

Class Notes

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1950s



Norman S. Fletcher (1958) of Rome, GA, was honored with the creation of the Justice Norman S. Fletcher

Excellence in Public Defense Award from the Georgia Public Defender Council. The award will be presented annually to a public defender who shows principled leadership, zealous advocacy, and compassion for clients.

1960s

Arnold C. Young (1965) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Young is a partner at HunterMaclean.



1970s



Leamon R. "Lea" Holliday III (1970) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*

2026. Holliday is a partner at

Bouhan Falligant. **Saunders Aldridge III (1975)** of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Aldridge is



counsel at HunterMaclean.

Jerry N. Cadle (1975) of Swainsboro, GA, was reelected to the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors as the representative for the Middle Judicial Circuit Post 2.





Don L. Waters (1978) of Savannah, GA, received the prestigious Elridge McMillan Lifetime Achievement Award from the University System of Georgia Foundation. The award is the highest honor the foundation bestows.

1980s

Jere W. Morehead (1980) of Athens, GA, received the Distinguished Career Achievement Award from the Academy of Legal Studies in Business.



Dana Garrett Diment (1982) of Roopville, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve on the State Ethics Commission.



Nathaniel Lee (1982) of Indianapolis, IN, was recognized at the National Bar Association Convention with the Civil Trial Advocacy Award, the Presidential Award, and induction into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame. Lee is the senior partner at Lee Cossell & Feagley.

Wade W. Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Herring is a



partner at HunterMaclean.

Melanie L. Marks (1984) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Marks is a partner at



Bouhan Falligant. **Robert B. “Rob” Brannen Jr.** (1986) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026 and

recognized as Lawyer of the Year for his practice in real estate law.

Brannen is a partner at Bouhan Falligant. **Dolly Chisholm** (1987) of



Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Chisholm is a partner at Bouhan



Falligant. **Steve C. Jones** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was elected as emeritus chair of the UGA Foundation Board of Trustees. **Elizabeth G. Marlowe** (1988) of Nashville, TN, was named as the recipient of the Tennessee Justice Center Pro Bono Award for volunteer attorney of the year at the Tennessee Bar Association’s annual meeting.



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

2026. Phillips is a partner at HunterMaclean.

Henry M. Quillian III (1988) of Atlanta, GA, joined Offit



Kurman as a principal.

Kirby G.

Mason (1989) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion

in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Mason is a partner at HunterMaclean.

Douglas D. "Doug" Selph (1989) of Atlanta, GA, joined Burr & Forman as a partner.



1990s

Santhia L. Curtis (1991) of Smyrna, GA, joined the UGA Alumni Association Board of Directors. Curtis is general counsel and corporate secretary at Storm Energia.



Benjamin A. "Ben" Land (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to serve on the Supreme Court of Georgia. Land has served on the Georgia Court of Appeals since July 20, 2022.

Timothy "Tim" Mann Jr. (1992) of Atlanta, GA, joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough as a partner.



Thomas S. "Tom" Cullen (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026 and

recognized as Lawyer of the Year for his practice in corporate law.

Cullen is a partner at HunterMaclean. **Vernon E.**

"Trey" Googe III (1994) of Atlanta, GA, was elected as secretary of the UGA Foundation Board of



Trustees. **Edward O. "Ted" Henneman Jr.** (1994) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Henneman



is a partner at HunterMaclean. **Laura**

Schepis (1997) of Jacksonville, FL, joined Carrier



as policy leader. **Natalie Schweers Coghill** (1998) of Augusta, GA, was elected executive vice-chair of the UGA





Foundation Board of Trustees. **Anna Burdeshaw Fretwell** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026 and recognized as Lawyer of the Year for her practice in medical malpractice defense law. Fretwell is a partner at Huff Powell & Bailey.



Chrisna D. Jones (1998) of Decatur, GA, secured a \$13-million verdict on behalf of her clients against M Relax,

Inc. d/b/a Ponce Feet Spa, Iben Franklin Hernandez Bartolon, and Quijiang Wang. **Colin A.**

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

America 2026 and recognized as Lawyer of the Year for his practice in admiralty and maritime law. McRae is a partner at HunterMaclean.



2000–2009



John D. Northup III (2002) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Northup is a partner at Bouhan Falligant.

Allen Yee (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined Gorilla Mind as

chief legal officer. **Cory**



C. Davis (2004) of Atlanta, GA, joined Seyfarth Shaw as a partner.



Matthew A. Josephson (2009) of Atlanta, GA, joined Chaiken Ghali as a partner.



Harris G.

Martin (2009) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Martin is a partner at Bouhan Falligant.



2010–2019

Andrew H. Dekle (2010) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Dekle is a



partner at Bouhan Falligant.



Allan C. Galis (2010) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* 2026. Galis is a partner at HunterMaclean.



Michael T. "Mike" Rafi (2011) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2025 by the UGA

Alumni Association. Rafi is managing partner at the Rafi Law Firm.

Hillary Campbell (2012) of Birmingham, AL, was selected for inclusion in the *Birmingham Business Journal's* 2025 NextGen 50 list. Campbell is a



partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings.

Michael T. Henson (2012) of Atlanta, GA, joined Barnes & Thornburg as a partner.



Daniel J. "Dan" Noice (2012) of Atlanta, GA, joined Barnes & Thornburg as a partner.

Bailey B. Sabulis (2012) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to partner at



Huff



Powell & Bailey. **Dana P. Zelman** (2012) of Alexandria, VA, joined EXA Infrastructure as legal

director. **Joseph S. "Trey" Bennett III**

(2013) of Atlanta, GA, was



appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp to the Georgia



Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission. **William R. "Will" Keyes** (2013) of Macon, GA, was sworn in as the U.S. Attorney for the

Middle District of Georgia.

Ryan A. Scates (2013) of Brunswick, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2025 by the UGA Alumni



Association. Scates is of counsel at Hall Booth Smith.



Emily C. Ward (2013) of Atlanta, GA, launched a new law firm, Barron Ward.

Katherine P. "Kate" Bell

(2015) of



Atlanta, GA, joined Smith Gambrell & Russell as



counsel. **Andrew D. Mason** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, joined

Robbins Alloy Belinfante Littlefield as

counsel. **Haley C. Robison**

(2015) of Athens, GA, was elevated to the position of associate general counsel and counsel to the UGA





Foundation. **Caroline W. Suydam** (2015) of Atlanta, GA, joined Balch & Bingham as counsel.

D. Harley Yancey IV

(2015) of Rome, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2025 by the UGA

Alumni Association. Yancey is president of

State Mutual Insurance Company. **Joseph “J.P.”**

Hackney (2016) of Charlotte, NC, joined Moore & Van Allen as counsel.



Michael L. Baker (2018)

of Columbus, GA, was appointed as the career law clerk for U.S.

Magistrate Judge Alfreda Lynette Sheppard in

Albany. **Gracie Shepherd Saas** (2018) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2026. Saas is an



associate at HunterMaclean.

Jacob E. “Jake” Saas

(2018) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in*



America 2026. Saas is an associate at Bouhan Falligant.

Gary J. McGinty (2019) of Savannah, GA, was selected

for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2026. McGinty is a senior associate at Bouhan Falligant.

Warren F. Smith (2019) of Atlanta, GA, joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough as a senior associate.



2020s



Samuel L. “Sam” Hatcher (2020) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2025 by the UGA

Alumni Association. Hatcher is executive counsel for the Office of the Governor, State of Georgia. **Hanna C. Karimipour** (2020) of Tallahassee, FL, joined Emovis as senior legal counsel.

William C. Gaskins Jr. (2021) of Charlotte, NC,

joined Seyfarth Shaw as an associate. **Branden S. Homan** (2021) of Atlanta, GA, joined Eversheds Sutherland



as a corporate associate.

Julia W. Ritch (2021) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers:*



Ones to Watch in America 2026. Ritch is an

associate at Bouhan Falligant.



Holly K. Stephens (2021) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for the 2025-26 Georgia Trial Lawyers Association Future

Leaders Program. Stephens is with the McArthur Law Firm.

Christopher O. Brock (2022) of Mableton, GA, launched a new law firm, The



Brock Law Group. The firm focuses on various areas such as real estate, family law, and business disputes. Brock was recently appointed by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners to the One Percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Citizens' Oversight Committee, a volunteer group that ensures transparency and accountability by monitoring how voter-approved sales tax funds are spent on county



projects. **Alexandria H. "Alex" Clark** (2022) of Atlanta, GA, will serve as a 2025-26 term law clerk for



Justice John J. Ellington of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Donavan C. Juleus (2022) of Savannah, GA, was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers:*

Ones to Watch in America 2026. Juleus is an associate at Bouhan Falligant.

Roya Naghepour (2022) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 40 Under 40 Class of 2025



by the UGA Alumni Association. Naghepour is

an associate at Alston & Bird.

Allison J. Fine (2024) of Atlanta, GA, will serve as a 2025-26 term law clerk for Justice Andrew Pinson of the



Supreme Court of Georgia.

Tia M. Brown (2025) of Statesboro, GA, joined Hall

Booth Smith as a law clerk.



Margaret "Maggie" Galvin (2025) of Atlanta, GA, was named a recipient of the

Edward J. Henning Memorial Award from the Atlanta Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section.



Suah Jang (2025) of Savannah, GA, joined HunterMaclean as an associate.



Jacob W. "Jake" Wood (2025) of Savannah, GA, joined Bouhan Falligant as an associate.

In Memoriam

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

John W. Campbell (1988)

Atlanta, GA

July 12, 2025

Jerry W. Loftin (1974)

Woodbury, GA

August 19, 2025

Robert "Carl" Cannon (1970)

Marietta, GA

July 30, 2025

Patrick "Pat" McMahon (1978)

Atlanta, GA

July 10, 2025

Pamela "Pam" DeAngelis Duncan

(1981)

Greensboro, NC

August 28, 2025

Patricia M. "Pat" Moon (1982)

Alpharetta, GA

July 27, 2025

James T. "Jim" Fordham (1969)

Dalton, GA

September 27, 2025

John H. Stanford Jr. (1975)

Atlanta, GA

September 26, 2025

James W. Garner (1967)

Big Canoe, GA

August 5, 2025

Alvin Grady "A.G." Wells Jr. (1974)

Hinesville, GA

July 4, 2025

Wyckliffe Austin "Wyck" Knox Jr.

(1964)

Augusta, GA

August 9, 2025

James T. "Jim" Wilson Jr. (1966)

Augusta, GA

July 19, 2025