31 million verdict on behalf of his clients, Stacie Willis and her infant son, DeJuan Williams.



**Marlan B. Wilbanks** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, received a whistleblower settlement of \$65 million involving his client, Karin Berntsen, and a separate whistleblower settlement of \$262

million against Hospital Management Associate. **Tina Shadix Roddenbery** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, joined Boyd



Collar Nolen Tuggle & Roddenbery as an equity partner and received a peer review high enough that

resulted in Boyd Collar Nolen Tuggle & Roddenbery being recognized in the 2019 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* “Best Law Firms” as a “Tier 1” Atlanta law firm.

**Neal J. Quirk** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was awarded the University of Georgia’s Blue Key Service Award during the annual Tucker Dorsey Blue Key Alumni Awards Banquet held on September 14.

**Christopher W. Phillips** (1988) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019.



**Henry M. Quillian III** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named president of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association.



**Kirby G. Mason** (1989) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019.



## 1990s



**M. Travis DeHaven** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, joined Taylor English as a partner in the firm's Corporate and Business

practice group. **William M. "Billy" Ray II** (1990) of Lawrenceville, GA, was confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as a judge on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. **Herbert M. "Bert" Poston Jr.** (1992) of Dalton, GA, was named District Attorney of the Year for 2018 by the District Attorneys' Association of Georgia. **Floyd M.**

**"Buck" Wiley III** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Forbes'* "America's Top Wealth Advisors" list. **Joseph**



**A. Fried** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$18.75 million verdict on behalf of his client, Jaccolah



Johnson. **Robert W. Barton** (1994) of Baton Rouge, LA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*

2019. **Thomas S. Cullen** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019.



**Edward Olmstead "Ted" Henneman Jr.** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*



2019. **Frank S. Macgill** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019 and was recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" for his

practice in tax law.

**David K. Ray** (1994) Charleston, SC, joined Lowcountry Land Trust as managing director of conservation. **Joel G.**



**Pieper** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, became the new Atlanta managing partner for Womble Bond Dickinson.

**Michael L. Goldberg** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$2.6 million verdict on behalf of his client, Carolyn Byrom, and, in a separate action, received a \$18.75 million

verdict on behalf of his client, Jaccolah Johnson. **James M.**

**McGee** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to senior vice president and deputy general counsel of Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.

**Christian A. Coomer** (1999) of Cartersville, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve as a judge on the Court of Appeals of

Georgia. **Colin A. McRae** (1999) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019.



**Christopher H. “Smitty” Smith** (1999) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019.



## 2000s



**Glianny Fagundo** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as one of The 50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia by the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**Holland Cox “Holly” Kirbo** (2000) of Moultrie, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve on the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission. **R. Praiss Barron** (2001) of Birmingham, AL, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association’s 2019 Bulldog 100. **Charles J. “Charlie” Bethel** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court of Georgia. **Temika W. Murry** (2001) of Decatur, GA, was appointed to serve as a judge on the DeKalb County Juvenile Court. **Nicholas A. Primm**

(2001) of Jefferson, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve as a judge in the 10th Superior Court District of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit.



**Rebecca Crumrine Rieder** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve as a superior court judge in the 5th Judicial Administrative District of the Atlanta

Judicial Circuit. **A.**



**Bryan Baer** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association’s 2019

Bulldog 100. **Darren E. Gaynor** (2002) of Fairburn, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association’s 2019

Bulldog 100 **Maria D. Sayers** (2002) of Savannah, GA, joined Harris Lowry Manton as an associate. **Todd H.**



**Stanton** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association’s 2019 Bulldog 100. **Allen W. Yee** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to serve on the Georgia Government Transparency & Campaign Finance Commission as announced by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle. **R. Stanley “Stan” Baker Jr.** (2004) of Savannah, GA, was confirmed by the Senate to serve as

judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. **Ronald E. Mabra Jr.** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$3 million settlement against the owners of Creekside Forest Apartments.



**Michael J. "M.J."**

**Blakely Jr.** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$31 million verdict on behalf of his clients, Stacie Willis and her

infant son, DeJuan Williams. **Otis A. Brumby III** (2006) of Marietta, GA, was named the new chair of the WellStar Board of Trustees. **Michael A. Caplan** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2019 Bulldog 100. **Merritt E. McAlister** (2007) of Gainesville, FL, joined the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law as an assistant professor. **James E. "Jeb" Butler III** (2008) of Brookhaven, GA, received a \$3 million settlement against the owners of Creekside Forest Apartments. **Michael A. Melonakos** (2008) of Greenville, SC, started his own firm, The Melonakos Law Firm. **Matthew B. Stoddard** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$3 million settlement against the owners of Creekside Forest Apartments. **Darren M. Tobin** (2008) of Brookhaven, GA, received a \$3 million settlement against the owners

of Creekside Forest Apartments. **Kevin P. Erwin** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner as counsel.



**2010–2017**

**Norman L. Barnett** (2010) of Marietta, GA, joined the Cobb County District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney.

**Benjamin W. Cheesbro** (2010) of Brunswick, GA, was sworn in as a federal magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

**Benjamin J. Osorio** (2011) of Fairfax, VA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2019 Bulldog 100.

**Andrew A. Pinson** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, was named Solicitor General for the State of Georgia by Attorney General Chris Carr.

**Michael T. Rafi** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$450,000 settlement on behalf of his client, Greg Summerhill. **Bradley G. Proctor** (2012) of Brunswick, GA,

started a new position with Blueprint Construction Counsel as an associate attorney. **Ryan C. Tuck** (2012) of New Market, MD, joined McClatchy as a product supervisor for news strategy.



**Harry D. Dixon III** (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to serve as chair of the American Bar Association's

International Anti-Money Laundering Committee. **Barclay S.**

**Hendrix** (2013) of Atlanta, GA, joined Krevolin & Horst as a litigation and education associate. **Caroline**



**Gray McGlamry** (2013) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$31 million verdict on behalf of her clients, Stacie Willis and her



infant son, DeJuan Williams. **Emily Cook McConnell** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, joined Equifax as corporate counsel. **D. Harley Yancey IV** (2015) of Rome, GA, joined State Mutual Insurance Company as in-house counsel. **D. Tyler Adams** (2016) of New York, NY, joined Quinn Emanuel as an associate. **Molly H.**

**Cash** (2017) of Greenville, SC, joined Smith Moore Leatherwood as an associate. **Christopher**

**D. Stokes** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Rafi Law Firm.

