

Class Notes

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1960s



Emmet J. Bondurant II (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2026

Benchmark Litigation Star in the 19th edition of *Benchmark Litigation*.

William T. Moore Jr. (1964) of Savannah, GA, was named the recipient of the 2025 Bill Hartman Award presented by the UGA Athletic Association.

1970s

Stanley S. “Stan” Jones (1977) of Atlanta, GA, launched a new firm, Gold Dome Partners.



1980s

B. Thomas “Tom” Conger (1980) of Bainbridge, GA, was named to the University of



Georgia

Alumni Association’s 2026

Bulldog 100.* **Betsy C. Cox**



(1980) of Jacksonville, FL, was named the recipient of a

2025 Blue Key Service Award. Cox is president of the Terry Family Foundation and shareholder with the law firm

Rogers Towers. **Harold E.**

“Hal” Gill Jr. (1981) of Atlanta, GA, joined Parker Poe



Adams &

Bernstein as counsel. **Paul E.**



Weathington (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a notable practitioner in

the *Chambers USA: Spotlight Georgia Guide* 2026 and approved as a neutral of general civil mediation with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. **Susan S. Camp** (1985) of Douglasville, GA, was appointed by Gov.



Brian Kemp to serve on the State Court of Douglas County. **Lori T. Chesser** (1987) of Des Moines, IA, was selected as a recipient of the

2025 Western Illinois University Alumni

Achievement Award. Chesser is president of Dentons Davis Brown. **Christopher W.**



“Chris” Phillips (1988) of Savannah, GA, was selected

for inclusion among *Georgia Trend’s* 2025



Legal Elite. Phillips is a partner at HunterMaclean. **D. Scott Sudderth** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, joined Adams &

Reese as a partner.

1990s

Laurel Payne Landon

(1993) of Augusta, GA, joined Hall Booth Smith as of counsel.



Marion H. Martin (1993) of Atlanta, GA, joined Drew Eckl & Farnham

as of counsel. **Thomas S.**

“Tom” Cullen (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among *Georgia*



Trend’s 2025 Legal Elite. Cullen is a partner



at HunterMaclean. **Kurt M.**

Rozelsky (1994) of Greenville, SC, was appointed to serve as chair of the South

Carolina State Committee for the American College of Trial Lawyers at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the College in Washington, D.C.

Membership to the college is by invitation only to less than 1% of the total lawyer population of the state. Rozelsky was

inducted into the college in

2018. **J. Benedict “Ben”**

Hartman (1996) of St.

Simons Island, GA, was

featured in *Georgia Trend’s*



annual publication the Georgia 500 and was also selected for inclusion among *Georgia*

Trend’s 2025 Legal Elite. Hartman is a

partner at HunterMaclean. **Brandon M.**

Barron (1999) of Norcross, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni

Association’s 2026 Bulldog 100.*



Amy C. Burns (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined Wood Smith Henning & Berman as senior counsel.

2000–2009

R. Lawton Jordan III (2000) of Decatur, GA, was named to the University of Georgia



Alumni Association's 2026 Bulldog 100.* **Shyam K. Reddy** (2000) of Marietta, GA, was selected for inclusion among



the 2025 Most Admired CEOs by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Edward A. "Ed" Marshall** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as a 2026



Benchmark Litigation Star in the 19th edition of *Benchmark Litigation*.

J.L. King II (2005) of Tifton, GA, was named to the



University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2026 Bulldog 100.* **Robert D. "Robby" Vann Jr.**



(2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined Balentine as a senior relationship manager.

Veronica L. Richardson (2006) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's



2026 Bulldog 100.*



Margaret "Maggie" Rentz Smith (2006) of Bainbridge, GA, was named to the

University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2026 Bulldog 100.* **Tedra L. Cannella** (2007) of Decatur, GA, was appointed to the Northern District of Georgia's Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel for a three-year term.



Cannella is a partner at Cannella Snyder.



Rachel Young Fields (2007) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion among *Georgia*

Trend's 2025 Legal Elite.

Fields is a partner at

HunterMaclean. **John B.**

Manly (2008) of Savannah,



GA, was named to the

University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2026 Bulldog 100.*



Gregory D. "Greg" Smith (2009) of Bainbridge, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's

2026 Bulldog 100.* **Jeremy D. Stallman** (2009) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2026 Bulldog 100.*

2010–2019

Ryan C. Burke (2011) of Alpharetta, GA, joined Husch Blackwell as a partner.



Benjamin J. "Ben" Osorio (2011) of Fairfax, VA, was named to the University of

Georgia Alumni Association's 2026 Bulldog 100.* **Lindsey Cambardella** (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni Association's



2026 Bulldog 100.* **Joseph S. "Trey" Bennett III** (2013) of Hoschton, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp

to serve as executive director of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority.

Yasmine S. Antoine (2014) of Atlanta, GA, joined Baker



Donelson as of counsel.



David B. Dove (2014) of Atlanta, GA, was elected chair of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Lee A. Deneen (2015) of Atlanta, GA, joined Upshaw &



Ware as senior counsel. **Hillary**



Kinsey Lukacs (2015) of Atlanta, GA, joined Maynard Nexsen as a

shareholder. **George S. Ray** (2015) of Atlanta, GA,



launched a new firm, Gold Dome Partners. **William H. "Wil"**



Alexander (2016) of Barnwell, SC, was named to

the University of Georgia Alumni Association's 2026 Bulldog 100.* **JD Howard** (2016) of Atlanta, GA, joined Barnes & Thornburg as a partner.





Carson M. Alexander (2017) of Barnwell, SC, was named to the University of Georgia Alumni

Association's 2026 Bulldog 100.* **Olivia M. Scofield**

(2017) of Jackson Heights, NY,



joined Vialto

Partners as a senior

associate. **Taryn L. Arbeiter**

(2018) of Atlanta, GA, joined

the Office of the Fulton



County Attorney as senior assistant county

counsel. **Noël Couch** (2018) of Athens, GA,

joined the UGA Office of Legal

Affairs as assistant general

counsel. **J. Alexander**

"Alex" **Prescott** (2018) of

Atlanta, GA, was promoted to

partner at Fellows LaBriola.



2020s

William B. Podres III (2020) of Brunswick,

GA, joined Hamilton &

Padgett. **Rachel D. Tropper**

(2020) of Savannah, GA,

joined HunterMaclean as an

associate.



Jackson K. O'Brien (2021) of Atlanta, GA,

joined Upshaw & Ware as an

associate. **J. Benjamin**

"Ben" **Hancock** (2022) of

Tifton, GA, was named to the

University of Georgia Alumni Association's

2026 Bulldog 100.* **Kayla S. Hope** (2022)



of Atlanta, GA, joined Krevolin

Horst as an associate.

Andrew O. "Andy" Wilson

(2022) joined Holtzman Vogel

Torchinsky &

Josefiak as an associate.

Devin Berrigan (2023) of

Atlanta, GA, joined Marsh

Atkinson &

Brantley as an associate.

Noah C. Nix (2023) of

Denver, CO,

joined Olson

Grimsley as an associate. **Nia**

Nzinga Norwood (2023) of

Stockbridge, GA, will serve as



term law clerk for Justice

Verda Colvin of the Supreme

Court of Georgia. **Laura**

Jimenez Garcia (2024) of

Atlanta, GA, was selected as

the recipient of the Rising Star Attorney



Award presented by the Georgia Hispanic Bar



Association. Jimenez Garcia is an associate at Smith Gambrell Russell. **Amanda Graham Vassallo** (2024) of Atlanta, GA, will serve as term

law clerk for Justice Benjamin Land of the Supreme Court of Georgia. **Robert G. “Rob”**



Wedge (2024) of Atlanta, GA,



joined King & Spalding as an associate.

M. Gracie Caudell (2025) of Atlanta, GA, joined Marsh Atkinson &

Brantley as an associate.

Jessica E. Cooper (2025) of Charlotte, NC, joined Fox



Rothschild as an associate. **H. Cullen Davis Jr.** (2025) joined Marsh Atkinson & Brantley as an associate.

Margaret “Maggie” Galvin

(2025) Atlanta, GA, joined Littler Mendelson as an



associate.

Megan G.

McGoldrick (2025) joined Drew Eckl & Farnham as an associate.

Brandtley V. Mohr (2025)

of Evans, GA, joined Hull



Barrett as an associate.

Zachary D. “Zach” Poppe (2025) of Atlanta, GA, will serve as a term law clerk for

Chief Justice Nels Peterson of the Supreme Court of

Georgia. **Tanner P. Samples**

(2025) of Asheville, NC, joined Hall Booth Smith as an associate.



*The Bulldog 100 list celebrates the top 100 fastest growing organizations owned or operated by a UGA alumni.

In Memoriam

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

[Carl Gregory "Greg" Bryan](#) (1992)

Evans, GA

October 23, 2025

[Kay Allyn Giese](#) (1979)

Athens, GA

December 6, 2025

[Jesse Thomas Copelan Jr.](#) (1970)

Eatonton, GA

November 9, 2025

[María Eugenia Giménez](#) (1989)

Athens, GA

October 8, 2025

[Shannon Elizabeth Craft](#) (2007)

Dalton, GA

December 10, 2025

[Fonda Lynn Jackson](#) (1990)

Peachtree City, GA

October 30, 2025

[Jerry B. Daniel](#) (2003)

Rentz, GA

October 22, 2025

[Alexander "Alex" Campbell King](#)

(1953)

Brookhaven, GA

October 31, 2025

[John Alan Dickerson Sr.](#) (1971)

Toccoa, GA

December 27, 2025

[Martin Jeremy Lynch](#) (1998)

Albany, GA

November 21, 2025

[Robert F. Donaldson Jr.](#) (1960)

Columbus, GA

November 29, 2025

[James "Jimmy" Michael Ney](#) (1967)

Charlotte, NC

November 17, 2025

[William Joseph Ellenberg II](#) (1982)

Brookhaven, GA

November 21, 2025

[John Kenneth "Ken" Nix](#) (1974)

Greenville, SC

October 20, 2025

[Alfred Zachry "Zach" Everitt](#) (1964)

Augusta, GA

December 29, 2025

[Howard David Simmons](#) (1965)

Atlanta, GA

December 14, 2025

[Mildred Kay Jackson Sollie](#) (1981)

Augusta, GA

October 31, 2025