

Class Notes

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1960s



Arnold C. Young (1965) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.

John M. Tatum (1968) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.



Robert W. Chasteen Jr. (1969) of Fitzgerald, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service, as presented by the State Bar of Georgia and Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

1970s

Jack B. Hood (1971) of Birmingham, AL, authored a book "Banjo Mambo: God Conversations on Two (In Kikongo)." **Thomas L. Hodges III** (1972) of Hartwell, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service, as presented by the State Bar of Georgia and Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

J. Robert Persons III (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.



Robert B. Wedge (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.



Kenneth Klein (1976) of McLean, VA, law firm Mayer Brown was recognized by *Law360* as one of its three "Law Firms of the Year" for the second consecutive year. **James E. Butler Jr.** (1977) of Columbus, GA, received a \$5.6 million settlement on behalf of his clients,



Kayla Kummala and Madison Fortier. **John E. Thompson** (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.



Jane C. Barwick (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed as chair-elect to the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution.

1980s

Patrick T. O'Connor (1981) of Savannah, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service, as presented by the State Bar of Georgia and Chief Justice's Commission on



Professionalism. **D. Albert "Bert" Brannen Jr.** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super

Lawyer. **Wade W. Herring II** (1983) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.



John E. Taylor (1984) of Atlanta, GA, joined Taylor English as a partner.

Scott A. Farrow (1986) of Atlanta, GA, joined Conley Griggs Partin as



of counsel. **Christopher W. Phillips** (1988) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.

Kirby G. Mason (1989) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.



1990s



Duane C. "Chip" Presten III (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined Baker Donelson's Corporate Finance and Securities Group as a shareholder.

Benjamin A. Land (1992) of Columbus, GA, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal as judge of Superior Court of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. **Marion H. Martin** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers. **Michael L. Brown** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, was confirmed as a judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. **Frank S.**

Macgill (1994) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.



Derek V. Dooley (1994) of Columbia, MO, joined the University of Missouri as the new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. **Marc B. Hershovitz** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as *Georgia Trend's 2017 Legal Elite*. **Kirby**



R. Mitchell (1996) of Greenville, SC, was appointed to serve on the board for the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA).



Michele P. Madison (1998) of Atlanta, GA, received the Pat Williams' Community Leader of the Year

Award. **Jill C. Kuhn** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined Troutman Sanders as counsel.

Colin A. McRae (1999) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Super Lawyer.



2000s

Jennifer Auer Jordan (2001) was elected to the Georgia State Senate.



Cindy Andrist Upchurch (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Eversheds Sutherland.

Ronald E. Mabra Jr. (2004) of Atlanta, GA, received a verdict in excess of \$900,000 on behalf of his client, Kurt Taylor, and a \$750,000 settlement on behalf of his client, Kent White.

Duane P. Minley (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to counsel at Cantor Colburn. **Wilson**



G. Barmeyer (2006) of Washington, D.C., was promoted to partner at Eversheds Sutherland.



Cristina R. Bouton (2006) of Atlanta, GA,

was promoted to partner at Arnall Golden Gregory. **Rachel Y. Fields** (2007) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Rising Star.



James E. "Jeb" Butler

III (2008) of Brookhaven, GA, received a verdict in excess of \$900,000 on behalf of his client, Kurt Taylor, and a \$750,000 settlement on behalf of his client, Kent White.



Allison Crawford Ford (2008) of Greenville, SC, was promoted to of counsel at Nelson Mullins. **Clint G.**

Bearden (2008) of Gainesville, GA, was sworn in by Gov. Nathan Deal as judge of Superior Court of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and was named to the inaugural Miller Leadership Academy Class of 2018. **Scott R. Grubman** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the inaugural Miller Leadership Academy Class of 2018. **Robert H. Snyder Jr.** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$5.6 million settlement on behalf of his clients, Kayla Kummala and Madison Fortier. **Darren M. Tobin** (2008) of Brookhaven, GA, received a verdict in excess of \$900,000 on behalf of his client, Kurt Taylor, and a \$750,000 settlement on behalf of his client, Kent White.



Puja P. Lea (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Troutman Sanders. **S. Trenholm**

“Trent” Myers (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Eversheds Sutherland.



Jack W. Stapleton (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Rising Star. **Erin E. Tatum**

(2014) of Nashville, TN, joined TennCare as a litigation attorney. **Kelly V. Wegel** (2014) of Athens, GA, joined the Western Judicial Circuit as an assistant public defender. **Samuel L. Mikell** (2016) of Savannah, GA, received a \$6.48 million judgment on behalf of the minor children of the late Maura Ashton Steedley.

Shaniqua L. Singleton (2016) of Atlanta, GA, was elected historian by the Georgia Association of Black Women



Attorneys (GABWA). **Eric A. Sterling** (2017) of Athens, GA, joined Palmore Boenig & Associates. **J.**



Carter Weathington (2017) of Atlanta, GA, joined Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial as an associate.

2010–2017



Andrew H. Dekle (2010) of Savannah, GA, was promoted to partner at Bouhan Falligant.

Katelyn H. Fredericks (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at Nelson Mullins.



Elizabeth F. Murphy (2010) of Charlotte, NC, was promoted to partner at Alston & Bird. **Mary**

Margaret Kurrie Williams (2010) of Valdosta, GA, was elected partner at Coleman Talley.

Rebecca F. Clarkson (2011) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2018 Georgia Rising Star. **Zachary E.**



Tumlin (2011) of Dahlonega, GA, was named to the inaugural Miller Leadership Academy Class of 2018.