

Class Notes

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1960s



Arnold C. Young (1965) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*

2024. John M. Hewson III (1968) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024.



1970s

George P. “Pete” Donaldson III (1972) of Albany, GA, was elected to serve on the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors. Donaldson is partner at Perry & Walters. **Saunders**



Aldridge III (1975) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024.

1980s



Wade W. Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024. **Andrew M.**

Beal (1986) of Atlanta, GA, received a \$1.1-million judgment on behalf of clients Calvin and Chareka Cross. **William**



C. “Bill” Gentry (1986) of Marietta, GA, was installed as secretary of the State Bar of Georgia. Gentry serves on the State Bar's Executive Committee and has represented the Cobb Judicial Circuit on the Board of Governors of the State Bar. Gentry also authored a book titled *I Want Out: A Woman's Guide to Finding Peace Through Divorce*.



Reginald R. “Reggie” Smith (1987) of Houston, TX, was included in the September 15, 2023,

“Litigators of the Week: A \$16B Win for

Energy Company Shareholders in Expropriation Suit Against Argentina” as presented in the *AmLaw Litigation Daily*.



Smith is partner at King & Spalding. **Michael B. “Mike” Terry** (1987) of Atlanta, GA,

secured two verdicts and one settlement: an \$80.2-million verdict against Marite Mendoza, a \$56-million settlement against Autoliv Japan, Ltd., et al. and a \$113-million verdict on behalf of client Dale

Adams. **Christopher W. “Chris” Phillips** (1988) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*



in America 2024 and also recognized as Lawyer of the Year. **Kirby G. Mason** (1989) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*

2024. **Terianne A. “Teri” Simmons** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was awarded the International Prize of Honor 2023 from Markus König, the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg. The honor recognizes contributions to the promotion of international cooperation and the sister city partnership between Atlanta and Nuremberg.



2024. **Terianne A. “Teri” Simmons** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was awarded the International Prize of Honor 2023 from Markus König, the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg. The honor recognizes contributions to the promotion of international cooperation and the sister city partnership between Atlanta and Nuremberg.

1990s



Shannon Gentry Lanier (1992) of Augusta, GA, was featured on *Wealthmanagement.com*

2023 Midyear Outlook. The article titled “The Joy Factor” discussed the role of joy in wealth management. Lanier serves on the UGA

Parents Leadership Council and is a trustee of the Historic Augusta

Endowment Trust. **Thomas S. Cullen** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion



in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024. **Edward O.**



“Ted” Henneman Jr. (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024. **Frank S.**

Macgill (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024 and also recognized as



Lawyer of the Year. **Natalie Schweers**

(1998) of Augusta, GA, was featured on

Wealthmanagement.com’s 2023 Midyear Outlook. The article titled “The Joy Factor” discussed the role of joy in wealth

management. Schweers serves on the Board

of Directors of the UGA Foundation and the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. **Colin A.**



McRae (1999) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024.

2000–2009

Ashley B. Fournet (2003) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$80.2-million verdict against Marite Mendoza, and in a separate action secured a \$113-million verdict on behalf of client Dale Adams. **Tizgel**

High (2004) of Brentwood, TN, was appointed to serve as chief compliance officer at



Prime Therapeutics. **Tedra L. Cannella** (2007) of Decatur, GA, secured a \$56-million settlement against Autoliv



Japan, Ltd., et al. **Merritt E.**

McAlister (2007) of Gainesville, FL, was promoted to Levin, Mabie & Levin

Professor of Law at the University of Florida Levin College of Law.



Shalanna L. Pirtle (2007) of Charlotte, NC, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*



in America 2024 and also recognized as Lawyer of the Year.

2010–2019



Allan C. Galis (2010) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024. **Ashley**

Gowder Mitchell (2010) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$16-million settlement against Big Island, LLC d/b/a



Margaritaville at Lake Lanier Islands, et al. **M. Cayce**



Myers (2011) of Roanoke, VA, was promoted to full professor at Virginia Tech

School of Communication.

Christopher E. “Chris” Bruce (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2023 by the UGA Alumni



Association. **Jacqueline G. “Jacki” Thomas** (2013) of Martinez, GA, was named to the 2023 Top 10 in 10 Young

Professionals to Watch by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce and *Augusta Magazine*.



Rory A. Weeks (2013) of Decatur, GA, secured a \$56-million settlement against Autoliv Japan, Ltd., et al.



Jenna L. Jackson (2014) of Athens, GA, joined the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta as diversity, equity, and inclusion program



manager. **Matthias “Matt” Ohm** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was awarded the International

Prize of Honor 2023 from Markus König, the Lord Mayor of the City of Nuremberg. The honor recognizes contributions to the promotion of international cooperation and the sister city partnership between Atlanta and Nuremberg.

Andrew C. Wills (2014) of Washington, D.C., returned to Invenergy in the new role of senior vice president. **Cassidy J.**



Grunninger (2017) of Washington, D.C., joined Holland & Hart as an associate. **Andrew Z. Smith** (2017) of

Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend’s* 2023 40 Under 40 list.



Gracie G. Shepherd (2018) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024 for the

category Ones to Watch.

Connor J. Rose (2019) of Houston, TX, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2024 for the category Ones to Watch.



2020s

Addison Smith (2020) of Atlanta, GA, joined Barnes & Thornburg as associate. **Emily**



Anderson Doumar (2021) of Augusta, GA, was selected as one of the 2023 Top 10 in 10 Young Professionals to Watch

by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Doumar recently joined Doumar Rainsford, now practicing with her father. Doumar is licensed to practice in Georgia and South Carolina, and will be sworn in to the U.S.

Virgin Islands in November. **Jackson K.**

O’Brien (2021) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Office of Legal Affairs and the UGA Foundation as assistant general counsel and counsel to the UGA Foundation.

In Memoriam

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

[Linton Kimzey "Kim" Crawford Jr.](#)

(1975)

Cornelia, GA

September 2, 2023

[Miranda Leigh Gatlin](#) (2003)

Greer, SC

September 4, 2023

[Jere Pound Huggins](#) (1968)

Tiger, GA

September 17, 2023

[George Donald "Don" Johnson](#)

(1970)

Alpharetta, GA

July 4, 2023

[Richard "Lawton" Jordan Jr.](#) (1964)

Augusta, GA

August 17, 2023

[Barbara Marie "Barb" Lassiter](#)

(1985)

Ellijay, GA

July 23, 2023

[Thomas Christopher Pyles](#) (1978)

Carrollton, GA

July 14, 2023

[Neal Hamilton Ray](#) (1968)

Norwood, GA

August 26, 2023

[David Rowan](#) (1979)

Onancock, VA

July 3, 2023

[Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler](#) (1957)

Savannah, GA

August 28, 2023

[Henry E. Thomas Sr.](#) (1981)

Tampa, FL

July 18, 2023

[Brian Keith Wilcox](#) (1989)

Newnan, GA

August 11, 2023

[Terrell Eugene "Terry" Willis](#)

(1969)

Dalton, GA

July 22, 2023

[Joe Robert Wilson](#) (1965)

Elberton, GA

July 2, 2023