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Graduates in the News Archive 2010

School of Law graduates are often the focus of news stories appearing in a variety of media outlets. Below are links to some of these stories from 2010.

Assistant DA to target drugs

Emma A. Hastings (J.D.'10) was featured in *The Toccoa Record* for her new position as assistant district attorney for the Mountain Judicial Circuit in Georgia. The article was written by Todd Truelove and appeared on 12/16/10. [Read the full article](#)

Jennifer Ammons, Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) director, makes prestigious list

Alumna Jennifer Greene Ammons (J.D.'94) was featured in a Georgia Department of Driver Services press release for being named one of Georgia's Legal Elite for Government Affairs in the most recent *GeorgiaTrend* magazine. The release appeared on 12/7/10. [Read the full release](#)

Georgia's chief law enforcement officer speaks at post

Alumnus Edward J. Tarver (J.D.'91) was featured in *The Fort Gordon Signal* for his speech on illegal drug trafficking and gang involvement in drug distribution in Georgia. The article was written by Bonnie Heater and appeared on 12/3/10. [Read the full article](#)

Mississippi Business Journal's Leadership in the Law 2010: Dorsey Carson Jr., Burr & Forman, LLP

Alumnus Dorsey R. Carson Jr. (J.D.'96) was featured in the *Mississippi Business Journal* for his recognition as a leader in the law for 2010. The article was written by Lynn Lofton and appeared on 11/21/10. [Read the full article](#)

Smooth confirmation hearing for judge

Alumnus Steve C. Jones (J.D.'88) was featured in the *Athens Banner-Herald* regarding his judicial confirmation hearing for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. The article was written by Blake Aued and appeared on 11/18/10. [Read the full article](#)

Lipshutz's historic contributions will be remembered

Alumnus Robert "Bob" J. Lipshutz (J.D.'43) was featured in *The Daily Report* for his outstanding legal career. As legal counsel to President Carter, Lipshutz helped shape post-Watergate ethics rules and wrote the executive order creating the Presidential Commission on the Holocaust which ultimately lead to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Lipshutz passed on Nov. 6, 2010. The article was written by Stuart E. Eizenstat and appeared on 11/16/10. [Read the full article](#)

New book by KSU alum and professor captures lives of iconic Atlanta twins

Alumnus Neil L. Wilkinson (L.L.M.'00) was featured in a Kennesaw State University press release

regarding a signing event for his new book *Running on Full: The Story of Ruth & Ruby Crawford*. The release appeared on 11/11/10. [Read the full article](#)

Oklahoma Shariah Ban Is Blocked

Alumnus Muneer O. Awad (J.D.'09) was quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* regarding his suit against an Oklahoma voter referendum that singles out Islamic law as a threat to the state. The article was written by Jess Bravin and appeared on 11/9/10. [Read the full article](#)
Additional articles: [USA Today 12/9/10](#)

Trustees Name Graduate School for Judge Smith, Approve Nursing Doctorate Program for 2011

Alumnus Sidney O. Smith Jr. (J.D.'49) was featured in a recent press release by Brenau University for having all of its graduate programs named for him because of his efforts as a member of the university's governing board. [Read the full article](#)

Crawford's Amy Loggins Presented with Association of Corporate Counsel Award

Alumna Amy E. Loggins (J.D.'99) was featured in a recent press release by Crawford Company for being presented with the Jonathan A. Silber Outstanding Committee Member of the Year Award from the Association of Corporate Counsel. The release was written by Stephanie Zercher and appeared on 11/4/10. [Read the full article](#)

Yee Family Legacy at the University of Georgia

Alumnus Allen W. Yee (J.D.'03) reflected on his memories of the law school when he was featured in the UGA Office of Gift & Estate Planning eNewsletter for his generous contribution to Georgia Law. The article was written by Mary L. McCormack and appeared in the Nov. 2010 issue. [Read the full article](#)

Cancer did not define Alston partner's life

The life of alumna Laura Lewis Owens (J.D.'85) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* after her eight-year battle with breast cancer. The article was written by Jane Thorpe and appeared on 11/2/10. [Read the full article](#)

Jones files papers for federal judgeship

Alumnus Steve C. Jones (J.D.'88) was featured in the *Athens Banner-Herald* regarding his potential confirmation for a U.S. District Court judgeship. The article was written by Joe Johnson and appeared on 10/25/10. [Read the full article](#)

Women's Health Advocates

Alumni from the Blasingame, Burch, Garrard and Ashley law firm were featured in *Southern Distinction* magazine. Gary B. Blasingame (J.D.'61), Henry G. Garrard III (J.D.'71), Andrew J. Hill III (J.D.'77), James B. Matthews (J.D.'83) and Joshua B. Wages (J.D.'98) were all featured for their commitment to advocating for women's health. The article was written by Krista Franks and appeared in the Oct. 2010 issue.

Governor announces judicial appointments

Alumnus Keith R. Blackwell (J.D.'99) was featured in *The Cedartown Standard* for being appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals by Gov. Sonny Perdue. The article appeared on 10/20/10. [Read the full article](#)

My Office: Plaques are just the beginning

Alumnus Nathaniel Lee (J.D.'82) was featured in Indystar.com's series "My Office." The article was written by Chris Sims and appeared on 10/10/10. [Read the full article](#)

Dooley's Vols come to Athens

Alumnus Derek V. Dooley (J.D.'94) was featured in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* regarding his coaching accomplishments and ties to UGA. The article was written by Tim Tucker and appeared on 10/8/10. [Read the full article](#)

Who's Who in Law and Accounting

Sixteen alumni were highlighted in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* "Who's Who in Law and Accounting." The article appeared on 10/8/10. [Read the full article](#)

Environmental Lawyer and Business Litigator Craig Pendergrast Joins Taylor English

Alumnus Craig K. Pendergrast (J.D.'84) was featured on PR.com for joining the Atlanta law firm Taylor English Duma. The article was written by Annette Boyle and appeared on 10/2/10. [Read the full article](#)

Jefferies Names New General Counsel

Alumnus Michael J. Sharp (J.D.'91) was featured on Benzinga.com for being named the executive vice president, general counsel and secretary of Jefferies Group Inc. The article appeared on 9/21/10. [Read the full article](#)

Whitfield native gets 4-H Green Jacket Award

Alumnus C. Randall Nuckolls (J.D.'77) was featured in the *The Daily Citizen* for receiving the 2010 Green Jacket Award at the 68th Annual Georgia 4-H Congress. The article was written by the Georgia 4-H Foundation and appeared on 9/24/10. [Read the full article](#)

Bishop Eddie Long, B.J. Bernstein a media-savvy courtroom competitor

Alumna B.J. Bernstein (J.D.'87) was featured in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for her media-savvy approach to high profile cases. The article was written by Jeremy Redmon and appeared on 9/23/10. [Read the full article](#)

Gwinnett's largest firm adds new partner

Alumnus R. Matthew "Matt" Reeves (J.D.'03) was featured in *The Weekly* for becoming a partner at Andersen, Tate & Carr. The article appeared on 9/21/10. [Read the full article](#)

Ga. House Speaker to visit GSW Sept. 29

Georgia House Speaker and alumnus David E. Ralston (J.D.'80) was featured in the *Americus*

Times-Recorder for being selected as the speaker for Georgia Southwestern State University's convocation ceremony on Sept. 29. The article appeared on 9/9/10. [Read the full article](#)

Board names new Altamaha Riverkeeper

Alumna Sonja M. Cox (J.D.'00) was featured in *The Brunswick News* for being named the Altamaha Riverkeeper. The article appeared on 9/9/10. [Read the full article](#)

Home sweet home

Alumna Heather Benham (J.D.'03) was profiled in *The University of Georgia Magazine* for her work with the Athens Land Trust, a nonprofit that strives to preserve natural resources and to build green, affordable housing. The article was written by Allyson Mann and appeared in the September 2010 edition of the magazine. [Read the full article](#)

Local law firm honored for giving to UGA

Alumnus J. Anderson "Andy" Davis (J.D.'84) was quoted in the *Rome News-Tribune* after his firm was named the inaugural winner of Georgia Law's Firm and Corporation Alumni Challenge. The firm achieved 100 percent giving participation from Georgia Law graduates to win the competition. The article was written by Lydia Senn and appeared on 9/8/10. [Read the full article](#)

Bright Star: Adam Land

Alumnus Adam B. Land (J.D.'08) was featured as an Athens "Bright Star" in the *Athens Banner-Herald*. The article was written by Erin Rossiter and appeared on 9/6/10. [Read the full article](#)

Bright Star: Janna Landreth

Alumna Janna Knight Landreth (J.D.'01) was featured as an Athens "Bright Star" in the *Athens Banner-Herald*. The article was written by Don Nelson and appeared on 9/6/10. [Read the full article](#)

Bright Star: Kevin Lang

Alumnus Kevin V. Lang (J.D.'01) was featured as an Athens "Bright Star" in the *Athens Banner-Herald*. The article was written by Don Nelson and appeared on 9/6/10. [Read the full article](#)

Wood named new chief administrative law judge

Alumnus F. Maxwell Wood (J.D.'85) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* for being appointed chief judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings. The article was written by Alyson M. Palmer and appeared on 8/31/10. [Read the full article](#)

Smith recalled as underdog's ally

Alumnus George T. Smith (J.D.'48) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* for his legal career that spanned seven decades. The article was written by Katheryn Hayes Tucker and appeared on 8/25/10. [Read the full article](#)

Gerrard chosen new CEO at ACTION Inc.

Alumnus Gary Gerrard (J.D.'79) was featured in the *Athens Banner-Herald* for being selected as the new chief executive officer for the nonprofit ACTION Inc. The article appeared on 8/21/10.

[Read the full article](#)

Judge Arnold Shulman, 1914-2010

Alumnus Arnold Shulman (J.D.'36) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* for his legal accomplishments including becoming the first Jewish Chief Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals. The article appeared on 8/12/10. [Read the full article](#)

On the rise: 10 to watch

Alumni Joshua B. Belinfante (J.D.'03) and Brett M. Willis (J.D.'03) were featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* for the annual pick of Georgia lawyers under 40 who should be on readers' radar. [Read the full article](#)

Obama taps Jones for federal court

Alumnus Steve C. Jones (J.D.'87) was featured in the *Athens Banner-Herald* for his nomination by President Barack Obama to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The article was written by Allison Floyd and appeared on 7/15/10. [Read the full article](#)

On Capitol Hill, Ways and Means staff director wields rare power

Alumna Janice A. Mays (J.D. '76) was featured in *The Washington Post* regarding her 35-year service as staff director of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee. The article was written by Mary Ann Akers and appeared on 6/14/10. [Read the full article](#)

Three to be judged for court

Alumni N. Michele Harris (J.D.'01) and William M. "Bill" Overend (J.D.'02) are two of three finalists being considered by the Athens-Clarke Commission for an Athens-Clarke County Municipal Court judgeship. The article was written by Blake Aued and appeared on 6/16/10 in the *Athens Banner-Herald*. [Read the full article](#)

Yates installed as federal prosecutor

Alumna Sally Quillian Yates (J.D.'86) was featured in the *Athens Banner-Herald* for being sworn in as the chief federal prosecutor of the Northern District of Georgia. The article appeared on 6/12/10. [Read the full article](#)

Chief judge has need for speed

Alumna Cynthia D. Wright (J.D.'77) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding her new role as chief judge of the Fulton County Superior Court. The article was written by Greg Land and appeared on 6/6/10. [Read the full article](#)

Howard recognized by the Georgia Senate

Alumnus Pierre Howard (J.D.'68) was formally recognized by the Georgia Senate on April 27, 2010, for his selfless, efficient and effective service to the state. [Read the full transcript](#)

Wood becomes chief U.S. judge

Alumna Lisa Godbey Wood (J.D.'90) was featured in the *Augusta Chronicle* regarding her officially becoming the first female chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia. The article was written by Teresa Stepzinski and appeared on 5/6/10. [Read the full article](#)

'Great partnership'

Alumni John Phinizy (J.D.'85) and Norman Fletcher (J.D.'58) were featured in *Columns* regarding the rapid growth of the Arch Foundation and their consecutive reigns as chairmen. The article was written by Sam Fahmy and appeared on 4/26/10. [Read the full article](#)

Judge Darden keeps lawyers in mind

Alumnus David P. Darden (J.D.'83) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his service as a Cobb County State Court Judge. The article was written by Katheryn Hayes Tucker and appeared on 4/27/10. [Read the full article](#)

District judge ready for chief post

Alumna Lisa Godbey Wood (J.D.'90) was featured in *The Brunswick News* regarding her upcoming transition into the role of chief judge of the Southern District of Georgia. The article was written by Louie Brogdon and appeared on 4/19/10. [Read the full article](#)

Athens judge eyed for bench

Alumnus Steve C. Jones (J.D.'87) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his potential nomination to a federal judgeship in Georgia's Northern District in Atlanta. The article was written by R. Robin McDonald and appeared on 4/20/10. [Read the full article](#)

Yates makes low-key transition to U.S. attorney

Alumna Sally Quillian Yates (J.D.'86) was featured in the *Fulton Country Daily Report* regarding her confirmation as the U.S. district attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. The article was written by R. Robin McDonald and appeared on 4/12/10. [Read the full article](#)

Howell honored by Super Lawyers again

Alumnus Robert D. "Robb" Howell (J.D.'98) was featured in *The Moultrie Observer* regarding his inclusion in the 2010 Rising Stars listing in Georgia Super Lawyers magazine. The article was written by John Oxford and appeared on 3/31/10. [Read the full article](#)

During career, lawyer has had his share of high-profile cases

Alumnus Edward T.M. Garland (LL.B.'65) was featured in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* regarding his career defending celebrities, athletes and alleged killers. The article was written

by Tom Sabulis and appeared on 3/28/10.

[Read the full article](#)

Shyam Reddy named Regional Administrator of GSA Southeast Region

Alumnus Shyam Reddy (J.D.'00) was featured on the Web site of the U.S. General Services Administration for being appointed to serve as the Regional Administrator of GSA's Southeast Sunbelt Region. The article was written by Chris Hoagland and appeared on 2/23/10. [Read the full article](#)

Martin takes oath in 11th Circuit investiture

Alumna Beverly B. Martin (J.D.'81) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding her installment as a judge on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. [Read the full article](#)

Senate confirms Yates as U.S. attorney

Alumna Sally Quillian Yates (J.D.'86) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding her recent confirmation as an U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. The article was written by R. Robin McDonald and appeared on 3/12/10. [Read the full article](#)

Macon lawyer named federal bankruptcy judge

Alumnus James P. Smith (J.D.'81) was featured in *The Macon Telegraph* regarding his recent appointment to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Georgia. The article was written by Amy Leigh Womack and appeared on 3/2/10. [Read the full article](#)

Lawyers try to keep homeland security in forefront

Alumnus Joe D. Whitley (J.D.'74) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his role in a three-day seminar known as the Homeland Security Law Institute. The article was written by R. Robin McDonald and appeared on 3/1/10. [Read the full article](#)

Local attorney takes on challenges

Alumnus John C. Bell Jr. (J.D.'72) was featured in *The Augusta Chronicle* regarding his life's work and accomplishments. The article was written by LaTina Emerson and appeared on 2/14/10. [Read the full article](#)

UGA Alumni Association announces Bulldog 100

Four Georgia Law graduates were featured in a press release announcing one hundred of the fastest-growing companies owned or operated by UGA alumni. Among those recognized in the "Bulldog 100: Fastest Growing Bulldog Businesses" were James L. Allgood (J.D.'00), Chris D. Clayton (J.D.'83), Samuel J. Grant (J.D.'00) and James H. Moore III (J.D.'81). [Read the full release](#)

Benham recalls his journey to state high court

Alumnus Robert Benham (J.D.'70) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his tenure on the Supreme Court of Georgia and the journey that got him there. The article was written by Alyson Palmer and appeared on 2/5/10. [Read the full article](#)

Macon native will be new 11th Circuit judge

Alumna Beverly Martin (J.D.'81) was mentioned in the *Macon Telegraph* regarding her recent confirmation by the Senate to serve as a judge for the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The article appeared on 1/20/10. [Read the full article](#)

Derek Dooley introduced as Vols football coach

Alumnus Derek V. Dooley (J.D.'94) was featured on Chattanooga's WRCB-TV's Web site regarding his new position as the head football coach for the University of Tennessee. The article appeared on 1/15/10. [Read the full article](#)

Child advocate keeps the faith

Alumnus Thomas C. Rawlings (J.D.'92) was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* regarding his decision to move with his family to Guatemala City to become the Guatemala field office director for the International Justice Mission, a Christian human rights organization. The article was written by Meredith Hobbs and appeared on 1/11/10. [Read the full article](#)

Wynne named Superior Court judge by gov.

Alumnus W. Kendall Wynne Jr. (J.D.'87) was featured in the *Walton Tribune* regarding his selection to serve as the fifth Superior Court judge in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. The article was written by Brian Arrington and appeared on 1/3/10. [Read the full article](#)