

Class Notes

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1970s

Randall B. “Randy” Scoggins (1971) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Best Mentor Award as part of the 2022 Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*.



William J. “Bill” Self (1974) of Macon, GA, received the Judge William W. Treat Award of Excellence presented

by the National College of Probate Judges. Self continues to serve as a senior judge of the Probate Courts of Georgia and as a registered (probate) mediator. **Roy E. Barnes** (1972) of Marietta, GA, secured a \$8.5-million verdict against Preferred Women’s Healthcare in a wrongful death medical malpractice case.

1980s

H. Michael “Mike” Bagley (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Lifetime Achiever Award as part

of the 2022 Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*.



Gregory C. “Greg” Sowell (1983) of Athens, GA, joined James Bates Brannan Groover as partner. Sowell will continue to maintain a

general practice, with emphasis in the areas of local government, business litigation and commercial real estate. **Andrew Beal** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Best Mentor Award as part of the 2022 Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*. **Marlan B. Wilbanks** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Lifetime Achiever Award as part of the 2022 Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*. **Sally Quillian Yates** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Emory University during their spring commencement ceremonies.

1990s

Melanie D. Wilson (1990) of Knoxville, TN, joined Washington and Lee University's School of Law as dean and holder of Roy L. Steinheimer Jr. Professorship of Law.

Nancy E. Rafuse (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined Sanford Heisler Sharp as firmwide head of litigation. **Matthew M. "Matt" Nichols** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, joined Greenberg Traurig as



shareholder. **Render C. Freeman** (1994) of Duluth, GA, secured a \$22-million wrongful death verdict in the action titled *White v.*

McCommons, No. 2019-CV-307.

2000–2009



Tizgel Mark High (2004) of Brentwood, TN, was promoted to chief compliance officer at LifePoint Health. High most recently served as LifePoint's deputy compliance officer.



Ronald E. "Ronnie" Mabra Jr. (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was named one of eight "Legends & Leaders" by

the Georgia Institute of Technology Black Alumni Organization for his humanitarian and philanthropic

works. Mabra also was named a recipient of the Legal Innovator Award as part of the 2022 Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*. **Allison M. Escott** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, joined Hawkins Parnell &



Young as partner. **Tedra L. Cannella** (2007) of Decatur, GA, launched Cannella Snyder, specializing in major personal injury, wrongful

death, product liability, and whistleblower cases. **James E. "Jeb"**

Butler III (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.5-million wrongful death settlement on behalf of the family of Molly Hall. **Lindsay A. Forlines** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$2.8-million verdict against Somerby Senior Living in



Sandy Springs. **Robert H. "Rob" Snyder Jr.** (2008) of Decatur, GA, launched Cannella Snyder, specializing in major personal injury,

wrongful death, product liability, and whistleblower cases. **Matthew M.**

Weiss (2008) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the On the Rise Award as part of the 2022 Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*.



Bennett D. Bryan (2009) of Decatur, GA, was named a recipient of the On the Rise Award as part of the 2022 Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily*



Report. **Keisha O. Coleman** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, returned to Ballard Spahr as partner.

Laura I.

Lashley (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein as counsel in



the education law group.



Brandon O. Moulard (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein as partner in the education law group.

2010–2020



Emily H. Breece (2010) of Atlanta, GA, joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein as counsel in the education law group.

Steven H. Lee (2010) of Atlanta, GA, joined Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith as partner and vice chair of the firm’s government investigations and white collar defense practice. **Steven**

M. Lefkoff (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Legal Innovator Award as part of the 2022

Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report.* **Ryan**



C. Locke (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Magistrate Court of Fulton County to serve

as a part-time judge. Locke will continue his injury and appellate practice at Locke Law Firm. **Rishi P.**

Chhatwal (2011) of Northampton, MA, joined Coinbase as director and associate general counsel. **Bryan A.**

Schivera (2011) of Savannah, GA, was named a recipient of the On the Rise Award as part of the 2022

Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report.* **Amanda Kay Seals** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was named a

recipient of the On the Rise Award as part of the 2022 Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily*

Report. **Clare Ellis** (2013) of San Francisco, CA, was promoted to counsel at Hunton Andrews Kurth.

Emily C. Ward (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the On the Rise Award as part of the 2022

Georgia Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report.* **Rory A.**



Weeks (2013) of Decatur, GA, launched Cannella Snyder, specializing in major

personal injury, wrongful death, product liability, and



whistleblower cases. **Andrew J. "Andy" Conn** (2014) of Brookhaven, GA, secured a \$1.2-million verdict on behalf of his client Anthony



Wilson. **Jena G. Emory** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, was installed as co-editor of *The YLD Review*, the Young Lawyers Division



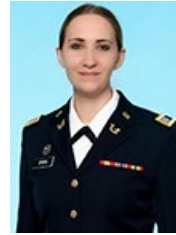
newsletter of the State Bar of Georgia. **Hannah E. Heltzel** (2016) of Macon, GA, secured a \$2.5-million wrongful death arbitration award

on behalf of her client. **Caitlin L. Amick** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, secured a defense verdict in a breach of contract jury trial in The Fulton County Superior Court. **Thomas A. Giannotti** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.5-million wrongful death settlement on behalf of the family of Molly Hall.



Brittany M. Partridge (2017) of Duluth, GA, secured a \$22-million wrongful death verdict in the case titled *White v.*

McCommons, No. 2019-CV-307.



Taylor Samuels Irwin (2019) of Lacey, WA, received a U.S. Army Accommodation Medal and was promoted to the I Corps Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Joint Base Lewis-McChord as a special victims trial counsel. Irwin formerly served as a special assistant U.S. attorney and a military justice advisor at Fort



Leonard Wood, MO.

Reed H. Turry (2020) of Atlanta, GA, joined Chamberlain Hrdlicka as an associate.

In Memoriam

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

[**Douglas Charles Baxter**](#) (1985)
Myrtle Beach, SC
May 5, 2022

[**Richard C. "Rick" Bellows**](#) (1992)
Gainesville, GA
May 27, 2022

[**David H. "Hugh" Connolly Sr.**](#)
(1957)
Augusta, GA
May 8, 2022

[**David Kendall Ginn**](#) (1971)
Johns Creek, GA
April 14, 2022

[**Mickey M. Greenfield**](#) (1958)
The Villages, FL
June 14, 2022

[**David R. Lett**](#) (1984)
Henrico, VA
April 8, 2022

[**Morton P. Levine**](#) (1953)
Atlanta, GA
April 26, 2022

[**H. Arthur "Mac" McLane**](#) (1964)
Valdosta, GA
May 3, 2022

[**Gary L. Pleger**](#) (1957)
Athens, GA
May 23, 2022

[**Robert P. "Bob" Rowe Sr.**](#) (1969)
Ocala, FL
April 30, 2022

[**Curtis Michael Simpson**](#) (1980)
Killen, AL
May 21, 2022

[**Jeffrey S. "Jeff" Ward**](#) (2002)
Savannah, GA
May 30, 2022