

## Class Notes

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### 1960s



**Emmet J. Bondurant II** (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was named the recipient of the 2024 American Bar

Association Medal, the association's highest

honor. **James M. "Jim" Ney**

(1967) of Marietta, GA, was honored with the Gordon L.

Blackwell Alumni Service

Award by Furman University at its 2024 Bell

Tower Ball. The Blackwell Award recognizes

individuals who have dedicated extraordinary

service to Furman University or the greater

community. In 1984, Ney co-founded Holt Ney

Zatcoff & Wasserman where he practiced

until his retirement in 2020.

### 1970s

**Robert Benham** (1970) of Cartersville, GA,

was presented with the Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for

Social Courage by the Georgia Institute of

Technology. **Marian F. Harrison** (1975) of Nashville, TN, will retire on May 20, 2024, after 25 years on the bench as a judge on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. Harrison also served as chief



judge of the court from 2016

to 2023. **Joel O. Wooten**

(1975) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$32.5-million settlement for

his client Shakayla Crump. **J. Ronald "Ron"**

**Mullins Jr.** (1976) of Midland, GA, retired as

Superior Court judge of the Chattahoochee

Judicial Circuit after 10 years of service.

Mullins has been appointed by Gov. Brian

Kemp to serve as senior judge of the Superior

Courts of Georgia.

### 1980s



**Donald F. "Don" Samuel**

(1980) of Atlanta, GA, was

selected for inclusion among

the 2024 Top 100 and Top 10

Georgia Super Lawyers. Samuel is a partner at Garland Samuel & Loeb. **James P. “Jim” Smith** (1981) of Macon, GA, retired as judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Georgia after 14 years of service, including serving as chief judge from 2015 to 2023. **Walter J. Rucker** (1982) of Gainesville, GA, secured a \$10-million settlement against Ace American Insurance



Company, et al. **Wade W. Herring II** (1983) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024

Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers. Herring is a partner at HunterMaclean.

**Gerald L. Pouncey Jr.** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by



*Atlanta Magazine* for the 2024 Atlanta 500. Pouncey is chairman at Morris Manning &



Martin. **Sally Quillian Yates** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the

2024 Atlanta 500. Yates is a partner at King & Spalding. **Tina Shadix**

**Roddenbery** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top



100 and Top 10 Georgia Super Lawyers and Top 50 Women Georgia Super Lawyers.

Roddenbery is a shareholder at Boyd Collar Nolen Tuggle & Roddenbery. **Michael B.**



**“Mike” Terry** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top 100 and Top 10 Georgia Super

Lawyers. Terry is a partner at Bondurant Mixson & Elmore.

**Christopher W. “Chris” Phillips** (1988) of Savannah,



GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers.



Phillips is a partner at HunterMaclean. **Kirby G. Mason** (1989) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion

among the 2024 Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers. Mason is a partner at HunterMaclean.

## 1990s



**Jeffrey L. “Jeff” Payne** (1990) of Florence, SC, was elected to Turner Padgett’s executive board where he is a

shareholder. **Joseph W. “Joe” Dent** (1991) of Albany, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian

Kemp to serve as a judge of the Superior Court of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit.



**Jonathan E. Eady** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2024 Atlanta 500.

Eady is chairman at Arnall Golden & Gregory.

**Barry A. Fleming** (1994) of Evans, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as a judge of the Superior Court of



the Columbia Judicial Circuit. **Frank S.**



**Macgill** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers.

Macgill is a partner at HunterMaclean.

**Darren W. Penn** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$17.3-million verdict against Shiraz Kassam, M.D. and was



selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers.



**Ceasar C. Mitchell Jr.** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2024 Atlanta 500.

Mitchell is a partner at Dentons.



**Stephanie Friese** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined Bradley Arant Boult Cummings as partner. **Colin A. McRae**

(1999) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers. McRae is a



partner at HunterMaclean. **Charles E.**



**“Charlie” Peeler** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was named managing partner of Troutman Pepper’s Atlanta office.

## 2000–2009



**Jennifer Auer “Jen” Jordan** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2024 Atlanta 500. Jordan is a

partner at the Summerville

Firm. **B. Alison Sosebee** (2001) of Blue Ridge, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as a judge of the



Superior Court of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit. **Alex M. Barfield** (2003) of Peachtree Corners, GA, joined Tucker Ellis as counsel.



**Leslie K. Eason** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined Barnes & Thornburg as partner. **David P. Conley**



(2004) of Marietta, GA, secured a \$21-million default



judgment for his client Vincent Edward “Bo” Jackson. **Cory C. Davis** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at BakerHostetler.

**Amy Godfrey** (2004) of Newnan, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve as the solicitor general of Coweta County. **Kevin A. Gooch** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion by *Atlanta Magazine* for the 2024 Atlanta 500. Gooch is a partner at Holland & Knight.



**Ronald E. “Ronnie” Mabra Jr.** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$32.5-million settlement for his client Shakayla Crump and was

selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers. Mabra is the founder and managing partner at the Mabra Firm. **Jeffrey P. Shiver** (2004) of St. Simons Island, GA, secured a \$140-million verdict for his client Marie Hughes. **Amelia G. “Amy” Helmick**



(2005) of Columbus, GA, was named as the next magistrate judge for the Middle District of Georgia. Helmick’s term will begin July 1,



2024. **Jonathan L. “Jon” Greer** (2006) of Gainesville, GA, secured a \$10-million settlement against Ace American Insurance Company,

et al. **Tedra L. Cannella** (2007) of Decatur, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers and Top 50



Women Georgia Super Lawyers. Cannella is a partner at Cannella & Snyder. **James E. “Jeb” Butler III** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$30-million settlement for a Paulding County teenager



injured in a school zone collision. **Robert H. “Rob” Snyder Jr.** (2008) of Decatur, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers.



Snyder is a partner at



Cannella Snyder. **Darren M. Tobin** (2008) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$1.6-million personal injury verdict for his client Sean McGaha.



**Brittney D. Alls** (2009) of Augusta, GA, was named vice president for audit, compliance, ethics and risk management and chief compliance officer at Augusta University.

**2010–2019**



**Christopher S. “Chris” Smith** (2013) of Atlanta, GA, joined Smith Gambrell & Russell as counsel in the international arbitration and disputes practice and was elected by the Atlanta International Arbitration Society Board of Directors to serve in the role of secretary.



**Anne Baroody** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was named a partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings. **Jonathan B.**

**Bright** (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was elevated to principal at Fish & Richardson. Bright litigates patent issues and trade secret cases. His experience encompasses consumer electronics,



semiconductor manufacturing, and telecommunications.



**David B. Dove** (2014) of Marietta, GA, joined Troutman

Pepper to lead their regulatory and economic investment practice in Georgia. **Imani J. Carter** (2015) of Athens, GA, was selected for inclusion among



the 2024 Athens Gamechangers Top 10 Under 40 list by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. Carter is an assistant public defender at the Western Judicial Circuit Public Defender Office and an adjunct professor at the UGA School



of Law. **Kristyn A. Long** (2015) of Ball Ground, GA, was named by Gov. Brian

Kemp to serve as executive counsel in the Office of the Georgia Governor. **Emily E.**



**Schifter** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, was named a partner in the labor and employment group at Troutman Pepper.

**Christopher W. “Chris” Collins** (2018) of Athens, GA, was named a partner at Fortson Bentley & Griffin.



**Emily K. Escoe** (2018) of Athens, GA, was named a partner at Fortson Bentley & Griffin.



**Jared B. Magnuson** (2018) of Roswell, GA, joined Lehotsky Keller Cohn as counsel.

**Gracie Shepherd Saas**

(2018) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among



the 2024 Georgia Rising Stars. Saas is an associate at HunterMaclean. **Jacob E.**



**“Jake” Saas** (2018) of Savannah, GA, joined Bouhan Falligant as an associate.

**2020s**



**William D. “Will” Ortiz** (2020) of Decatur, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Georgia Rising

Stars. Ortiz is an associate at Cannella Snyder.



**Devin L. Mashman** (2021) of Decatur, GA, was selected for inclusion among the 2024 Georgia Rising Stars.

Mashman is an associate at Cannella Snyder.

**Joshua L. “Josh” Bearden**

(2022) of Gainesville, GA, secured a \$10-million settlement against Ace



American Insurance Company, et al. **Hannah Elias Sbaity** (2022) of Atlanta, GA, secured a \$17.3-million verdict against

Shiraz Kassam, M.D. **Madelyn**

**T. Boren** (2023) of

Columbus, GA, joined Hall Booth Smith and secured a



\$20.7-million wrongful death verdict for her client Christina Nicole Vasquez-Klecha.



**Frank G. Lumpkin IV** (2023) of Columbus, GA, joined Hall Booth Smith as an associate and secured a \$20.7-million

wrongful death verdict for his client Christina Nicole Vasquez-Klecha.

## *In Memoriam*

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

[Andrew K. Adams](#) (2011)

Alto, MI  
March 20, 2024

[Coy R. Johnson](#) (1953)

Cumming, GA  
January 24, 2024

[Thomas W. "Tom" Bennett](#) (1964)

Macon, GA  
February 10, 2024

[Robert E. "Bob" Knox Jr.](#) (1969)

Thomson, GA  
January 4, 2024

[Michael A. Brochstein](#) (1980)

Atlanta, GA  
February 8, 2024

[Roger J. Martinson](#) (1958)

Eatonton, GA  
January 23, 2024

[Wilbur C. Brooks](#) (1951)

Duluth, GA  
January 29, 2024

[James E. "Buddy" Mitchell](#) (1974)

Abingdon, VA  
February 18, 2024

[James K. Buckner](#) (1948)

Decatur, GA  
February 23, 2024

[Charles E. "Chuck" Rawlins](#) (1972)

Thomasville, GA  
January 22, 2024

[Ronald H. "Ronnie" Cohen](#) (1961)

Savannah, GA  
February 5, 2024

[Patrick J. Rice](#) (1966)

North Augusta, SC  
January 4, 2024

[Rachael L. Etheridge](#) (2015)

Lubbock, TX  
January 2, 2024

[George M. Rountree](#) (1967)

St. Simons Island, GA  
March 3, 2024

[Catherine W. "Kate" Goldman](#)

(1941)  
Bethesda, MD  
March 2, 2024

[Stanton J. "Stan" Singleton Jr.](#)

(1972)  
Chamblee, GA  
January 8, 2024

[Jane L. Swift](#) (1985)

Jasper, GA

February 1, 2024

[Edward J. "Ed" Tarver](#) (1991)

Augusta, GA

February 9, 2024

[Burton L. "Burt" Tillman Jr.](#) (1979)

Atlanta, GA

February 24, 2024

[William C. "Bill" Tinsley II](#) (1972)

Roswell, GA

February 16, 2024

[Eugene C. "Gene" Tutwiler III](#)

(1978)

Richmond, VA

February 16, 2024