Class Notes

Class Notes items listed were processed between July 1, 2022, and September 30, 2022. 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 come directly from School of Law alumni and alumnae and should be submitted to lawalum@uga.edu. Photos to accompany a Class Note are welcome.

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. 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.


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**


**2000–2009**

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.

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.


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
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

  Dalton, GA
  September 1, 2022

- **Edgar Pomeroy Williams** (1962)
  Savannah, GA
  July 27, 2022

- **Heath W. Williams** (1999)
  Atlanta, GA
  July 30, 2022