

Class Notes

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1960s

James E. “Jim” Spence Jr. (1969) of Decatur, GA, was recognized as a 50-year member of the Florida Bar at the senior counselor recognition luncheon held during the 2023 Florida Bar Convention.

1970s

Lennon E. “Buzz” Bowen III (1972) of Eustis, FL, was recognized as a 50-year member of the Florida Bar at the senior counselor recognition luncheon held during the 2023 Florida Bar Convention. **G. Joseph “Joe” Kunes Jr.** (1972) of Tifton, GA, was recognized as a 50-year member of the Florida Bar at the senior counselor recognition luncheon held during the 2023 Florida Bar Convention. **John P. White** (1972) of Naples, FL, was recognized as a 50-year member of the Florida Bar at the senior counselor recognition luncheon held during the 2023 Florida Bar Convention. **Donald L.**

Crosby (1973) of Ponte Vedra, FL, was recognized as a 50-year member of the Florida Bar at the senior counselor recognition luncheon held during the 2023



Florida Bar Convention. **James E. “Jim” Butler Jr.** (1977) of Columbus, GA, secured a \$135.5-million verdict on behalf of Shaun and Amie Harris against Silicon Corporation, Infrastructure and Energy Alternatives, et al.

1980s



G. Wayne Hillis Jr. (1986) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as partner. **Neal J. Quirk Sr.** (1987) of

Atlanta, GA, was selected by the University of Georgia Alumni Association to receive the 2023 Alumni Merit Award. The Alumni Merit Award is the



association's oldest and highest honor. Quirk is a partner at Quirk & Quirk. **Michael B.**



“Mike” Terry (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Distinguished Leader Award as part of the 2023 Southeastern Legal

Awards presented by the *Daily Report*. **Carol A.**

Watson (1987) of Athens, GA, was named a recipient of the 2023 Marian Gould Gallagher



Distinguished Service Award presented by the



American Association of Law Libraries. **William B. “Barry” Hurley** (1989) of Summerville, GA, was elected by the U.S. Treasury

Department and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to serve on the Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Committee. Hurley serves as legal counsel, CEO and CFO of Southeast First National Bank.

1990s

Wynn B. Sowersby (1992) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$9-million medical malpractice verdict against Dr. Yvonne Satterwhite and Resurgens Orthopaedics.

G. Kirk Domescik (1994) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Most



Effective Deal-Maker Award as part of the 2023 Southeastern Legal Awards presented



by the *Daily Report*. **Joseph G. “Joey” Silver** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Distinguished Leader Award as part of the

2023 Southeastern Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*. **Laura**

G. Hester (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as



partner. **Christopher P.**

“Chris” Twyman (1999) of Rome, GA, was



elected to serve as treasurer of the State Bar of Georgia for the 2023-2024 term. Twyman is managing partner at Cox Byington Twyman.

2000–2009



Kelley Martin Robertson (2002) of Gainesville, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as judge on the Hall County State Court. **Mark B.**

Carter (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Distinguished Leader Award as part of the 2023 Southeastern Legal Awards





presented by the *Daily Report*.

J. Taylor Anderson III (2004) of Charleston, SC, received an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell for the third consecutive year.

Robert L. “Rob” Fortson (2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined Gilbert Harrell Sumerford & Martin as partner. **Scott E.**



Zweigel (2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as partner. **Merritt E. McAlister**

(2007) of Gainesville, FL, was appointed to serve as interim dean at the University of Florida Levin College of Law.



Naveen Ramachandrappa (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$32.5-million verdict against the City of Milton.

Robert H. “Rob” Snyder (2008) of Decatur, GA, secured a \$5.9-million settlement against Genotox. **Daniel L. “Dan” Huynh** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the Best Mentor Award as part of the 2023 Southeastern Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*.



2010–2019



Jonathan D. Parente (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the On the Rise Award as part of the 2023 Southeastern Legal Awards

presented by the *Daily Report*. **James M. “Jimmy” Rusert** (2010) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at DLA Piper.



Rishi P. Chhatwal (2011) of Boston, MA, joined Alvarez & Marsal as managing director of the disputes and investigations practice. Chhatwal specializes in forensic technology, eDiscovery and legal operations.

Ashley F. Heintz (2011) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the On the Rise Award as part of the 2023 Southeastern Legal



Awards presented by the *Daily Report*.



Michael T. “Mike” Rafi (2011) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.2-million verdict on behalf of Qiana Duncan and was named a recipient of the

Distinguished Leader Award as part of the 2023 Southeastern Legal Awards presented by the *Daily Report*.

James C. “Jake” Evans (2012) of Atlanta, GA, joined Greenberg Traurig as shareholder in their litigation practice. **Brian E. Lake** (2013) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as Superior Court judge of the Stone Mountain



Judicial Circuit. **Anne Baroody** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as senior attorney. **David B. Dove** (2014) of Atlanta, GA,

was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as interim director of the Department of Environmental Protection Division. Dove will



also continue his service as Gov. Kemp’s executive counsel. **Jessica Barrett Martin** (2014) of Mount Airy, GA, was appointed by Gov.

Brian Kemp to serve as solicitor general of the State Court of Habersham County. **Jena G. Emory** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, was reinstated as co-editor of *The YLD Review*, the Young Lawyers Division



newsletter of the State Bar of Georgia. **Hannah E. Heltzel** (2016) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$9-million medical malpractice

verdict against Dr. Yvonne Satterwhite and Resurgens Orthopaedics. **Christopher D. “Chris” Stokes** (2017) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.2-million verdict on behalf of



Qiana Duncan. **S. Chase Parker** (2018) of Raleigh, NC, joined the litigation group at Smith Anderson. **Daniel E. “Dan”**



Philyaw (2018) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$135.5-million verdict on behalf of Shaun and Amie Harris against Silicon Corporation, Infrastructure and Energy



Alternatives, et al. **Stephen A. Mulherin** (2019) of Atlanta, GA, joined Beasley Allen Law Firm as associate in the firm’s personal injury and products liability section.

2020s



Chase C. Lyndale (2020) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as associate.

William B. Podres III (2020) of St. Simons Island, GA, joined Farah & Farah as litigation attorney.





Christopher J. "Chris" Bertrand (2021) of Birmingham, AL, joined Southern Environmental Law Center as associate attorney.

Katherine "Katie" Hurley Lugo (2021) of Houston, TX, was named U.S. legal counsel of Weatherford International, a publicly traded

oil and gas company known as one of the big four in the industry. **Joshua L.**



"Josh" Bearden (2022) of Gainesville, GA, secured a \$5.6-million verdict on behalf of clients Stacy and Anthony Finelli.

In Memoriam

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

Brooks S. Baker (1987)

Westminster, MD

May 22, 2023

Thornton W. Morris Sr. (1965)

Atlanta, GA

June 9, 2023

Deborah C. Benefield (1983)

Atlanta, GA

April 7, 2023

Lee Carter Mundell (1977)

Savannah, GA

June 26, 2023

Mack O. Butler Jr. (1964)

Atlanta, GA

June 24, 2023

Matthew W. "Matt" Nichols (1993)

Athens, GA

April 12, 2023

William W. "Bill" Byington Jr.

(1976)

Rome, GA

May 6, 2023

John Ray Nicholson (1964)

Henrico, VA

April 12, 2023

Robert C. "Bob" Cantey (1955)

Signal Mountain, TN

April 3, 2023

Huber R. Parsons Jr. (1971)

Coral Gables, FL

May 12, 2023

Randall K. "Randy" Coggin Sr.

(1985)

Harvest, AL

June 9, 2023

George M. Saliba II (1969)

Valdosta, GA

April 19, 2023

Jeffrey E. Grote (1982)

Dahlonega, GA

May 1, 2023

Louis Saul (1961)

Augusta, GA

June 24, 2023

Gerald S. "Jerry" Stovall (1980)

Americus, GA

June 7, 2023