

Class Notes

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1960s



Arnold C. Young (1965) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023. **John**

M. Hewson III (1968) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023.



1970s



Robert "Bob" Benham (1970) (center in photo above) of Cartersville, GA, was recognized by the Lawyers Club of Atlanta for being an active member of the State Bar of Georgia for 50 years.

Charles A. "Charlie" Pannell Jr. (1970) (left in photo above) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the Lawyers Club of

Atlanta for being an active member of the State Bar of Georgia for 50 years. **C. Brooks Thurmond III** (1971) (right in photo at section beginning) of Atlanta, GA, recognized by the Lawyers Club of Atlanta for being an active member of the State Bar of Georgia for 50 years.



Dennis T. Cathey (1970) of Cornelia, GA, currently serves as the chair of the Georgia Board of Bar Examiners. This is the last

year of his six-year term as a member of the board that works to evaluate the competence of applicants under the auspices of the Supreme Court of Georgia Office of Bar Admissions. **J.**



Thomas "Tommy" Vance (1971) of Carrollton, GA, was selected for inclusion among Continental Who's Who as a trusted attorney

for his private practice achievements with the law firm Tisinger Vance where he has practiced for 50-plus years.



Saunders Aldridge III (1975) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023. **Kenneth “Ken” Klein**

(1976) of McLean, VA, was named to the *Washingtonian’s* “Lawyer Lifetime Achievement” list. The *Washingtonian* recognizes individuals who have been named to its list of “Top Lawyers” in the Washington, D.C., area at least 10 times in the past 15 years. Klein concentrates his practice on international taxation, tax planning, tax transactions, tax controversies and public policy.



James E. “Jim” Butler Jr. (1977) of Savannah, GA, secured a \$24-million compensatory damages verdict together with a

historic \$1.7-billion punitive damages verdict in the case titled *Hill v. Ford Motor Company, et al., Case No. 16-C-04179-S2*.

1980s



Wade W. Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023.



Lori Torgerson Chesser (1987) of Des Moines, IA, was selected for inclusion in 2022 *Chambers USA* for her practice in immigration

law. **Gregory L. “Greg” Roseboro** (1987) Athens, GA, announced he will retire from the



University of Georgia School of Law at the end of 2022. Roseboro has worked at the School of Law nearly 30 years, most recently serving as assistant dean for admissions, diversity and inclusion & strategic initiatives. He also has taught the course Race and the Law. **Michael B. “Mike” Terry** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$24-million compensatory damages verdict together with a historic \$1.7-billion punitive damages verdict in the case titled *Hill v. Ford Motor Company, et al., Case No. 16-C-04179-S2*.

Christopher W. “Chris” Phillips (1988) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023 and also recognized



as Lawyer of the Year. **Kirby G. Mason** (1989) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*



2023.

1990s

Steven A. Pickens (1992) of Lawrenceville, GA, secured a \$30-million medical malpractice verdict on behalf of his clients Jason and Eulanda Katriece Threat. **Cari Lyn B. Pierce** (1993) of Tysons, VA, joined Williams Mullen as partner. Pierce focuses her practice on the various elements of business transactions and the creation of new



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

2023. **Edward O. "Ted" Henneman Jr.** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*



2023. **Frank C. Macgill** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023 and also recognized as Lawyer of the Year.



Darren W. Penn (1994) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$45-million settlement on behalf of a minor child paralyzed in a January 2019 automobile accident. **Leigh Martin May** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Georgia Institute of Technology as professor of the practice for the School of Public Policy in the Law, Science, and Technology Program.

C. Andrew "Andy" Childers (1998) of Brookhaven, GA, secured a \$10-million dental malpractice verdict on behalf of his client Joyce M. Crawford. **Matthew P. "Matt" Benson** (1999) of Lawrenceville, GA, secured a \$30-million medical malpractice verdict on behalf of his clients Jason and Eulanda Katriece



Threat. **Colin A. McRae** (1999) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023.

2000–2009

Natalie S. Woodward (2002) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$77-million wrongful death medical malpractice verdict on behalf of Nicholas Carusillo's family.



Beth F. Morris (2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein as counsel. **James E. "Jeb" Butler III** (2008) of Atlanta,

GA, secured a \$1-million-plus settlement against Arch Insurance Company, et al.

Kayla E. Cooper (2008) of Augusta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2022 by the University of Georgia



Alumni Association.

Mrinalini "Melanie" R.

Jayashankar (2008) of

Memphis, TN, joined

Wyatt Tarrant & Combs as

senior associate. Jayashankar is a

member of the firm's Litigation & Dispute team. **Joel L. McKie** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2022 by the University of Georgia Alumni Association. **Brendan F. Murphy** (2008) of Marietta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2022 by the University of Georgia Alumni Association. **Darren M. Tobin** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$100-million federal jury verdict on behalf of his client Jerry Blasingame. **Candace Alynn Hill Duvernay** (2009) of Fayetteville, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2022 by the University of Georgia Alumni Association.



Christopher L. "Chris" Lockwood (2009) of Huntsville, AL, joined Womble Bond Dickinson as partner. Lockwood focuses

his practice on government contracts and business litigation.

2010–2020



Allan C. Galis (2010) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023.

Jamie Perez (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was presented with the 2022 Emerging Leader Award from the Anti-



Defamation League Southeast Region at its 25th Annual ADL Jurisprudence Awards Luncheon. **Andrew J. King** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to participate in the 2022-2023 Georgia Trial Lawyers Association's Leadership Education and Advanced Direction Program. **Christopher B. "Chris" Newbern** (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$3.75-million verdict on behalf of his client Angela J. Harris. **Alex M. Shalishali** (2012) of Columbus, GA, was named the Dougherty County Attorney by the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners. **John T. Dixon** (2013) of Short Hills, NJ, joined Fiserv, Inc., as



senior counsel. **Rory A. Weeks** (2013) of Decatur, GA, was selected to participate in the 2022-2023 Georgia Trial Lawyers Association's Leadership

Education and Advanced Direction



Program. **Travis M. Cashbaugh** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, joined Seyfarth Shaw as associate. **James L. "Jim"**



James L. "Jim" Powers (2015) of Atlanta, GA, joined Levine Smith Snider & Wilson as associate.



Ryan D. Sullivan (2016) of Austin, TX, was promoted to partner at Kruger Carson. Sullivan’s primary focus is commercial real

estate transactions including acquisitions and dispositions, lending, leasing, development and partnerships.



Xavier R. Brown (2017) of Athens, GA, was named assistant dean for admissions, diversity and inclusion & strategic

initiatives at the University of Georgia



School of Law. **Brooke Jackson** (2017) of Gainesville, GA, was promoted to deputy chief assistant solicitor at the

Hall County Solicitor-General’s Office.



Stephen W. Rothring (2017) of Atlanta, GA, joined Wood Smith Henning & Berman as senior associate. **Ryan L.**

Giles (2018) of Washington, D.C., was promoted to general counsel to U.S. Senator Rob Portman (OH). **Daniel E. “Dan” Philyaw** (2018) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$24-million compensatory damages verdict together with a historic \$1.7-billion punitive damages verdict in the case titled *Hill v. Ford Motor Company, et al., Case No. 16-C-04179-S2*.



Gracie G. Shepherd (2018) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2023 for the category

Ones to Watch. **James T. Cox** (2019) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to participate in the 2022-2023 Georgia Trial Lawyers Association’s Leadership Education and Advanced Direction Program. **Kevin M.**

Ketner (2019) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to participate in the 2022-2023 Georgia Trial Lawyers Association’s Leadership Education and Advanced



Direction Program. **Connor J. Rose** (2019) of Houston, TX, was selected for inclusion in the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* for the

category Ones to Watch. **Tyler C. Mathis** (2020) of Athens, GA, was selected to participate in the 2022-2023 Georgia Trial Lawyers Association’s Leadership Education and Advanced Direction Program.

2021-2022



Kevin R. Parker (2021) of Washington, D.C., joined Credit Suisse as assistant vice president of U.S. Regulatory Policy. **Jessica**

Rhea Pickens (2021) of Lawrenceville, GA, secured a \$30-million medical malpractice verdict on behalf of her

clients Jason and Eulanda Katriece Threat. **Jordan D. Dillard** (2022) of Savannah, GA, joined Bouhan Falligant as associate. **Donavan C. Juleus** (2022) of Savannah, GA, joined Bouhan Falligant as associate.



In Memoriam

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

[Robert "Bob" Adamson](#) (1971)
Winder, GA
September 14, 2022

[Clarence D. Blount](#) (1950)
Waycross, GA
August 7, 2022

[William C. "Bill" Cobb](#) (1957)
Duluth, GA
August 15, 2022

[James B. "Jimmy" Franklin](#) (1964)
Statesboro, GA
July 9, 2022

[James P. "Jim" Googe Jr.](#) (1967)
Memphis, TN
August 3, 2022

[Deppish "Dep" Kirkland III](#) (1975)
Burbank, CA
September 4, 2022

[Robert A. McLarty Jr.](#) (1972)
Hamilton, NJ
August 29, 2022

[Bobby C. Milam](#) (1959)
Blue Ridge, GA
August 3, 2022

[Walter Hunter New Sr.](#) (1973)
Quitman, GA
July 30, 2022

[Donald Leo Newton Jr.](#) (1974)
Knoxville, TN
July 1, 2022

[James Monroe Pace Jr.](#) (1962)
Marietta, GA
September 16, 2022

[Page Anthony Pate](#) (1994)
St. Simons Island, GA
September 11, 2022

[Elizabeth Anne Nealon](#) (1992)
Asheville, NC
September 10, 2022

[Adam C. Smith](#) (2017)
LaGrange, GA
July 9, 2022

[Franklin J. "Frank" Smith](#) (1997)
Vidalia, GA
August 4, 2022

[Robert Luke Vining Jr.](#) (1959)
Dalton, GA
September 1, 2022

[Edgar Pomeroy Williams](#) (1962)
Savannah, GA
July 27, 2022

[Heath W. Williams](#) (1999)
Atlanta, GA
July 30, 2022