Class Notes

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1960s

William T. Moore Jr. (1964) of Savannah, GA, was named as the recipient of the prestigious Frank S. Cheatham, Jr. Professionalism Award as presented by the Savannah Bar Association.

Arnold C. Young (1965) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of civil litigation, and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020.

John M. Hewson III (1968) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020.

John M. Tatum (1968) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020.

Charles N. Pursley Jr. (1969) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in eminent domain, state, local, and business litigation.

1970s

Robert Benham (1970) of Atlanta, GA, announced his future plans to retire at the end of his current term serving as a justice on the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Jon Bolling Wood (1974) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to serve as senior judge of the Superior Courts of Georgia.

Saunders Aldridge III (1975) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020.

Julie E. Carnes (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was named as a recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Daily Report.

Edward D. Tolley (1975) Athens, GA, was
presented with the prestigious Amicus Curiae award as presented by the Supreme Court of Georgia for his exceptional service as the former chairman of the Judicial Qualifications Commission. **Joel O. Wooten** (1975) secured a $280 million verdict on behalf of his clients, Larry Madere and Anjanette Thomas, against Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc. et al. **James K. Reap** (1976) of Athens, GA, was awarded the Ann Webster Smith Award by the U.S. States Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (US/ICOMOS) for his extraordinary and sustained achievement in support of conserving the world’s cultural heritage. **Donna G. Barwick** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was named as the recipient of the 2019 Greater Good Award as presented by the Georgia Planned Giving Council (GPGC). **Andrew H. “Drew” Ernst** (1977) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020* and recognized in the exclusive *Chambers USA 2019* for his work in the area of environmental law.

**G. Sanders Griffith III** (1977) of Columbus, GA, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from Atlanta Business Chronicle’s Corporate Counsel Awards. **Andrew J. Hill III** (1977) of Athens, GA, was selected by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. **Bobby T. Jones** (1977) of Metter, GA, secured a $3.3 million verdict on behalf of his clients, Kareem and Wakeelah Evans. **Cynthia D. Wright** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). **William C. “Bill” Berryman, Jr.** (1978) of Athens, GA, joined Fortson, Bentley & Griffin. **Carolyn T. Roddy** (1978) of Marietta, GA, was named to serve on the University of Georgia Board of Visitors for the 2019-2021 term. **Don L. Waters** (1978) of Savannah, GA, was elected chairman of the Board of Regents for the University of Georgia. **Jane C. Barwick** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed chair to the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution.
1980s

Anderson (1986) of Cheyenne, WY, was appointed by Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon to serve as deputy chief of staff and general counsel for his administration.

Julianna Theall Earp (1986) of Greensboro, NC, was named among the 50 Most Influential Women by The Mecklenburg Times.

Lori T. Chesser (1987) of Des Moines, IA, was recognized in the exclusive Chambers USA 2019 for her work in area of labor and employment (immigration) law.

Benjamin H. Brewton (1988) of Augusta, GA, has joined Balch & Bingham as a partner and will lead the firm’s newest office in Augusta.

Elizabeth B. “Beth” Chandler (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the November 30 edition of the Daily Report regarding her perspective of serving as general counsel of Rollins Inc.

Roy E. Hadley Jr. (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the 2019-2020 Atlanta Chief Information Officer (CIO) Advisory Board and was named to serve on the University of Georgia Board of Visitors for the 2019-2021 term.

Paul B. Murphy (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named chief of staff for FBI Director Christopher Wray.

Christopher W. Phillips (1988) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of construction litigation and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020.

Kirby G. Mason (1989) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Super Lawyer in the area of medical malpractice and was selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2020.

1990s


Nancy E. Rafuse (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined Seyfarth Shaw as a partner.

Steven A. Pickens (1992) of Lawrenceville, GA, secured a $17.8 million verdict in

2000s

GA, was elevated to partner at Friend Hudak & Harris. **Alan J. Hamilton Sr.** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, secured a $2.1 million verdict on behalf of his client, Sylvia Jean Stephenson. **Rebecca F. Harris** (2004) of Savannah, GA, secured a confidential settlement against CSX Transportation Inc. on behalf of her clients, Richard and Elizabeth Jones, which resulted in satisfying a 2017 $3.9 million judgment against the railroad. **Francys Johnson** (2004) of Statesboro, GA, was appointed to serve as a member at large on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia. **Lee S. Atkinson** (2005) of Athens, GA, secured a $3.23 million settlement on behalf of his client, U.S. Army veteran George “Mike” Egan. **Robert L. Fortson** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was named as a recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Leader Award by the *Daily Report.* **Melissa Maddox-Evans** (2005) Annapolis, MD, was named as the new executive director for the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis. **Amanda L. Norcross** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was selected as a recipient of the 10th Annual Emerging Leaders Award as presented by The M&A Advisor. **Scott E. Zweigel** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. **Michael A. Caplan** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, secured a $3 million settlement in a federal class action suit against the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, GA. **Andrew C. Doherty** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, joined Cantor Colburn as an associate. **A. Zachary Faison Jr.** (2006) of Jacksonville, FL, was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. **Santana T. Flanigan** (2006) of Conyers, GA, was appointed as an associate judge of the Henry County Magistrate Court. **Dustin R. Marlowe** (2006) of Athens, GA, secured a $3 million settlement in a federal class action suit against the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, GA. **Terri R. Stewart** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. **Christina M. Baugh** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, joined Barnes & Thornburg as a partner.


2010–2018

**Rajesh Shah** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2019 On the Rise list as presented by the *Daily Report.*

**Elizabeth R. Story** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Rising Star in the area of eminent domain. **M. Blake Tillery** (2010) of Marietta, GA, was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2019. **Joshua S. Wood** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by *Super Lawyer* as a 2019 Georgia Rising Star in the area of civil litigation. **Rebecca F. Clarkson** (2011) of Savannah, GA, was recognized as a 2019 Georgia Rising Star in the area of business/corporate and was elevated to partner at HunterMaclean.

**Yvonne S. Godfrey** (2011) of Savannah, GA, secured a confidential settlement against CSX Transportation Inc. on behalf of her clients, Richard and Elizabeth Jones, which resulted in satisfying a 2017 $3.9 million judgment against the railroad.

**Elizabeth Googe Brunette** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, joined Fox Rothschild as an associate in the litigation department. **Amanda R. Giffin** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, received the *Law360* Distinguished Legal Writing Award for co-authoring the article, *When Precedent Doesn’t Really Stand for That Proposition: FINRA’s Suitability Rule and the Meaning of ‘Best Interest,’* published by Bloomberg Law in December 2018. **Kate Lawson Smith** (2012) of Savannah, GA, joined Parker’s as chief of staff. **Frederick W. “Fritz” Vaughan** (2012) of Washington, DC, joined the Office of Legislative Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Treasury as deputy assistant secretary. **Harry D. Dixon III** (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was elected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (ABF) and as a member of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Leadership Academy Class of 2019. **David B. Dove** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was named as executive counsel to Gov. Brian P. Kemp and was recognized by the University of Georgia Alumni Association as a member of the 40 Under 40 Class of
In Memoriam
The School of Law expresses sympathy to the family and friends of the following law school graduates:

**Charles T. Ballard** (1958)
Fayetteville, GA
August 24, 2019

**W. Donaldson “Don” Ballard** (1951)
Oxford, GA
July 2, 2019

**Jack T. Brinkley Sr.** (1959)
Columbus, GA
January 23, 2019

**Stephen M. Brooks** (1993)
Atlanta, GA
March 6, 2019

**J. Michael Brown** (1976)
Augusta, GA
March 16, 2019

**Frank W. Capers Jr.** (1948)
Augusta, GA
January 14, 2019

**Earl W. Carson Jr.** (1963)
Monroe, GA
April 30, 2019

**John D. Cartledge** (1961)
Chattanooga, TN
September 5, 2019

**Nelson C. Coffin III** (1957)
Cuthbert, GA
September 7, 2019

**John D. Comer Sr.** (1949)
Macon, GA
April 4, 2019

**Avary M. Dimmock Jr.** (1949)
Ellijay, GA
March 11, 2019

**Louis O. Dore** (1973)
Beaufort, SC
September 16, 2019

**Gordon S. Fell** (1953)
Monroe Township, NJ
September 1, 2019

**William M. “Bill” Fleming Jr.** (1950)
Augusta, GA
March 30, 2019

**Frank N. Ford** (1989)
Eatonton, GA
June 13, 2019

**Cicero “Cid” Garner Jr.** (1961)
Panama City, FL
November 29, 2018

**Stephen S. Goss** (1986)
Albany, GA
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**John A. Gram** (1974)
Gainesville, GA
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June 20, 2019

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Atlanta, GA
August 10, 2019

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Appling, GA
May 25, 2019

Elizabeth Bentley “Betty” Watson (1983)
Atlanta, GA
February 5, 2019

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Atlanta, GA
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