Class Notes

Class Notes items listed were processed between October 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023. In the event a Class Notes entry is not correct, you are asked to contact the Law School Advancement office at lawalum@uga.edu.

Professional Class Notes entries should be submitted to lawalum@uga.edu. Photos to accompany a Class Note are welcome.

1970s

Roy E. Barnes (1972) of Marietta, GA, secured a $10-million medical malpractice verdict against Piedmont Hospital and Louis H. Jacobs, M.D. Patricia A. “Pat” Cain (1974) of Portola Valley, CA, was selected as a recipient of the inaugural 2024 AALS Section on Taxation Lifetime Achievement Award.

1980s


Ringgold, GA. Marlan B. Wilbanks (1986) of Atlanta, GA, secured a $13.75-million settlement against Exact Sciences Corporation and Exact Sciences Laboratories. Sally Quillian Yates (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was named Attorney of the Year at the American Lawyer Industry Awards held in New York. Yates is a partner at King & Spalding.
Michael B. “Mike” Terry (1987) of Atlanta, GA, secured a $19-million verdict against Comcast of the South and Sylvain Emmanuel-Mukete. Elizabeth B. “Beth” Davis (1989) of Atlanta, GA, joined Arnall Golden Gregory as partner in the environmental and healthcare practice groups as well as the life sciences industry team.

1990s


2000–2009

Matthew M. “Matt” Weiss (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner at Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs. Weiss is a member of the bankruptcy, restructuring & creditor rights practice group. He was also named to Secured Finance Network’s 40 Under 40 list.

Kathryn A. “Kate” Bridges (2009) of Jefferson, GA, launched Kate Bridges Mediation. Bridges is a registered neutral with a specialization in domestic relations and general civil mediation. Matthew A. Josephson (2009) of Savannah, GA, was promoted to deputy chief of the Criminal Division at the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Jahnisa Tate Loadholt (2009) of Tucker, GA, joined RangeWater Real Estate as division general counsel.

2010–2019

Michael T. “Mike” Rafi (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a $4-million settlement on behalf of client Joshua Davis. Bryan A. Schivera (2011) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among Georgia Trend’s 2023 Legal Elite.

Binh Duy Tran (2011) of Saigon, Vietnam, was selected for inclusion in the Asia 40 Under 40 list for 2023 by Asian Legal Business. Tran is the director of KPMG Law Vietnam. William F. Crozer (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to co-head of the bipartisan state and local advocacy practice at BGR Group.


Zebulon B. “Zeb” Brookshire (2013) of Athens, GA, joined the University of Georgia Gift & Estate Planning team as the trusts and estates coordinator. Sajid Saleem (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to special counsel at Duane Morris.

Jerrod M. Lukacs (2014) of Decatur, GA, was promoted to general counsel at Yancey Bros. Lukacs also serves as director of strategy. David W. “Bobo” Mullens (2014) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among Georgia Trend’s 2023 Legal Elite.
George S. Ray (2015) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. William H. “Wil” Alexander (2016) of Barnwell, SC, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association’s 2024 Bulldog 100.* Elizabeth Donaldson (2016) of Greenville, SC, was promoted to partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. Shaniqua L. Singleton (2016) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. Kelsie W. Willett (2016) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough. Carson M. Alexander (2017) of Barnwell, SC, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association’s 2024 Bulldog 100.* Thomas A. “Tom” Giannotti (2017) of Atlanta, GA, secured a $10-million settlement against Nikia Cherry. Samuel O. “Sam” Weaver (2017) of Atlanta, GA, secured a $3.75-million wrongful death settlement against the City of Atlanta.

2020s

Haley K. Kairab (2022) of Atlanta, GA, secured a $1.3-million verdict on behalf of client Raymond Chuang. Jack F. Pease (2023) of Birmingham, AL, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as associate.

*The Bulldog 100 list celebrates the top 100 fastest growing organizations owned or operated by UGA alumni and alumnae.
In Memoriam

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

**Philip R. "Phil" Bowers (1981)**
Lilburn, GA
October 22, 2023

**Anita Kay Brotherton (1985)**
Flowery Branch, GA
November 8, 2023

**Susanne F. Burton (1975)**
Lexington, GA
December 9, 2023

**Vallerina Frances Day (1978)**
Blairsville, GA
October 31, 2023

**Wilson M. MacEwen Jr. (1971)**
Sumter, SC
December 1, 2023

**Alice Faye Katrina Brown Rodriguez (1986)**
November 12, 2023
Fayetteville, GA

**George Sering Zier (1977)**
October 1, 2023
Richmond Hill, GA