

## Class Notes

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### 1940s

**Frank S. Cheatham** (1948) of Savannah, GA, celebrated with his wife Becky the birth of their first grandchild, MacKenzie Forrest Brotherton, on December 2, 2002. **Alexander W. Smith** (1949) of Atlanta, GA, was recently honored with the St. Thomas More Award for his service as a lawyer of more than 50 years as well as his commitment to the Atlanta community. **Sidney O. Smith Jr.** (1949) of Gainesville, GA, received The Sidney O. Smith Fellowship Award in February. The honor is given to a member of the Rotary Club of Gainesville who best embodies the club's ideals and is named after Smith's father.

### 1950s

**George D. Busbee** (1952) of Duluth, GA, was honored by the creation of the Busbee Chair, an endowed professorship for the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia.

**Marion T. Pope Jr.** (1953) of Canton, GA, retired August 31, 2002, from the Georgia Court of Appeals. He has become of counsel with the Canton firm of Hasty, Pope & Ball. **Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler** (1957) of Savannah, GA, published the book *Damn Good Dogs! The Real Story of Uga, the University of Georgia's Bulldog Mascots* (coauthored with Kent Hannon), released in late December 2002 and sold out within two weeks. **Norman S. Fletcher** (1958) of Atlanta, GA, received the University of Georgia Chapter of Blue Key Honor Society's Service Award. **T. Penn McWhorter** (1958) of Winder, GA, assumed senior judge status of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit.

### 1960s

**Gene Mac Winburn** (1961) of Athens, GA, was elected president of the International Society of Barristers for 2002-03. **George H.**



**Carley** (1962) of Decatur, GA, was honored recently by having his portrait hung in the Georgia Court of Appeals.

**Norman L. Underwood** (1966) of Atlanta, GA, presented the second annual Morris W. H. Collins Jr. Distinguished Practitioner

Lecture at the University of Georgia on April 25.



**Jerry B. Blackstock** (1969) of Atlanta, GA, has been named chairman of the board of trustees of Riverside Military Academy and was the first recipient of the academy's Distinguished Alumnus Award. **James E. Carter** (1969) of Savannah, GA, hosts a legal question television show titled "Law Call," a 30-minute live program on Savannah's ABC affiliate that airs every Sunday.

### 1970-1974

**J.D. Smith Jr.** (1971) of Gainesville, GA, was sworn in as chief judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals on January 7, 2003. **T. Jerry Jackson** (1972) of Atlanta, GA, joined Troutman Sanders, LLP, as partner.

**Tommy R. Hankinson** (1973) of Thomaston, GA, was appointed by Gov. Roy Barnes to the Griffin County Superior Court. **Michael J. Bowers** (1974) of Stone Mountain, GA, formed the lobbying firm of Watson Bowers. **Stephen L. Ivie** (1974) of Ashburn, GA, was appointed solicitor general for the State Court of Georgia by Gov. Roy Barnes in September 2002.

### 1975-1979

**Cecil L. Clifton** (1975) of Toccoa, GA, has been named vice president and general counsel for UHS-Pruitt



Corporation. **Donald R. Andersen** (1976) of Marietta, GA, has joined the Atlanta office of the firm Stites & Harbison as counsel. **Nancy Spratt Arnett** (1976) of Atlanta, GA, is in her eighth year of selling residential real estate and is now with Harry Norman Realtors. **J. Ronald**

**Mullins Jr.** (1976) of Columbus, GA, joined the firm of Page, Scramton, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC, as partner. **J. Stephen Schuster** (1976) of Marietta, GA,

has been appointed judge of the Juvenile Court of Cobb County. **Michael B.T. Wilkes** (1976) of Spartanburg, SC, established his own law firm. **John**



**L. Coalson** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in an article in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* about sales tax collection for Internet purchases. **Richard W. Bethea Jr.** (1978) of Chattanooga, TN, joined the firm of Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, PC, as shareholder. **John A. Thorner** (1978) of Ashburn, VA, was appointed executive director of the National Recreation and Park Association, a nonprofit organization devoted to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life. **Gary Gerrard** (1979) of Lexington, GA, discussed and autographed copies of his new book, *The New Social Contract-Beyond Liberal Democracy* at Barnes & Noble in Athens on March 25.

### 1980-1984

**Kirk M. McAlpin Jr.** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Cushing, Morris, Armbruster & Montgomery, LLP, as partner and will continue to practice in the area of commercial and complex litigation. **Jane M. Haverty** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, has been named partner with the firm Smith, Gambrell, & Russell, LLP. **C. Randall Roberts** (1981) of Ringold, GA, has started a third career as a musician after maintaining a solo practice for 22 years and working for the State of Georgia as a counselor. **Horace J. Johnson Jr.** (1982) of Covington, GA, was appointed judge of the Superior Court of Walton County. **Allen N. Bradley** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, has become partner with the firm Foltz Martin, LLC. **David P. Darden** (1983) of Kennesaw, GA, has been elected judge of the State Court of Cobb County. **Gregory C. Sowell** (1983) of Tifton, GA, has been named to a three-year term as a member of the University of Georgia Law School Association Council. **Kathryn J. Tanksley** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Roy Barnes as judge of the State Court of Cobb County in December 2002. **James D. Comerford** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, joined McGuireWoods Consulting as partner and senior vice president. **Michael C. Daniel** (1984) of Athens, GA, has been certified by the U.S. Air Force to serve as the legal adviser to the Accident Investigation Board on accidents of military aircraft involving the loss of life. **Scott L. Dix** (1984) of Lilburn, GA, has been re-elected to a sixth term in the Georgia House of Representatives. His district encompasses Lilburn, Lawrenceville and Snellville. **Arleen Gardenhire Evans** (1984) of Griffin, GA, was featured in an article in the *Warrenton Clipper*. **Donald H. White** (1984) of North Augusta, SC, opened his own private practice and will focus his practice on residential and commercial real estate, creditor bankruptcy matters and probate issues.

### 1985-1989

**John H. Holland** (1985) of Ashburn, GA, was appointed judge of the state court of Turner County by Gov. Roy Barnes in September 2002. **David R. Smith** (1985) of Norcross, GA, became a partner with Bovis, Kyle & Burch, LLC. **Kathy S. Whitman** (1985) of Normal, IL, has been named to the supervisory position of senior counsel in the Illinois Agricultural Association Office of the General Counsel. **Daniel P. Griffin** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm of Miller & Martin as partner. **Lauren H. Levin** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Banta Immigration Law. **S. Wesley Woolf** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Southeastern Natural Resource Center of the National Wildlife Federation as attorney and environmental policy specialist. **B.J. Bernstein** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, relocated her law office to 729 Piedmont Ave., NE. **Becky L. Jacobs** (1987) of Knoxville, TN, joined the University of Tennessee College of Law as associate professor. **Grant B. Smith** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, became a name partner with the firm of Dennis, Corry, Porter & Smith. **William T. Clark** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association as director of public affairs. **Paul G. Justice** (1988) of Athens, GA, has been appointed vice president and general counsel for

St. Mary's Health Care System in Athens as well as St. Joseph's Health System in Atlanta. **O. Byron Meredith III** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, has become a partner with the firm of Morris, Schneider & Prior, LLC. **Susan R. Sorrow** (1988) of Chicago, IL, accepted the position of senior vice president with Family Office Exchange (FOX). **Laurel Kemp Wilkerson** (1988) of Fortson, GA, was selected to be the U.S. Army JAG Corps' recruiting officer and her assignment at the Pentagon begins June 2003. **Douglas P. Haines** (1989) of Athens, GA, together with his wife Lisa celebrated the birth of their daughter, Lauren Ann, on November 6, 2002. **Edward J. Rappaport** (1989) of Alpharetta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm Burr & Forman, LLP, as partner.

### 1990-1994

**Kellie R. Casey** (1990) of Athens, GA, married Donald Monk on January 10, 2003. **Leigh E. Patterson** (1990) of Rome, GA, was elected district attorney of the Rome Judicial Circuit in November 2002. **Lisa R. Roberts** (1990) of Newnan, GA, relocated her firm to 1973 East Highway 34 in Newnan. **Kevin A. Wangerin** (1990) of Forsyth, GA, joined the Macon firm of Bullard, Moody, Garcia & Wangerin as associate. **Brad A. Baldwin** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was named counsel with Powell, Goldstein, Frazer, & Murphy, LLP, and focuses his practice on corporate reorganizations and Chapter 11 bankruptcy and out-of-court workouts. **J. Michael Dugan** (1991) of Decatur, GA, joined the firm of McCurdy & Candler, LLC. **Kenneth B. Hodges III** (1991) of Albany, GA, chairs Georgia's task force on loan forgiveness. **Harold D. Melton** (1991) of Smyrna, GA, was appointed executive counsel for the Governor's Office by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Nancy Ryan Rafuse** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, formed the law firm of Ashe & Rafuse that will specialize in the areas of employment, civil rights and litigation. **R. Brandon Asbill** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, has become the mergers and acquisitions counsel for General Electric Power Systems. **Matthew W. Clarke** (1992) of Roswell, GA, has become a partner with the firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. **Barbara Ellis-Monro** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, has become a partner with the firm Smith, Gambrell, & Russell, LLP. **Mark A. Lewis** (1992) of Park City, UT, is president and chief operating officer of the Utah Athletic Foundation in Salt Lake City. **Benjamin S. Richardson** (1992) of Columbus, GA, was appointed solicitor general of Muscogee County on January 6, 2003. **Mark A. Tate** (1992) of Savannah, GA, hosts a legal question television show titled "Law Call," a 30-minute live program on Savannah's ABC affiliate that airs every Sunday. **Holmes J. Hawkins III** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in an article in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* about intellectual property law and patent litigation. **David A. Roby Jr.** (1993) of Dunn Loring, VA, has been promoted to counsel at the Washington, D.C., office of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan. **Peter G. Stathopoulos** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, joined Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, as of counsel. **Rebecca L. Burnaugh** (1994) of Marietta, GA, has become counsel with the firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan. **J. Joshua Drake** (1994) of Hot Springs, AR, has become a partner with the firm of

Hobbs, Garnett, Naramore & Drake, PA. **Martha Pass Jacobs** (1994) of Armuchee, GA, was named chief assistant district attorney of the Rome Judicial Circuit. **Douglas R. Kertscher** (1994) of Decatur, GA, relocated his practice, Hill Kertscher & Pixley, LLP, to 3350 Riverwood Parkway, Suite 800, in Atlanta.

### 1995-1999

**Stuart G. Baker** (1995) of Colorado Springs, CO, has had his mobilization as a JAG reservist in support of the war on terrorism extended and serves as the legal advisor for the 10th Special Forces Group based in Ft. Carson. **Gregory S. Ellington** (1995) of Columbus, GA, and his wife Kelly celebrated the birth of their daughter, Sarah Jane, on April 7, 2003. **W. Heath Garrett** (1995) of Marietta, GA, was awarded the Blue Key Alumnus Award by the UGA chapter of the Blue Key Honor Society. **Christine Carlisle Odom** (1995) of Raleigh, NC, and her husband John celebrated the birth their second child, Catherine, on September 10, 2002. **Stephanie B. Tillman** (1995) of Thomasville, GA, has been promoted to vice president and associate general counsel at Flowers Foods. **George Boyd Jr.** (1996) of Columbus, GA, joined AFLAC's legal department and will handle labor and employment law issues. **Dorsey R. Carson Jr.** (1996) of Jackson, MS, joined the construction law firm of Mockbee Hall & Drake, PA. **Cale H. Conley** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, announced the two-year anniversary of his firm Conley, Sacks & Griggs, LLP. **Eric S. Friedman** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, and his wife Paula celebrated the birth of their daughter, Ashley Erin, on October 30, 2002. **W. Wayt King Jr.** (1996) of Dunwoody, GA, started the software company, N2 Broadband, in 2002 after practicing technology law and IP with Alston & Bird and King & Spalding for four years. N2 Broadband now has 140 employees. **John S. Mills** (1996) of Jacksonville, FL, merged his appellate law firm with Tracy S. Carlin and Rebecca B. Creed to form the new firm of Mills & Carlin, P.A. **Alexander J. Passantino** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm of Hunton & Williams. **Frank A. Tillotson** (1996) of Washington, D.C., celebrated with his wife Diana the birth of their third child, James Richard, on February 15, 2003, and announced his promotion to senior counsel for the Committee on Financial Services of the U.S. House of Representatives. **Charles E. Auslander III** (1997) of Athens, GA, has been appointed associate judge of the Athens-Clarke County Magistrate Court. **Craig L. Burnsed** (1997) of Dallas, GA, has become a partner with the firm of Vinson, Talley, Richardson & Cable, PA. **Bradley W. Grout** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm of Hunton & Williams as associate. **Andrea Solomon Hirsch** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, and her husband Joe celebrated the birth of their daughter, Eden Leah, on May 20, 2002. **T. Kyle King** (1997) of Hampton, GA, published "Close But No Cigar: A Reply to Professor Graglia" in 25 *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* 369 (2001) and the firm at which he is associated began doing business as Hodges, McEachern & King in December 2002. **D. Alan Lazenby** (1997) of Spartanburg, SC, joined the Michael Wilkes Law Firm, PA. **Tilman E.**



### Chester Davenport - A Defining Moment

The founder and managing director of Georgetown Partners is Chester Davenport

(LL.B.'66), a man who loves making deals. After all, this is what he does for a living. Davenport's multi-million dollar private equity leverage buyout firm has owned and operated companies such as Envirotech Systems Corporation, the world's leading provider of auto emissions testing systems. In addition, he has a history of making sound business decisions in the worlds of real estate, telecommunications and politics.

After graduating from the School of Law, Davenport embarked on a very successful business career that started with a stint in the Tax Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. He then worked for California Senator Alan Cranston, created a mortgage-banking business and practiced law in his own firm. In the mid-1970s, he played a significant role in the Carter-Mondale election campaign and, during Carter's presidential term, he served as assistant secretary for policy, plans and international affairs in the Department of Transportation. In the late 1980s, Davenport established Georgetown Partners.

Davenport believes his decision to attend the University of Georgia School of Law in the fall of 1963 is one of the defining moments in his life. This highly successful entrepreneur had his choice of the nation's leading law schools to attend, including those in the ivy league, but chose Georgia because he felt a sense of duty to be the first African American to attend the legal institution. "It was the thing for me to do," he said. "Someone needed to be the first, and I had the capabilities."

"You can do a lot more [in life] than you think you can," Davenport said. Judging from the success of this African-American male born in humble circumstances in Athens, GA, this is true. He credits his success today to the support he received from his parents and his family.



## Charles Driebe Jr. - Making Music

There's no business like show business, and Charles Driebe Jr. (J.D. '82) knows it first hand. He is an enter-

tainment lawyer and manager of the gospel group The Blind Boys of Alabama.

Driebe's involvement with the music industry began while he was earning his undergraduate degree at Tulane University, where he was a DJ, and eventually program director, at the college's radio station. After coming to Athens to study law, he became friends with the members of the band R.E.M. and "booked their first gig in Atlanta for the grand sum of \$250," he said.

After practicing as a litigator for 10 years, Driebe decided to get more involved in his "first love," music. He began studying entertainment law and eventually expanded to managing musical artists. "I was interested in music first, last and always," Driebe said.

He became the manager of The Blind Boys of Alabama in 2001 and finds the work both challenging and rewarding. "Music management encompasses a host of different functions - planning, marketing, strategizing, promoting and networking to name a few," he said. "It is also personally more fulfilling as I enjoy being involved in all aspects of an artist's career."

During his management tenure, The Blind Boys of Alabama have won two Grammy Awards, played at the White House and appeared on numerous national television shows including "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "The Late Show with David Letterman."

"My favorite part of my current job is those brief moments when I can sit back and enjoy The Blind Boys performing live. I've seen them perform at least a hundred times but they are always inspiring," he said.

- Kristine Fortunato

"Tripp" Self III (1997) of Macon, GA, joined the football officiating staff for the Southern Conference (NCAA Div. I-AA) full time in 2002. **Noelani "Lani" Gardner Skipper** (1997) of Dallas, GA, has become a partner with Vinson, Talley, Richardson and Cable, PA, and has been appointed associate juvenile judge for the Paulding Judicial Circuit. **Patrick D. Conner** (1998) of Alexandria, VA, joined the firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Washington, D.C. **Bridgette M. Cooper** (1998) of Byron, GA, started her own law practice as Fricks, Cooper & Ranck, LLC, in Warner Robins, GA. **Melisa Anderson Ferris** (1998) of Decatur, GA, joined the Atlanta law firm of Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair, LLP, as associate and announced her marriage to Thomas E. Ferris on April 26, 2003. **Justin H. Hayes** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Layne the birth of their son, Hood Patrick, on August 13, 2002. **Robert S. Highsmith Jr.** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, has been chosen as deputy legal counsel of the Governor's Office by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **M. Jeremy Lynch** (1998) of Albany, GA, joined the firm of Black & Custer. **Kristin Burns Maxson** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to James W. Maxson on July 6, 2002. **Sean C. Rogers** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Alston & Bird as associate. **Carter Page Schondelmayer** (1998) of Midland, GA, has become a partner with the firm Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothchild. **Leslie Pickett Sheehan** (1998) of Savannah, GA, joined the firm of Oliver, Maner & Gray, LLP. **William R. Silverio** (1998) of Smyrna, GA, joined the firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan as associate. **Jason S. Williams** (1998), Braselton, GA, joined the Norcross firm of Stewart & Associates, PC. **John M. Wilson III** (1998) of Bend, OR, joined the firm of Karnopp, Petersen, Noteboom, Hansen, Arnett & Sayeg, LLP, as associate. **Keith R. Blackwell** (1999) and **Angela D. Simpson** (1999) of Smyrna, GA, announced their marriage on October 26, 2002. **Adam S. Caveney** (1999) of New Orleans, LA, joined the staff attorney's office of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. **Charles Clark III** (LL.M. 1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined Chamberlain, Hardlicka, White, Williams & Martin as a labor and employment law associate. **Braden E. Cox** (1999) and **Anita C. Soucy** (1999) of Washington, D.C., were married in 2002. Braden is technology counsel at the Competitive Enterprise Institute. Anita is an associate at McKee Nelson, LLP, and practices tax law. She is taking classes at Georgetown University Law School to earn her LL.M. in taxation. **Kealin M. Culbreath** (1999) of Washington, D.C., joined the U.S. Sentencing Commission as an education and sentencing practice specialist. **Rachele C. Gibson** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta Church of Christ as women's ministry leader. **Michael Brooks Kent Jr.** (1999) of Sharpsburg, GA, joined the Carrollton firm of Tisinger, Tisinger, Vance & Greer. **Jungwook Lee** (1999) of Seoul, Korea, joined the LG-Caltex Oil Corporation. **Amy Burton Loggins** (1999) of Marietta, GA, and her husband Thomas celebrated the



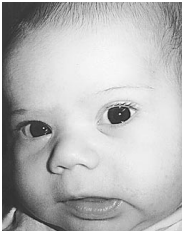
birth of their son, Jacob "Jake" Hartley, on March 31, 2003. **Christopher P. Twyman** (1999) of Rome, GA, announced his marriage to Tashia Nicole Ingram on November 9, 2002.

## 2000s

**Adrienne M. DerVartanian** (2000) of Washington, D.C., joined the Legal Aid Society of D.C. as staff attorney. **Joshua P. Jones** (2000) of Brunswick, GA, accepted a job with the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., beginning in September 2003. **Timothy J. Jordan** (2000) of Brussels, Belgium, practices with Coudert Brothers, LLP, as an associate and recently had an opinion piece on the European Court of Justice's open skies ruling published in the *Wall Street Journal*. **Jin H. Kim** (2000) of Alpharetta, GA, joined the mergers and acquisitions department of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, LLP. **Angela O. Martin** (2000) of Wiesbaden, Germany, is working in a JAG unit while stationed at Wiesbaden. She and her children are fine and are proud her husband Sergeant Major Virgil Martin who fought in Iraq. **D. Wright McLeod** (2000) of Augusta, GA, opened his own law practice at 629 Ronald Reagan Drive, Suite C, in Evans. **John F. Salter Jr.** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Marietta firm of Browning & Tanksley, LLP, as associate. **Nicole Topolski Smith** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair, LLP, as associate. **Michael L. Sullivan** (2000) and **Rebecca N. Sullivan** (2000) of Lilburn, GA, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Grace "Gracie" Elizabeth, on December 18, 2002. **Jennifer Huggins Davis** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to John L. Davis on September 7, 2002. Jennifer joined the firm Jackson and Hardwick as associate. **Douglas C. Dumont** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Drew Eckel & Farnham, LLP, as associate. **Sean C. Fahey** (2001) and **Susan Wallis Fahey** (2001), of Washington, D.C., announced their marriage on November 3, 2001. **Dana R. Grantham** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the Advisory Board of *Trust the Leaders* magazine, a legal news publication. Her practice is in international construction arbitration before the ICC in Paris, France. **Brian M. Rickman** (2001) of Athens, GA, joined the Walton County District Attorney's Office as assistant district attorney. **Misty B. Soles** (2001) of Loris, SC, joined the Harrell Law Firm as associate. **Russell Spivey Thomas** (2001) of Cohutta, GA, joined the firm Tilley & Deems, LLC, as associate and will practice real estate law. **Charles W. Whitney** (2001) of Milan, Italy, associated with Norton Rose in the project finance and energy groups. **David W. Adams** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, associated with the firm of Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP. **Shalena M. Archibald** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, spends her Monday nights reading and doing artwork with the children of Calvary Refuge Center, a homeless shelter serving southern metro Atlanta. **Christopher H. Atkinson** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Burr & Forman, LLP, as associate. **Maria N. D'Antonio** (2002) of Savannah, GA, joined the staff of the Chatham County Superior Court as law clerk. **J. Christopher Driver** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm of Ashe & Rafuse as associate.

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GA, joined the law firm of Ashe & Rafuse as associate. **Erik Figlio** (2002) of McLean, VA, joined the Washington, D.C., firm of Shaw Pittman as associate. **Melissa L. Gross** (2002) of Gainesville, GA, joined Georgia Legal Services Program as staff attorney. **Julie C. Hall** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC, as associate. **Jodi L. Hartman** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Merchant and Gould, LLC, as associate. **Kylie Higgins Hollosi** (2002) of Mineola, NY, announced her marriage to Steven Hollosi and that she joined the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. **Brandi M. Kellis** (2002), of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, PC, as associate. **Sandra F. Lekan** (2002) of Bogart, GA, joined the DeKalb County's Solicitor's Office as assistant solicitor. **James H. Ludlam** (2002) of Marietta, GA, joined the firm of Burr & Forman, LLP, as associate. **W. Joseph Miguez III** (2002) of Austin, TX, joined the firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP, as a member of the labor and employment group. **Holly M. Miller** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, PC, as associate. **Kathryn L. Morris** (2002) of Birmingham, AL, joined the firm of Burr & Forman, LLP, as associate. **Tiffany S. Rowe** (2002) of Alexandria, VA, joined the Washington, D.C., firm of Gebhart & Associates, LLP, as associate. **Alison M. Sawyer** (2002) of Savannah, GA, joined the firm of Oliver, Maner & Gray, LLP, as associate in the firm's litigation department. **James W. Scarbrough** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Dallas, GA, firm of Vinson, Talley, Richardson & Cable, PA, as associate. **Patrick H. Smith** (2002) and **Rachel Krauss Smith** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, announced the birth of their daughter, Hannah Maria, on December 26, 2002. Patrick will have an article published in the July 2003 issue of the *Journal of Multistate Taxation and Incentive*. **Robert W. Stannard** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, PC, as associate. **Bonnie E. Tinker** (2002) of Dunwoody, GA, joined the Administrative Office of the Courts in Atlanta as staff attorney. **Patrick R. Vincent** (2002) of Riverview, FL, joined the Thornton Law Group as associate and practices family, civil, and trusts and estates law. **Dylan E. Wilbanks** (2002) of Commerce, GA, joined the Jackson County District Attorney's Office as assistant district attorney. **David M. Young** (2002) of Jacksonville, FL, joined the State Attorney's Office as assistant state attorney. ■



### Ruth Knox - Fulfilling Her Dream

At a party she attended many years ago, where someone asked what her dream job would be, Ruth Knox (J.D.'78)

answered that she would like to be the president of Wesleyan College, her undergraduate alma mater in Macon, GA. "That was just wishful thinking on my part at the time," she said. But in January 2003, that dream became a reality.

"I certainly have not followed the traditional career path of someone who aspired to be a college president," Knox said. "I had always admired my father [Robert Knox, LL.B.'38] and the kind of law practice he operated." So after earning her undergraduate degree in English from Wesleyan, she decided to pursue a Juris Doctor from Georgia Law.

Knox said earning her law degree helped her develop many of the skills that are useful to her as a college president. "Law, of course, is at its heart a profession of service to others, which certainly is a guiding value for Wesleyan College and for me personally."

Following graduation from law school, Knox maintained a private law practice while serving in various capacities at Wesleyan, including the chair of the board of trustees for several years. "My love and support for Wesleyan never wavered," she said.

As president, Knox handles many responsibilities including planning efforts for the future, recruiting new students, fundraising, meeting with alumnae all over the country and "spreading the good word about this wonderful college." When asked what her greatest challenge as president is, she answered, "that one is simple – never enough time!"

- Kristine Fortunato

The School of Law expresses sympathy to the families and friends of the following law school alumni:

**Charles L. Gowen** (1925)  
Atlanta, GA  
March 31, 2003

**Lewis K. Kesser** (1932)  
Norfolk, VA  
November 22, 2002

**W. Carroll Latimer** (1932)  
Fernandina Beach, FL, and  
Highlands, NC  
March 24, 2003

**Albert Mazo** (1937)  
Savannah, GA  
October 27, 2002

**Hughes Spalding Jr.** (1941)  
Atlanta, GA  
April 5, 2003

**Robert G. Stephens Jr.** (1941)  
Athens, GA  
February 20, 2003

**Allen Richard Kenyon** (1946)  
Gainesville, GA  
February 18, 2003

**Harvey J. Kennedy Jr.** (1949)  
Barnesville, GA  
January 4, 2003

**William B. Herndon** (1952)  
Marietta, GA  
January 3, 2003

**William T. Jones** (1952)  
Albany, GA  
July 26, 2002

**William Shaw Abney** (1958)  
Kensington, GA  
November 18, 2002

**L. Clifford Adams Jr.** (1960)  
Elberton, GA  
April 4, 2003

**Nathan G. Knight** (1960)  
Newnan, GA  
November 4, 2002

**Philip D. Shalloway** (1963)  
Fairfax, VA  
July 10, 2001

**Charles H. Wessels** (1965)  
Savannah, GA  
November 27, 2002

**William F. Maguire** (1967)  
Augusta, GA  
February 23, 2003

**Steve L. Perkins** (1996)  
Tucker, GA  
January 20, 2003