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1930s

Aaron Cohn (1938) of Columbus, GA, received the 2005 Bill Hartman Award.

1940s

Frank S. Cheatham Jr. (1948) of Savannah, GA, was honored by having the Judge Frank Cheatham Professionalism Award established by the Savannah Bar Association.

1950s

Ben L. Weinberg Jr. (1952) of Atlanta, GA, received the Tradition of Excellence Award from the General Practice and Trial Section of the State Bar of Georgia.



Charles J. Driebe (1958) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Standing Committee on Gavel Awards by the American Bar Association. **Norman S. Fletcher** (1958) of Rome, GA, was awarded the Georgia Excellence in Public Service Award by Gov. Sonny Perdue. He serves on the UGA Arch Foundation Board and



now practices with the firm Brinson, Askew, Berry, Seigler, Richardson & Davis.

1960s



Wyck A. Knox Jr. (1964) of Augusta, GA, was selected to be listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006*.

Otis A. Brumby Jr. (1965) of Marietta, GA, serves on the UGA Arch Foundation Board.

Chester C. Davenport (1966) of Potomac, MD, serves on the UGA Arch Foundation Board. **Frederick E. Cooper** (1967) of Atlanta, GA, serves on the UGA Arch Foundation Board. **Jerry B. Blackstock** (1969) of Atlanta, GA, was elected as a trustee to the American Board of Trial Advocates. **Albert D. Bowers** (1969) of Prescott, AZ, relocated from Athens,

GA, to Prescott, AZ, in May 2005. He continues to enjoy his retirement.

1970 – 1974

Wade C. Hoyt III (1971) of Rome, GA, was elected to the Heritage First Bank Board of Directors. **G. Terry Jackson** (1971) of Savannah, GA, was elected president of the Savannah Bar Association. **William J. Stembler** (1971) of St. Simons, GA, received the 2005 “Show E” Award in recognition of his achievements and accomplishments and outstanding dedication and commitment to the betterment of the motion picture industry.

1975 – 1979

James H. Cox III (1975) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm Carlton Fields. **Charles A. Hunnicutt** (1975) of Alexandria, VA, joined the Washington, D.C., office of the firm Troutman Sanders as a partner. **Gary E. Jackson** (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was recently sworn in by Mayor Shirley Franklin as a Municipal Court judge. **John W. Robinson IV** (1975) of Tampa, FL, was selected to participate in Leadership Florida. Additionally, he was named in *Florida Legal Elite in Employment Law* and was reselected for *The Best Lawyers*



in America 2005-2006 and the *Who's Who for International Labor Lawyers* (London). **Joe D. Whitley** (1975) of Alpharetta, GA, rejoined the firm Alston & Bird as a partner. **James K. Reap** (1976) of Decatur, GA, was awarded a 2005-06 Fulbright Scholar Grant to lecture at Jordan University of Science and Technology in Irbid, Jordan. **James E. Butler Jr.** (1977) of Fortson, GA, serves on the UGA Arch Foundation Board. **C. Randall Nuckolls** (1977) of Arlington, VA, received the 2005 UGA College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Alumni Award of Excellence. **Paul L. Powell** (1977) of Alexandria, VA, was selected vice president for federal government affairs for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores. **Gerard M. Chapman** (1978) of Greensboro, NC, was appointed to a second three-year term as a trustee of the American Immigration Law Foundation. **Lee N. Darragh** (1978) of

Gainesville, GA, was appointed district attorney for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Theodore W. Kassinger** (1978) of Chevy Chase, MD, joined the firm O'Melveny & Myers as a partner. He previously served as deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce. **John E. Thompson** (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006*. **John B. Copenhaver** (1979) of Roswell, GA, joined DRI International in Atlanta, GA, as president and chief executive officer. **Kay A. Giese** (1979) of Athens, GA, was reappointed to a full two-year term as an Athens-Clarke County Municipal Court judge. **Barry P. Harris IV** (1979) of Charlotte, NC, joined the financial institutions practice section of the firm Ward & Smith. **David P. Hartin** (1979) of Marietta, GA, received the Cobb Justice Foundation 2005 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Cobb Bar Association. He is counsel to the firm Sams, Lankin & Huff. **Curtis W. Miller** (1979) of Lithonia, GA, was appointed associate magistrate judge in DeKalb County, GA.

1980 – 1984

E. David Hart Jr. (1980) of LaGrange, GA, had his business, Mountville Mills, selected as the 2005 Family-Owned Small Business of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. **Arthur B. Edge IV** (1980) of Newnan, GA, was named chairman of the board for One Georgia Bank, a community bank to open in March 2006. **Vicky O. Kimbrell** (1980) of Lilburn, GA, received the 2005 Dan Bradley Legal Services Award. **Neil H. Wasser** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed chairman of the firm Constangy, Brooks & Smith. **Barry W. Burt** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, joined ESC Loyalty (a TSY Company) as senior vice president and chief legal and administrative officer. **E. Kendrick Smith** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm Jones Day as a partner. **James P. Smith** (1981) of Macon, GA, moved his law practice to Stone & Baxter. **Nancy S. Stephenson** (1981) of Albany, GA, was featured in a story in the *Albany Herald* regarding her work as Probate Court judge. She is president-elect of the Dougherty County Bar Association. **Jesse C. Stone** (1981) of Waynesboro, GA, was appointed to the Georgia Council for the Arts by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Louisa Abbot** (1982) of Savannah, GA, received the 2005 Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service. **Deborah A. Edwards** (1982) of Warner Robins, GA, was reappointed the third congressional district representative for

the Children and Youth Coordinating Council by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Gale G. Evans** (1982) of Mableton, GA, was named partner in the Atlanta office of the firm Seyfarth Shaw. **Laurie A. Fowler** (1983) of Athens, GA, received the 2005 Outstanding Service Award from the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia.



Wade W. Herring II (1983) of Savannah, GA, was appointed to the Georgia State Bar Investigative Panel by the Supreme Court of Georgia. **Gail L. Parenti** (1983) of Miami, FL, was installed as president

of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association for 2005. **Gregory A. Adams** (1984) of Stone Mountain, GA, was honored by staff members for his 10 years of service to the DeKalb County Juvenile Court by having his portrait hung in the DeKalb Juvenile Court building. **Dorinda G. Dallmeyer** (1984) of Danielsville, GA, was appointed by the Ocean Studies Board of the National Research Council to a national committee evaluating the impact of fisheries on coastal and ocean ecosystems. She also received special recognition from the Southern Environmental Law Center for her book *Elemental South: An Anthology of Southern Nature Writing* and won the SELC advocacy category for her essay "Waiting for a Train."

Michael C. Daniel (1984) of Athens, GA, established the firm Prior & Daniel. **S. Richard Gard Jr.** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was named president and publishing executive of Dolan Media Company's Missouri publishing operation, including *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, the *St. Louis Daily Record* and the *Kansas City Daily Record*.



Cary Ichter (1984) of Atlanta, GA, announced with his wife Kimberly the birth of Katherine Blaire on May 16, 2005.

His recent professional accomplishments include listings in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-*



Stephanie Brunner Tillman: Hometown girl

Georgia Law alumna Stephanie Brunner Tillman (J.D.'95) balances her professional life and her personal one in a rather unique way – choosing to counteract the hectic variety her career brings on a daily basis with the stability of surroundings she has known her entire life.

Tillman, who has been named to *Georgia Trend's* Top 40 Under 40, an annual list of the state's best and brightest young professionals, works in the legal department of Flowers Foods. Headquartered in Tillman's hometown of Thomasville, Ga., Flowers is a Fortune 500 company publicly-traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

She serves as a compliance officer for Flowers, working to ensure the company abides by all federal, state and local laws and regulations that govern the business. Additionally, she functions as associate general counsel for the company, providing advice and legal counsel to the management teams of the corporate headquarters and business units.

Tillman said the most important aspect of her job involves communication – by phone, e-mail and in person. "I am in constant communication everyday with our corporate staff and the management of our business units, helping to give advice to those individuals who run the company," she said. "This function of my job has really helped me develop strong relationships within Flowers, and I am very proud of the comfort level and confidence others who work for the company have in coming to me with any legal problems they might have."

However, this ever-present element remains the only constant in Tillman's career. There is no such thing as a "typical day at the office" for her, a factor that is one of her favorite aspects of the job. "I see all different types of law – compliance, employment, general corporate and trademark," she explained. "I get to be a part of virtually every legal aspect of the business, and I think that is the beauty of my position."

Tillman has worked with Flowers' legal department since the summer before her third year of law school and was thrilled to return to her native Thomasville for career purposes. She said, "I love Thomasville and really wanted to go back home and be a part of the community I grew up in. My family, my friends and my heart are here, and it is wonderful to be able to come back home to work."

Tillman sincerely enjoys her position working for a big company in a small-town environment as well as in a field that has allowed her to attain both the variety she thrives on and the comfort of a community she knows and loves.

-Kristin Kissiah





**Chad S. Kelly:
Finding the perfect fit**

Before entering law school, Chad S. Kelly (J.D.'02) was – and still is – a Certified Public Accountant. Law was a second career for Kelly, who now manages the Time Warner internal audit function assigned to Turner Broadcasting System. The group undertakes audits, reviews and special projects at all of Turner's divisions, including TNT, TBS, CNN, Turner Classic Movies,

the Cartoon Network, Turner South and the Braves.

"I am in a really dynamic environment," he said. "The media and entertainment industry – a primary driver of our pop culture – is a fascinating business, and I am able to see so many different aspects of this on a daily basis."

Kelly earned both his undergraduate and master's degrees in business, attending UGA and Georgia Southern University, respectively. Following the completion of his degrees in 1992, internationally-renowned accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers hired him as a staff accountant in its Savannah, Ga., office.

In 1995, Pricewaterhouse transferred Kelly to Kiev, Ukraine, where he served as a consultant to the Ukrainian government and aided in opening an eastern European branch of the firm that would offer merger and acquisition support, business advisory services and traditional audit services. He hired and trained native Ukrainians to staff the office, quickly honing his proficiency in Russian.

After returning to the United States, Kelly decided to pursue a dream held since childhood: obtaining a J.D. While attending law school, he also taught an introductory accounting class to students at UGA's Terry College of Business.

After earning his law degree, Kelly associated with Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy in Atlanta, dealing with the financial issues of law such as organizing *de novo* financial institutions and assisting in corporate reorganizations.

However, no longer managing projects that allowed him to travel often or working with people in a teaching capacity, Kelly soon began to miss the cross-border transactional work and client intimacy his accounting career afforded him.

"I like teaching others and passing on what I have learned to see them develop as professionals," he said. "I also enjoy being a change agent – doing something that changes the way a company does business – and my position in the legal field did not allow me to do that on a regular basis."

Kelly landed his current position with Time Warner in 2004 and, despite returning to the financial field, said his law degree has been invaluable.

"I have had a pretty variegated career path, where my legal training has helped in the financial field and vice versa," he explained. "My job involves legal aspects and accounting, a hybrid job that is the perfect fit for me."

- Kristin Kissiah

2006, *Georgia Super Lawyers* and *Georgia Trend's* Legal Elite list as well as election as president-elect of the American Board of Trial Advocates Georgia Chapter. **Craig K. Pendergrast** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm Seyfarth Shaw as a partner. **Paul E. Weathington** (1984) of Alpharetta, GA, opened The Weathington Firm in Atlanta, GA. **Valinda B. Wolfert** (1984) of Dallas, TX, joined the firm Vinson & Elkins as a partner.

1985 – 1989

Lila N. Bradley (1985) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation to implement the One Child One Lawyer Program. **Spencer B. Eig** (1985) of Miami, FL, was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to a judgeship in the 11th Judicial Circuit for Miami-Dade County. **John P. Spalding** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, serves on the UGA Arch Foundation Board. **F. Maxwell Wood** (1985) of Macon, GA, serves as the senior U.S. law enforcement official in Iraq. **Deborah A. Ausburn** (1986) of Roswell, GA, was appointed by Gov. Sonny Perdue to the Board of Human Resources.

Jackie Kendinger (1986) of North Augusta, SC, joined the Department of Legal Affairs of the University Health Care System. **Anne W. Sapp** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, established the Law Firm of Anne W. Sapp. **David R. Stepp** (1986) of



Los Angeles, CA, joined the Los Angeles office of the firm Bryan Cave as a partner. **Douglas G. Ashworth** (1987) of Franklin Springs, GA, was appointed the inaugural director of the State Bar of Georgia Transition

into Law Practice Program. **Joseph J. Berrigan** (1987) of Savannah, GA, joined the Spiva Law Group and will focus on serious personal injury and death cases. **Thomas K. Foster** (1987) of Athens, GA, received certification as a financial planner. He works in the Gainesville, GA, office of Merrill Lynch. **Narayana R. Rampilla** (1987) of New York, NY, was elected as a delegate to the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists Convention in Hollywood, CA. **Brian R. Balow** (1988) of Bloomfield Hills, MI, was named director of Dickinson Wright's intellectual property, business technology and telecommunications practice department. **Isabelle M.C. Clement** (1988) of New York, NY, announced the birth of Chloe Margaux on May 11, 2005. **Corlis P. Cummings** (1988) of Fayetteville, GA, was named interim chancellor of the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia.

Jodi S. Dick (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for walking 60 miles in a three-day breast cancer walk. Her team was named "The Julz" in memory of slain Fulton County Court Reporter Julie Brandau. **Anne P. Dupre** (1988) of Athens, GA, serves as co-director of the Education Law Consortium, which recently received a grant to create the nation's first online interdisciplinary journal for education law and policy, *Educational Law and Policy Forum*. **Carl W. Bowers** (1989) of Kennesaw, GA, was appointed Cobb County State Court judge by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Kirby Gould Mason** (1989) of Savannah, GA, was named to the board of directors for the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association. **Robert L. Welch** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner with the firm Drew, Eckl & Farnham.

1990 – 1994

W. Tinley Anderson III (1990) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker as a partner. **Bruce D. Cohen** (1990) of Irving, TX, returned to Dallas, TX, as associate general counsel of Verizon Communications after four years in Newark, NJ, as vice president and general counsel of the subsidiary Verizon New Jersey. **John W. Ray Jr.** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* performing in the Moonlight Band. **William M. Reid** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Jones & Walden. **W. James Sizemore Jr.** (1990) of Leesburg, GA, was appointed to the Superior Court of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Lisa G. Wood** (1990) of St. Simons Island, GA, was appointed the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. **J. Benjamin Finley** (1991) of Decatur, GA, has been honored as one of the "Top Forty Under Forty: The Best



and Brightest" by *Georgia Trend* magazine. **Kenneth B. Hodges III** (1991) of Albany, GA, announced his marriage to Melissa Ann Kill on Sept. 25, 2004. He was re-elected to his third term as district attorney of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit. **Harold D. Melton** (1991) of Smyrna, GA, was appointed justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia by Gov. Sonny Perdue. He was also named as one of the "Top Forty under Forty: The Best and The Brightest" by *Georgia Trend* magazine. **Dean R. Morley IV** (1991) of Falls Church, VA, joined the D.C.

office of the firm Baker & McKenzie as a partner. **Kimberly C. Harris** (1992) of Savannah, GA, joined the firm Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams as counsel. **Thomas C. Rawlings** (1992) of Sandersville, GA, was named a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Law for 2005-2010 and will travel to Romania to lecture in American and juvenile law at Al I. Cuzi University. He will work with the Romanian juvenile courts and non-governmental organizations on ways for improving and expanding Romania's juvenile court system. **Michael J. Thomerson** (1992) of Rincon, GA, merged his law practice with Robert Spears' (1995) to form the firm



Thomerson, Spears & Robl with offices in Savannah and Decatur. **Kevin A. Cranman** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, announced with his wife Sheila the birth of Caroline Sophia on Sept. 30, 2005. Kevin also joined Panasonic Mobile Communications Development as senior legal counsel and manager of legal affairs and IP. **Allison B. Lawler** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, announced with her husband David the birth of Carson James on June 4, 2004. **David W. Quillian**



(1993) of Atlanta, GA, joined Harbor Payments as general counsel. **Elizabeth H. Stewart** (1993) of San Jose, CA, established the Law Offices of Elizabeth Stewart. **Derek V. Dooley** (1994) of Miami, FL, is the tight end coach for the Miami Dolphins. **Michael L. Miller** (1994) of Decatur, GA, was named partner with the firm Drew, Eckl & Farnham. **Jill D. Prussack** (1994) of Marietta, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* performing in the Moonlight Band. **Kurt M. Rozelsky** (1994) of Greenville, SC, was selected for membership in the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel. He is a shareholder at Leatherwood, Walker, Todd & Mann and his practice concentrates on the defense of products liability and transportation cases. **T. Gatewood Sampson II** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, serves as an at large member of the Gate City Bar Association. **Morris H. Wiltshire Jr.** (1994) of Athens, GA, was appointed solicitor general for



Athens-Clarke County by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

1995 – 1999

Gregory S. Ellington (1995) of Columbus, GA, announced with his wife Kelley and daughter Sarah the birth of Henry Harper on May 8, 2005. **Rebecca Bell Jenkins** (1995) of Knoxville, TN, announced her marriage to Jerald G. Jenkins on May 21, 2005. **Cesar**



C. Mitchell II (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as one of the "Top Forty Under Forty: The Best and The Brightest" by *Georgia Trend* magazine. **C. Rebecca Smith** (1995) of Decatur, GA, joined the Athens-Clarke County district attorney's office. **Christopher R. Stovall** (1995) of Glendale, AZ, joined the Alliance Defense Fund as senior legal counsel. **Robert E. Spears Jr.** (1995) of Lawrenceville, GA, merged his law practice with Michael Thomerson's (1992) to form the firm Thomerson, Spears and Robl with offices in Decatur and Savannah. **Dorsey R. Carson Jr.** (1996) of Jackson, MS, was named partner with the firm Krebs, Farley & Pelleteri. **Jason J. Deal** (1996) of Clarmont, GA, was appointed to the Superior Court of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Karri P. Garrett** (1996) of Fairfax, VA, joined the firm McKenna Long & Aldridge as an associate. **David S. Gruskin** (1996) of Duluth, GA, serves as president of the Atlanta Council of Younger Lawyers. **Elizabeth L. Schuchs-Gopaul** (1996) of San Antonio, TX, was named the chief of entitlements and civil law at the Randolph Air Force Base Personnel Center. **James H. Sinnott** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Lord Bissell & Brook as counsel. **Cathy L. Taylor** (1996) of Beaconsfield, Canada, joined the faculty of Park University as a professor. **Michael W. Taylor** (1996) of Beaconsfield, Canada, was selected as the American Bar Association's Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer for 2004-2005. Taylor is assigned to McGill University in Montreal where he is completing his LL.M. in air and space law. He and his wife **Cathy Taylor** (1996) have one daughter. **W. Bradley Carver** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* attending the German American Chamber of Commerce 10th Anniversary Gala. **Jessica L. Heywood** (1997) of Washington, D.C., was appointed director of the Office of Legal Career Services at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. **W. Thomas Lacy Jr.**



(1997) of Atlanta, GA, established the firm Lacy & Snyder in Peachtree City. **Ian N. Matthes** (1997) of Roswell, GA, announced his marriage to Stephanie Reed of Covington, GA, on Oct. 8, 2005. He recently

opened the Atlanta office of the firm Vernis & Bowling and serves as a managing attorney. **Trina S. Olidge** (1997) of New Orleans, LA, was elected the 2005-06 NALP southeast schools' regional coordinator. **Woodrow W. Vaughan III** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner with the firm King & Spalding. **James V. Burgess** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, announced with his wife **Leigh Burgess** (1998) and son



James the birth of Anna Olivia on Feb. 14, 2005. Also, he associated with the firm Troutman Sanders. **Kelly A. Casey** (1998) of Baltimore, MD, announced with her husband Kevin Mullally the birth of

Madeline Casey Mullally on July 7, 2005. Also, she accepted a position as assistant professor of law at the University of Maryland. **Jeanna G. Fennell** (1998) of Macon, GA, joined the firm James, Bates, Pope & Spivey as an associate. **Hilary H. Fentress** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed underwriting counsel for the Chicago Title Insurance Company. **Brandon I. Lewis** (1998) of Dunwoody, GA, was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* as one of "Ten Up and Coming Georgia Lawyers." **Michele Person Madison** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Morris, Manning & Martin in the health care group. **Katherine W. Beall** (1999)



of Macon, GA, joined the firm Martin Snow as an associate. **Margaret F. Holman** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was named the first director of professional development with the firm Ford & Harrison. **Maggie Lynn Stewart**

(1999) and Paul I. Hotchkiss (2002) of Atlanta, GA, announced their marriage on June 11, 2005. **Charles E. Peeler** (1999) of Albany, GA, established the firm Flynn & Peeler. **Sherry V. Neal** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, established the firm Sherry V. Neal and will focus on domestic adoptions. Also, she will do professional organizations work with Momentum, assisting lawyers with

space and time management.

2000s

N. Orkun Akseli (LL.M. 2000) of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, announced his marriage to Nicola Barnes on Sept. 2, 2005. He also completed his Ph.D. and accepted a position as lecturer in law at the University of Newcastle. **J. Lanier Allgood III** (2000) of Dublin, GA, was appointed president of Allgood Pest Solutions and Allgood Cleaning Solutions. **Kathleen M. Hurley** (2000) of Duluth, GA, joined the firm Fields, Howell, Athans & McLaughlin as an associate. **Leigh G. Hildebrand** (2000) of Washington, D.C., accepted a position as assistant parliamentarian for the U.S. Senate. **Christopher J. Hoofnagle** (2000) of San Francisco, CA, was named the director of The Electronic Privacy Information Center's West Coast office. **Richard Lawton Jordan III** (2000) and Jennifer Auer Jordan (2001) of Smyrna, GA, announced the birth of Richard Lawton IV on April 5, 2004. **Curtis A. Kleem** (2000) of Powder Springs, GA, was made partner with the firm McCamy, Phillips, Tuggle & Fordham. **Kimberly VanBussum Loies** (2000) of La Grange, IL, joined the firm of Archipelago Holdings. **Patrick N. Millsaps** (2000) of Camilla, GA, together with his wife Elizabeth



and daughter Morgan celebrated the birth of twin daughters, Kendall and Alison, on May 6, 2005. **Shyam Reddy** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized as one of the "Top Forty Under Forty: The Best and The Brightest" by *Georgia Trend* magazine. **Rebecca N. Sullivan** (2000) of Lilburn, GA, was



appointed executive legal counsel for Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Robert B. Teilhet** (2000) of Smyrna, GA, announced his marriage to Heather Hedrick on April 30, 2005. **Julie Mickle Wade** (2000) of Marblehead, MA, announced with her husband Andrew the birth of Margaret Steele on April 1, 2005. **James R. Blinzinger** (2001) of McLean, VA, was appointed appeals adjudication officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Michael G. Geoffroy (2001) of Oxford, GA, joined the Telrite Corporation as corporate counsel. **Sally S. Hatcher** (2001) of Macon, GA, accepted a judicial clerkship with Judge C. Ashley Royal of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. **Jennifer Auer Jordan** (2001) and Richard Lawton Jordan III (2000) of Smyrna, GA, announced the birth of Richard Lawton IV on April 5, 2004. **Lynda W.**



Kenney (2001) of Smyrna, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm Carlton Fields as an associate. **Michael P. Kohler** (2001) of Marietta, GA, announced his marriage to Catherine Bolin on April 9, 2005.

Christopher J. McCranie (2001) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Jennifer Paulk on Aug. 13, 2005. Also, he established the law office of Christopher McCranie specializing in real estate transactions. **Christopher L. Meazell** (2001) and Emily Hammond Meazell (2002) of Atlanta, GA, announced the birth of Landon Tate on May 31, 2005. **Clay C. Mingus** (2001) of Winder, GA, joined the firm Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson as an associate. **Matthew J. Pulliam** (2001) of Grayson, GA, joined the firm Greenberg Traurig as an associate. **Charles S. Smith** (2001) of Indianapolis, IN, joined the firm Schultz & Pogue in Carmel, IN. **Peter Werdesheim** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair as an associate. **Charles W. Whitney Jr.** (2001) of Marietta, GA, was transferred to the London, England, office of Norton Rose after three years in the firm's Milan, Italy, office. He



will join the energy group, focusing on oil and gas financing. **David W. Adams** (2002) and **Mary Paige Adams** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, announced their marriage on May 7, 2005. David joined the firm

Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan as an associate. **A. Bryan Baer** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Foltz Martin as an associate. **Aretha V. Blake** (2002) of Charlotte, NC, established the firm Baker & Blake. **Bryan A. Dykes** (2002) of Chattanooga, TN, joined the Law Office of Scott Berghold as an associate. **Holly Miller Gentry** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to James H. Gentry III on April 2, 2005. **Andrew E. Goldner** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined The Weathington Firm as an associ-



Luis A. Aguilar: Committed to his community

As a partner with the Atlanta office of McKenna Long & Aldridge, Luis A. Aguilar (J.D.'79) is quite the globetrotter. Aguilar continuously travels throughout the world to practice law, as his work covers a wide variety of legal matters, including general corporate and business law, international transactions and securities law.

"Most of my work is with people who are trying to build businesses, helping them to reach their goals," he said. "It is exciting to help companies that are growing or entering into new sectors, aiding them in raising the capital they need to enter new markets and acquire those additional resources, operations and assets they need to enhance their businesses.

"It gives me a great sense of accomplishment when I realize I played a part in business owners and organizations enjoying the fruits of their labor after years of hard work," he said.

Originally from Cuba, Aguilar immigrated to the United States when he was seven. His enthusiasm for law developed as a high school student, when the Civil Rights Movement was at its peak. His high school had just become racially integrated, and he became interested in how the legal processes surrounding issues of race impacted communities like his own.

Over the years, Aguilar has been very active outside of his legal practice. Currently, he chairs the Latin American Association, an organization long recognized as the pre-eminent group concerned with Hispanic issues in Georgia, and sits on the board of CIFAL Atlanta, a public-private partnership between the United Nations and the city of Atlanta dedicated to training civil and political leaders in the areas of sustainable urbanization and human, social and economic development. He has also assisted groups such as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), which employs legal tactics to promote the civil rights of Latinos.

Aguilar's hard work with these organizations has not gone unrecognized. In 2005 alone, he was selected as the Member of the Year by the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, named the Latino Attorney of the Year by the Hispanic National Bar Association, included in the 2005-06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and received MALDEF's Excellence in Leadership Award.

Aguilar said his involvement in these organizations provides a platform for analyzing a variety of issues – in particular, the effects that have arisen in business and in our communities from the tremendous growth of the Hispanic community.

-Kristin Kissiah

ate. **Rishi R. Hingoraney** (2002) of Arlington, VA, was named the director of government relations for the National Newspaper Association in Washington, D.C. **Christi E. Horne** (2002) of Macon, GA, was named managing partner in the firm Horne & Horne. **Paul I. Hotchkiss** (2002) and Maggie Lynn Stewart (1999) of Atlanta, GA, announced their marriage on June 11, 2005. **Kelly D. Kautz** (2002) of Snellville, GA, joined the firm Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco as a closing attorney. **Melissa L. Kotun** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Jackson Lewis as an associate. **Emily Hammond Meazell** (2002) and Christopher L. Meazell (2001) of Atlanta, GA, announced the birth of Landon Tate on May 31, 2005. **W. Joseph Miguez** (2002) of Frisco, TX, joined the firm Littler Mendelson as an associate. **Laura Harriman Wheaton** (2002) of Statesboro, GA, announced with her husband Patrick the birth



K. Duncan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. **Benjamin J. Vinson** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the government affairs practice group of the firm McKenna, Long & Aldridge as an associate and will focus primarily on state and local legislative issues. Prior to joining the firm, he served as counsel to the majority caucus in the Georgia House of Representatives. **Kathryn Morris Willis** (2002) of Birmingham, AL, announced her marriage to Edward Willis on Sept. 25, 2004. **Kenneth L. Alger II** (2003)

of John William on Jan. 18, 2005. **Natalie S. Woodward** (2002) of Marietta, GA, was selected as a "Georgia Rising Star for 2005." **Brian C. Vick** (2002) of Cary, NC, accepted a judicial clerkship with Judge Allyson

of Stanley, VA, joined the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney and will prosecute all cases in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. **Joshua B. Belinfante** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm Balch



& Bingham as an associate. **Gabriel R. Bradford** (2003) of Athens, GA, together with his wife Shelley and daughter Sawyer celebrated the birth of Margaret Ry on May 18, 2005. Also, he was named partner with the firm Tolbert, Bradford & Associates in Jefferson, GA. **Michelle L. Carter** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm King & Spalding as an associate. **Jehan Y. El-Jourbagy** (2003) of Macon, GA, accepted a judicial clerkship with Judge Parrott in the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit.

Christian Fichter (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins as an associate. **Katherine R. Lahnstein** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Morris, Manning & Martin as an associate in the intellectual property group.

John K. Larkins III (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Rogers & Hardin as an associate.

Tonya F. Stokes (2003) of Stone Mountain, GA, joined the firm Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair as an associate. **Hillary Smith Stringfellow** (2003) of Macon, GA, joined the firm Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford, and Martin as an associate.

Lonnie W. Worley (2003) of Brunswick, GA, joined the legal staff of Glynn County as an assistant county attorney. **Christopher C. Anderson** (2004) of Charlotte, NC, joined the firm Homesley, Goodman & Wingo as an associate.



Christopher A. Cosper (2004) of Augusta, GA, together with his wife Liz celebrated the birth of Elijah Graham. Also, he joined the firm Hull, Towill, Norman, Barrett & Salley as an associate.

Amanda Parker DeFede (2004) of Fairfax, VA, joined the firm William Reichart & Associates as an associate. **Kyle W. Dunton** (2004) of Douglasville, GA, joined the firm Goodman, McGuffey, Lindsey & Johnson as an associate. **Christopher C. Frost** (2004) of

Birmingham, AL, joined the firm Maynard Cooper & Gale as an associate. **Eric S. Fulcher** (2004) of Savannah, GA, joined the firm Bouhan, Williams & Levy as an associate.



Elizabeth Cavagnolo Johnson (2004) of Campbell, CA, announced her marriage to Chris Johnson on May 13, 2005. Also, she joined the firm O'Melveny & Meyers as the attorney recruiting and development coordinator.

Kimberly A. Henderson (2004) of Evans, GA, joined the Cobb County Solicitor General's Office. **William R. Merck** (2004) of Athens, GA, joined the Athens-Clarke County State Court as a judicial clerk. **Steven C. Miller** (2004) of Williamsburg, VA, joined the firm Jones, Blechman, Woltz & Kelly as an associate. **Robert Glenn Morton III** (2004) and **Erica Wright Morton** (2004) of Kennesaw, GA, announced their marriage on May 28, 2005. Robert is an assistant district attorney in Cherokee County, and Erica is an associate with the firm Hicks, Casey & Foster. **Cathleen M. Nowlen** (2004) of Medford, NJ, joined the firm White & Williams as an associate. Also, she was accepted into the LL.M. program in tax at New York University. **Stephanie L. Steele** (2004) of Marietta, GA, accepted a judicial clerkship with

Judge Beverly Collins of the Cobb County State Court.



Jeffrey L. Stern (2004) of Kodak, TN, announced the birth of his granddaughter, Liberty Grace Matthews on Dec. 3, 2004. Also, he joined the firm Charles Poole & Associates as an associate.

Edwina M. Watkins (2004) of Marietta, GA, joined the State Law Department as an assistant attorney general. **Colin S. Wright** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of the firm Merchant & Gould as an associate focusing on intellectual property law. **Maria Maddox Conde** (2005) of Gainesville, GA, announced her marriage to Ignacio Conde on Aug. 20, 2005. **L. John Edwards** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker as an associate. **David M. Gersh** (2005) of Decatur, GA, announced his marriage to Andrea Jeanne Mondschein on March 5, 2005. **Danielle A. Logan** (2005) of Charlotte, NC, joined the firm Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson as an associate. **Jadun O. McCarthy** (2005) of Macon, GA, joined the faculty of Northeast High School. **Suzanne E. Temple** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm Stearns-Montgomery as an associate.

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