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1940s

Morris W. Macey (1943) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Frank S.**

Cheatham (1948) of Savannah, GA, received the Law School Association's 2002

Distinguished Service Scroll Award during the annual meeting of the State Bar of Georgia.

Thomas C. Penland (1948) of Thomasville, GA, has been awarded emeritus status by the State Bar of Georgia. **Kirk M. McAlpin** (1949) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Thomas B. Murphy (1949) of Bremen, GA, was selected to receive the 2002 Chairperson's Award by the Georgia Indigent Defense Council.

1950s

Robert E. Flourney Jr. (1952) of Marietta, GA, has become a member of the Judicial

Nominating Commission. **Barry Phillips**

(1954) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Ben L. Weinberg (1952) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Nickolas P. Chilivis (1953) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

D. Robert Cumming Jr. (1953) of Atlanta, GA, is alive and well. Cumming was mistakenly reported as

deceased in the spring 2002 issue of the *Advocate*. Our sincere apologies to his family and friends and to our readership. **Benjamin B.**

Mills Jr. (1959) of Fitzgerald, GA, has been elected vice chairman of the board of Colony

Bankcorp, Inc.

1960s

L. Clifford Adams Jr. (1960) of Elberton, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Emmet J. Bondurant II (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was

named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

M. T. Simmons Jr. (1960) of Decatur, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Gene Mac Winburn (1961) of Athens, GA, has been elected to the

International Society of Barristers. **Sidney F.**

Wheeler (1962) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in

the Metro Area." **J. Vincent Cook Jr.** (1964) of Athens, GA, has been appointed to a second three-year term on the board of trustees of the Civil Justice Foundation of America. **James H. Blanchard** (1965) of Columbus, GA, has been honored by having a planned \$5.6 million comprehensive facility at Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation named after him.

Edward T. M. Garland (1965) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

C. Wilbur Warner Jr. (1965) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

James M. Ney (1967) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

William U. Norwood (1967) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Maurice M. Sponcler Jr. (1967) of Dalton, GA, has formed the firm of Sponcler & Tharpe, LLC. **George L.**

Daves (1968) of Washington, D.C., has joined the staff of the U.S. Library of Congress. **Dale M. Schwartz** (1968) of Sandy Springs, GA, was

named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

James W. Wimberly Jr. (1968) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Jerry B. Blackstock (1969) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area" and was named Defense

Lawyer of the Year by the State Bar of Georgia. **Nathaniel G. Slaughter** (1969) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Robert Benham (1970) of Cartersville, GA, received the H. Sol Clark Award which honors an individual lawyer who has excelled in one or more of a variety of activities which provide legal services to the poor. **J. L. Edmondson** (1971) of Atlanta, GA, has assumed the duties of chief judge of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Edward E. Bates Jr. (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

James D. Fagan (1973) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Frank S. McGaughey III (1973) of Williamson, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Jack S. Schroder Jr. (1973) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Tyler E. Wren (1973) of Wayne, PA, has joined the Philadelphia law firm of Sprague & Sprague.

Michael J. Bowers (1974) of Stone Mountain, GA, has been made name partner at Meadows, Ichter & Bowers. **Steven P. Gilliam** (1974) of Gainesville, GA, has been appointed vice chair of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School Board of Trustees. **Henry C. Tharpe Jr.** (1974) of Dalton, GA, has formed the firm of Sponcler & Tharpe, LLC.

1975-79

Paul W. Bonapfel (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed U.S. bankruptcy judge for the



Northern District of Georgia in April 2002.

Roger A. Briney (1975) of Great Falls, VA, has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Davis, Wright & Tremaine, LLP, as of counsel and will specialize in telecommunications and

government procurement law. **James H. Cox III** (1975) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Greenberg Traurig as a shareholder and senior litigator.

Deppish Kirkland III (1975) of Burbank, CA, has been actively pursuing a new career as an actor/playwright in Hollywood since June 2002.

Henry T. Swann III (1975) of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, was awarded the 2002 Clayton B. Burton Award of Excellence during the annual Military Law & Legal Assistance Symposium.

Keith W. Vaughan (1975) of Winston-Salem, NC, has become managing partner and chairman of the management committee at Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice. **Joe D. Whitley** (1975) of Dunwoody, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Susan Williams Bisson (1976) of Dalton, GA, has joined the firm of Sponcler and Tharpe, LLC. **Kenneth Klein** (1976) of Arlington, VA, has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw as partner. **John K. Larkins Jr.** (1976) of Dunwoody, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Martha C. Perrin (1976) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

Holly K. Sparrow (1976) of Atlanta, GA, has become a deputy court administrator in the clerk's office of the Georgia Court of Appeals. **Benjamin S. Williams** (1976) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

H. Lane Young II (1976) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in

the Metro Area." **Rikard L. Bridges** (1977) of Athens, GA, has joined the Athens office of Evert & Weathersby, LLC. **John L. Coalson** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **John L. Douglas** (1977) of Norcross, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's*



list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Michael Hinkley** (1977) of Pearl Harbor, HI, has been selected by the U.S. Navy to serve as the circuit military judge for the Island Judicial Circuit, Pearl Harbor, HI, for a three-

year term beginning July 2002. **Rod G. Meadows** (1977) of McDonough, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **J. Stephen Shi** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area" and for the ninth straight year was named one of the best environmental lawyers in the country in the *Best Lawyers in America*. He recently retired as a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve after 33 years of service and received the Legion of Merit Award. **John C. Weitnauer** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **John D. Capers** (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **John A. Cutler** (1978) of Fairfax, VA, has joined the U.S. Office of Personnel Management as project leader for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. **N. Karen Deming** (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Ruth A. Knox** (1978) of Atlanta, GA, has been named acting president of Wesleyan College in Macon, GA. **C. Wade Monk II** (1978) of Rome, GA, has joined Floyd Medical Center as general counsel. **William D. deGolian** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was elected president of the Atlanta Bar Association for 2002-03 in May 2002. **Hugh G. Flanders Jr.** (1979) of Dublin, GA, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia for 2002-03. **Joseph M. Freeman** (1979) of Marietta, GA, has been promoted to assistant general counsel at Cox Communications, Inc. **Neil C. Gordon** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the banking and bankruptcy groups of Arnall, Golden & Gregory as partner. **Weyman T. Johnson Jr.** (1979) of Stockbridge, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Richard L.**

Shackelford (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **David R. Sweat** (1979) of Athens, GA, won the superior court election for Athens-Clarke County and was sworn into office in late December 2002. **Jane F. Thorpe** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

1980-84

H. Michael Bagley (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Douglas A. Bennett** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Tony G. Mills** (1980) of Marietta, GA, has joined the firm of Ryan & Co. as executive vice president and general counsel. **Donald F. Samuel** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Barry W. Burt** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, is pleased to announce



his marriage to Sharon Johnson on September 29, 2002. **Bertis E. Downs IV** (1981) of Athens, GA, is shown with Trevor Burke, Q.C., counsel for defendant in the recent case of *Regina v. Buck*. The case was quite a valuable learning experience for Downs who managed to keep his entertainment law class going despite the London commute (thanks to spring break and the able assistance from his colleagues). **Bobby G. Pope** (1981) of Kennesaw, GA, is the managing attorney of the new Kennesaw office of Johnson and Hardwick. **Grant T. Stein** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Nora M. Tocups** (1981) of Decatur, GA, formerly a partner with Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, is proud to announce the opening of her own law firm specializing in patent practice and located at 140 Pinecrest Avenue, Decatur, GA. **Michael S. Bradley** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Timothy O. Davis** (1982) of Albany, GA, has joined the firm of Langley & Lee, LLC, as a member. **Patricia G. Griffith** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **William D. Harvard** (1982) of Bogart, GA, has joined the Athens office of Evert & Weathersby, LLC. **Nathaniel Lee** (1982) of Indianapolis, IN, was elected chairman of the board of the Marion County Bar Association. **Stephen D. Libowsky** (1982) of



Governor George Busbee: Continuing to Build His Legacy

Governor George Busbee (LL.B.'52) has played many roles in life, from newspaper delivery boy to Navy pilot to Georgia's governor. He can now add Button Gwinnett Award recipient to his list of accomplishments.

Busbee was recently honored with the award, presented annually by the Council for Quality Growth to an individual or organization that exemplifies commitment to quality of life for Gwinnett County, GA. The award is named after Button Gwinnett, an American revolutionary war leader and the county's namesake.

Busbee's distinguished political career began in 1956, when local leaders urged him to run for a seat in the Georgia General Assembly. Planning on serving only two years, he could not have imagined he was only at the beginning of an extensive career in public service. Two years turned into 18 years in the Georgia House of Representatives, which he promptly followed with two terms as governor.

As governor, Busbee lived up to his campaign slogan of "a work horse, not a show horse" by rewriting the Georgia Constitution into the version we have today and making economic development and quality education the hallmarks of his administration. He was the first governor of Georgia to serve two consecutive four-year terms and enjoyed great popularity within the government and with the people of the state.

These days, this retired partner of King & Spalding stays busy with his hobbies of fishing, playing tennis and piloting his own plane. He and his wife Mary Beth, who he met on a blind date in Athens, have four children and 11 grandchildren.

- Kristine Fortunato

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Chicago, IL, has joined the firm of Howrey, Simon, Arnold & White as a partner and is helping to build the practice at the firm's new Chicago office. **S. Andrew McKay** (1982) of Lawrenceville, GA, has joined the firm of Miller & Martin, LLP, as partner and will continue to practice in the area of corporate finance. **Allen N. Bradley** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the law firm of Foltz Martin, LLC, as of counsel. **James B. Durham** (1983) of Brunswick, GA, was elected president of the State Bar of Georgia for the 2002-03 term. **J. Randolph Evans** (1983) of Powder Springs, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **David W. Hull** (1983) of Brussels, Belgium, has joined the Brussels office of Covington & Burling as partner and is head of the firm's European antitrust practice. **James B. Matthews III** (1983) of Athens, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Wade A. Buser**



(1984) of Roswell, GA, has been named head of the real estate department at the Norcross firm of Thompson, O'Brien, Kemp & Nasuti. **John K. Culpepper** (1984) of Signal Mountain, TN, is a shareholder at the newly formed firm of Shumacker,

Witt, Gaither & Whitaker, PC. **Cary Ichter** (1984) Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Katherine B. Monahan** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, has been appointed chief of the Terrorism, Violent Crimes and Firearms Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office. **Peter J. Skandalakis** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, has been appointed by Gov. Roy Barnes as a special prosecutor for allegations of corruption made against the parole board and the attorney general's office.

1985-89

Amy S. Gellins (1985) of Athens, GA, received the 2002 Equal Justice Foundation Public Interest Award for outstanding commitment to public interest. **Steven M. Goldman** (1985) of Bethesda, MD, has been promoted to senior vice president and associate general counsel in the law department of Marriott International, Inc. **W. Steven Harrell** (1985) of Jeffersonville, GA, is pleased to announce the publication of his first novel, *The Unionist*. **Vivian D. Hoard** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, is pleased to announce the opening of The Hoard Law Firm, PC, located at 2000 Powers Ferry Rd., Ste. 535 in

Marietta, GA. Her practice will focus on the representation of clients in all tax matters including civil and criminal disputes. **Walter E. Johnson** (1985) of Cartersville, GA, has been appointed magistrate judge of the Rome division of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. **Harry W. MacDougald** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the Atlanta office of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice as of counsel. **Mark A. Smith** (1985) of Lancaster, PA, has been made partner at Barley, Snyder, Senft & Cohen, LLC. **Timothy J. Haeussler** (1986) of Rincon, GA, has relocated his law practice of Cheek, Haeussler & Thompson, PC, to 6162 Hwy. 21 South, Rincon, GA. **J. Russell Phillips** (1986) of Kennesaw, GA, has joined the affirmative civil division's asset forfeiture section of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta. **Peter Schafer** (LL.M. 1986) of Tannenweg, Germany, celebrated with his wife, Christa, son Franz and daughter Clara, the birth of their daughter, Maria, on March 2, 2002. **Christof Siefarth** (LL.M. 1986) of Pulheim, Germany, is pleased to announce the merger of his firm GORG Rechtsanwälte with the Berlin office of Heuking Kuhn Luer Wojtek. **Sally Quillian Yates** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, has been promoted to first assistant U.S. attorney in the Atlanta office of the U.S. Attorney General. **Douglas G. Ashworth** (1987) of Franklin Springs, GA, has joined the legal staff of the Georgia Council of Superior Court Judges. **Dean W. Russell** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area." **Vanessa Flournoy** (1988) of Milledgeville, GA, has been named staff attorney at the Augusta Law Department. **Bernd Graf** (LL.M. 1988) of Vienna, Austria, has relocated his practice from Geneva, Switzerland, to Vienna, Austria, and will continue to specialize in international commercial matters with an emphasis on EU inbound activities. **Gregory K. Hecht** (1988) of Jonesboro, GA, was selected to receive the 2002 Gideon's Trumpet Award presented by the Georgia Indigent Defense Council. **Louis "Woody" N. Jameson** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Duane, Morris & Heckscher as equity partner. **Susan S. Lanigan** (1988) of Coppell, TX, has been named vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of the Dollar General Corporation. **Albert A. Myers III** (1988) of Conyers, GA, has joined the trial and litigation practice group of the Atlanta office of the firm of Lord, Bissel & Brook. **Steven D. Brower** (1989) of Lawrenceville, GA, has joined the firm of Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP. **Christian Droop** (LL.M. 1989) of Frankfurt, Germany, has joined the Frankfurt office of

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCoy, LLP, as partner. **Michael A. Siegel** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, has been named to the executive committee of the Southeast Region of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce. **Susan Jump Wilson** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Atlanta Magazine's* list of "The Best Lawyers in the Metro Area."

1990-94

Michael J. Hofrichter (1990) of Fayetteville, GA, has become chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. **William M. Ray II** (1990) of Lawrenceville, GA, resigned his position as state senator to accept an appointment to the Superior Court of Gwinnett County. **Lisa Godbey Wood** (1990) of St. Simons Island, GA, celebrated with her husband, Richard, the birth of their twins, Lachlan Spencer and Katherine Colter, on New Year's Eve 2001. **Laura E. Woodson** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, has become a member of the firm Lamberth, Cifelli, Stokes & Stout, PA. **Brad A. Baldwin** (1991) of Duluth, GA, has joined the firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy as counsel and his practice will concentrate on corporate bankruptcy and financial services law. **Ellen E. Brown** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, has been promoted to principal in the search firm of Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. **Dennis A. Brown** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm Finley & Buckley. **Charm Amarasinghe Dissanayake** (1991) of Springfield, IL, celebrated with her husband, Ranjith, the birth of their son, Dillon, on May 20, 2002. **Stacey Ferris-Smith** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm of Alembik, Fine & Callner. **Charles J. Gernazian** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, has joined Meadows, Ichter & Bowers as of counsel to the firm's labor group. **Martine Speekenbrink-Pijnappels** (LL.M. 1991) of Amsterdam, Holland, celebrated with her husband, Jeroen, the birth of their son, Michiel, on July 21, 2002. **R. Daniel Price** (1991) of Rome, GA, has been named senior advancement officer at Berry College. **Nancy Ryan Rafuse** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Mark the birth of their son, Ryan Kendall, on November 14, 2001. **Karen Reed Wasson** (1991) of Apopka, FL, has joined the Altamonte Springs firm of Jacobs & Goodman, PA. **Stephanie Stuckey Benfield** (1992) of Decatur, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend's* list of "40 Under 40." **Keith E. Goljan** (1992) of Phoenix, AZ, celebrated with his wife, Rochelle, the birth of their first child, Bailey Rochelle, on November 23, 2001. **Parks F. Huff** (1992) of Acworth, GA, has been made name

partner at Sams, Larkin & Huff, LLP. **Timothy Mann Jr.** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the



firm of Kilpatrick Stockton as partner. **Heather A. McLeod** (1992) of Casselberry, FL, has joined the worker's compensation department of the firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin. **Kirk E. Gilliard**

(1993) of Evans, GA, celebrated with his wife, Mitzi, the birth of their daughter, Ellie Vivian, on May 30, 2002. **J. Marcus Edward Howard** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm of Bird & Mabrey, PC. **Josephine Rose Wright Lowery** (1993) of Birmingham, AL, has become partner with the firm of Balch & Bingham, LLP. She is also pleased to announce the birth of her second child, Harrison, born October 4, 2001.

Richard P. Spencer (1993) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Finley & Buckley, PC. **Hector P. Vargas Jr.** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, is the regional director of the southern regional office of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. **J. Michael Wiggins** (1993) of Arlington, VA, has accepted the post of deputy assistant attorney general in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice. **Alan B. Wynne** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm of



Epstein, Becker & Green, PC, as senior associate. **Allan G. Altera** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, and **Barbara Burgess Altera** (1994) of Hermon, VA, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Ashley Kay, on July 29, 2002. **Bryan W. Bockhop**

(1994) of Snellville, GA, has joined Arnall, Golden & Gregory as equity partner. **Russell S. Bonds** (1994) of Smyrna, GA, has joined the legal department of The Coca-Cola Company as litigation counsel. **Robert W. Kamerschen** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, has been inducted into the Athens Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding abilities in baseball. **Anne Bentley McCray** (1994) of Richmond, VA, celebrated with her husband Joel the birth of their son, Griffin Justice, on April 25, 2002. **D. Gregory Michell** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the general and commercial litigation groups of the firm of Meadows, Ichter & Bowers. **Michael L. Miller** (1994) and **Kristin Loecke Miller** (1995) of Decatur, GA, and their son, Jake, celebrated the birth of Ryan John Thomas on February 11, 2002. **Christian Pitschas** (LL.M. 1994) of Brussels, Belgium, has rejoined the Brussels

office of the firm of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. **A. Annette Teichert** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, has been named partner with Alston & Bird, LLP. **Michael R. Wing** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

1995-99

Rainey L. Astin (1995) of Washington, D.C., has joined the legal department of The Mills Corporation in Arlington, VA, as vice president and senior counsel and will supervise the domestic and international specialty leasing group.

Joseph W. Blankenship Jr. (1995) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Finley & Buckley, PC. **John C. Borden IV** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm of Long, Aldridge & Norman as of counsel to the Red Hot Law Group, the firm's technology practice.

W. Heath Garrett (1995) and **Lee Brumby Garrett** (1999) of Marietta, GA, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Martha "Mattie" Lee, on October 19, 2002. **Rebecca A. Hoelting** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, received the Anti-Defamation League's Young Lawyers Award. **R. Lee Mann III** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, has been named partner with Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP. **Kevin J. Mencke** (1995) of Mableton, GA, celebrated with his wife Nancy the birth of their daughter, Amelia "Millie" Carol, on January 9, 2002.

Kristin Loecke Miller (1995) and **Michael L. Miller** (1994) of Decatur, GA, and their son, Jake, celebrated the birth of their second son, Ryan John Thomas, on February 11, 2002.

Daniel B. Snipes (1995) of Statesboro, GA, celebrated with his wife Lori and daughter Caroline, the birth of their son, Carter Evan, on July 16, 2002. **Kent B. Thomas** (1995) of Nashville, TN, celebrated with his wife Jennifer the birth of their first child, Madeline Grace, on October 16, 2002. **Edwin L. Albright** (1996) of Columbus, GA, has joined the firm of Berry, Shelnett & Day, PC. **Suellen Winick Bergman** (1996) of Smyrna, GA, has joined the intellectual property and technology group with the firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, LLP. **C. Celeste Creswell** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm of Duane Morris. **Jason Deal** (1996) of Clermont, GA, was appointed district attorney for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit on May 1, 2002, by Gov. Roy Barnes. **David S. Gruskin** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, has been elected secretary of the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division, to the board of Legal Search Consultants, and treasurer of the Atlanta Council of Younger Lawyers. **Kimberly J. Many** (1996) of New York, NY, is pleased to announce her marriage to Kevin Jovanovic on May 4,



Paul Murphy: Answering the Call

Paul Murphy (J.D.'88) manages to stay close to his Georgia roots, even while working in Washington, D.C., because a little bit of home has come with him. He is part of a team of 11 lawyers, including fellow alumnus Michael Wiggins (J.D.'93), from the Atlanta area currently employed in prominent positions at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Photo courtesy of Cox Newspapers/Rick McKay

Murphy is the associate deputy attorney general overseeing the U.S. Marshals Office, the Bureau of Prisons and the Parole Commission. "It's a management type job," he said, "dealing with the issues of managing the various agencies and the policies that affect them."

Murphy said there were a number of reasons why he was eager to take the job at the Department of Justice. "I saw it as an opportunity to serve my country and to work for a president and attorney general that I have great admiration for. I also saw it as an opportunity to reunite with Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, whom I had worked with at King & Spalding."

After being invited to join the Justice Department by Thompson, Murphy interviewed at the White House and with the attorney general the Thursday before the Sept. 11 attacks on America. Following the attacks, his wife asked him if he really wanted to take the job in Washington. "I told her that if I didn't, then the terrorists have already won because they will have succeeded in altering our lives," Murphy said.

The future remains open for Murphy. He plans on returning to Georgia once his Justice Department job ends. Although he isn't sure what his career plans will be at that point, he says he misses handling cases like he did as a prosecutor and while working in private practice.

- Kristine Fortunato

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2002. **John S. Mills** (1996) of Jacksonville, FL, is pleased to announce the formation of The Mills Firm, PL. The firm's focus will be on appellate practice work. **Brian V. Patterson** (1996) of Athens, GA, has joined the Office of the District Attorney in Athens as assistant district attorney. **John C. Patton** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, has been elected secretary of the board for the Institute for Violence Prevention. **Elizabeth L. Schuchs** (1996) of San Antonio, TX, is pleased to announce her 1999 marriage to Kjall Gopaul and the birth their daughter, Annabelle, on October 4, 2002. **Frank A. Tillotson** (1996) of Woodbridge, VA, has been appointed counsel to the Financial Services Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. **E. Adam Webb** (1996) of Roswell, GA, has opened his own law firm at One Ravina Drive, Suite 1600 in Atlanta. He celebrated with his wife Lisa the birth of their son, Samuel Joseph, on July 3, 2002. **Cannon C. Alsbrook** (1997) of Alpharetta, GA, has joined the firm of Savell & Williams, LLP. **Charles E. Auslander III** (1997) of Athens, GA, has been appointed associate magistrate judge of Athens-Clarke County Magistrate Court. **Lamar C. Crosby Jr.** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm of Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC. **Ashley H. Draughon** (1997) of New York, NY, has



become the manager of medical relations with the Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Group. **Allen L. DuPre** (1997) of McClellenville, SC, celebrated with her husband Andrew the birth of their son, Andrew Hibben, on April 4, 2002.

Jessica L. Heywood (1997) of Washington, D.C., has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi. **T. Kyle King** (1997) of Hampton, GA, is pleased to announce the publication of "Close But No Cigar: A Reply to Professor Graglia" in *25 Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* 369 (2001). **J. Alvin Newton** (1997) of Albany, GA, has been named partner with Watson, Spence, Lowe and Chambless, LLP. **Michele A. Ritz** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm of Alembik, Fine & Callner. **Patrick Specht** (LL.M. 1997) of Berlin, Germany, has joined the Federal Ministry for Economy and Technology. **Vakhid Y. Saparov** (LL.M. 1997) and Tiffany L. Upshaw (1998) of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, are pleased to announce their marriage. Saparov is associated with the firm of Baker & McKenzie. **Tilman E. "Tripp" Self** (1997) of Macon, GA, was named partner with the firm Sell & Melton,

LLP, on February 1, 2002. **F. Chase Simmons** (1997) of Mission Hills, KS, is pleased to announce his marriage to Ashley Ruzicka on May 26, 2002. **Robert S. Highsmith Jr.** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, has been appointed to the State Ethics Board by Gov. Roy Barnes. **Alexis**



Wochenmarkt (LL.M. 1997) of Brussels, Belgium, has joined the Brussels office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges. **Robert D. Howell** (1998) of Moultrie, GA, has joined the firm of Fallin & McIntosh. **Jason J. LaBresh** (1998) of Melbourne, Australia, was the subject of a feature story in the *Alabama Alumni Magazine* regarding his startup of a business in Australia that helps companies structure and negotiate high-technology relationships. **J. Matthew Martin** (1998) of Chattanooga, TN, has joined the firm of Shumacker, Witt, Gaither & Whitaker, PC, and is pleased to announce his marriage to Catherine Dudley on June 1, 2002. **Lance P. McMillan** (1998) of Newnan, GA, has opened his own law firm, McMillan & Camp, LLP, with offices in Newnan and Peachtree City, GA. **Stephen Blair Moseley** (1998) of Rome, GA, is pleased to announce his marriage to Kimberly Paige Murphy on September 7, 2002. **Dorian Murry** (1998) of Morrow, GA, has joined the Atlanta law firm of Johnson & Freeman. **Tiffany Upshaw Saparov** (1998) and Vakhid Y. Saparov (LL.M. 1997) of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, are pleased to announce their marriage. Tiffany is a law professor at Westminster International University. **Allison Donner Wallace** (1998) of Gainesville, GA, has been named head of the new real estate closing office of the firm of Weisman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco. **Jason S. Williams** (1998) of Braselton, GA, has joined the Norcross law firm of Stewart & Associates, PC. **Kerry L. Ingram Banister** (1999) of Murrayville, GA, celebrated with her husband Larry the birth of their son, Larry Ford III (Trey), on October 15, 2002. **John T. Bleecker** (1999) of Bogart, GA, has joined the firm of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover. **Kimberly A. Brackett-Jones** (1999) of Cary, NC, has joined the products liability litigation team of the firm of Womble Carlyle. **Jeffery P. Cowan Jr.** (1999) of Washington, D.C., received his LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 2001 and has associated with KPMG, LLP, in the international corporate services group. He recently had two articles published in professional tax jour-



nals. **T. Gerald Davis** (1999) of Chattanooga, TN, has associated with the newly formed firm of Shumacker, Witt, Gaither & Whitaker, P.C. **Clement C. Doyle** (1999) of Marietta, GA, has joined the firm of Smith,

Eubanks, Smith & Tumlin, PC, as a general practitioner with emphasis on civil and commercial litigation, zoning, condemnation and real estate law. **Lee Brumby Garrett** (1999) and W. Heath Garrett (1995) of Marietta, GA, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Martha "Mattie" Lee, on October 19, 2002. **Ashley House Hill** (1999) and Richard Hoyt Hill II (1995) of Atlanta, GA, are pleased to announce their marriage on June 8, 2002. **Gillen S. Joachim** (1999) of Marietta, GA, is pleased to announce his marriage to Lauren P. Kaminski on May 11, 2002. **Cecil Kramer** (LL.M. 1999) of Eckernforde, Germany, has joined Hochtief Development in the company's legal and con-



tracts department. **Justin D. LeBlanc** (1999) of Portland, ME, celebrated with his wife, Hope, and son, Andrew, the birth of their second son, Theodore James, on September 21, 2002. **Amy Burton Loggins** (1999) of

Marietta, GA, has joined the Atlanta district office of the U.S. Equal Opportunity Employment Commission as a trial attorney. **Shelly Townley Martin** (1999) of Gainesville, GA, celebrated with her husband Darren the birth of their twin daughters, Kaselyn Rose and Kendall Tyme, on June 26, 2002. **Leslie M. Newman** (1999) of Chattanooga, TN, has associated with the firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell. **Brooke Savage** (1999) of Winder, GA, has associated with the firm of Freeman, Mathis & Gary and her work will focus on corporate and government liability. **Michael J. Shaw** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP. **G. Alan Spencer** (1999) of Pensacola, FL, celebrated with his wife Kelley the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Sarah, on September 1, 2002.

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Nicole L. Day (2000) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP. **Joseph G. DeGaetano** (2000) and Heather Belin DeGaetano (2001) of Nashville, TN, are pleased to announce their marriage on April 6,



2002. **Donna J. Gilluly** (2000) of Chattanooga, TN, has associated with the newly formed firm of Shumacker, Witt, Gaither & Whitaker, PC. **Samuel S. Heywood** (2000) of Washington, D.C., has joined Covington &

Burling. **Christopher J. Hoofnagle** (2000) of Washington, D.C., contributed a chapter on electronic records in the recently published book *Freedom of Information Act - Litigation Under the Federal Open Government Laws*. **C. Brian Jarrard** (2000) of Macon, GA, celebrated with his wife Julie the birth of their daughter, Bailey Ann, on May 3, 2002. **Joshua P. Jones** (2000) of Brunswick, GA, celebrated with his wife Lisa the birth of their daughter, Sylvie Reese, on August 12, 2002. **Clifford M. Kirbo** (2000) and **Holland Cox Kirbo** (2000) of Moultrie, GA, are pleased to announce their marriage on July 20, 2002. **Patrick S. Mitchell** (2000) of

Newnan, GA, is pleased to announce his marriage to Jane E. Kimball on August 17, 2002. **Jeffrey O. Monroe** (2000) of Macon, GA, celebrated with his wife Sheila the birth of their son, Jeffrey O'Neal Jr., on October 2, 2002. **Allison Barnes Salter** (2000) of Marietta, GA, has joined the Cobb County Solicitor's Office. **John F. Salter Jr.** (2000) of Marietta, GA, has associated with the firm of Browning & Tanksley, LLP. **Heather N. Thacker** (2000) of Washington, D.C., has joined the National Nuclear Security Administration with the U.S. Department of Energy. **Julie M. Wade** (2000) of Boston MA, has associated with the firm of Goodwin Procter in the firm's litigation department. **Cindy Andrist Upchurch** (2001) and Jefferson Frisby Upchurch (2002) of Atlanta, GA, are pleased to announce their marriage on August 10, 2002. **Jennifer L. Auer** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore. **Shane E. Bartlett** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Crim & Bassler, LLP. **James R. Blinzinger** (2001) and

Carrie Long Blinzinger (2001) of McLean, VA, are pleased to announce their wedding on June 15, 2002. **Heather Belin DeGaetano** (2001) and Joseph G. DeGaetano (2000) of Nashville, TN, are pleased to announce their marriage on April 6, 2002. **Stephen V. Kinney** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, is pleased to announce his marriage to Tara L. Pennington on June 29, 2002. **Scott M. Lenhart** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Freeman, Mathis & Gary and will focus on labor and employment law. **Thomas L. McDaniel Jr.** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Ford & Harrison, LLP. **Sean R. Mikula** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Ford & Harrison, LLP. **Laura Peel Roberts** (2001) and **James Leon Roberts IV** (2001) of St. Simon's Island, GA, are pleased to announce their marriage on August 17, 2002. **James Stevens** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, is pleased to announce his engagement to Melanie Overstreet. The wedding is planned for May 3, 2003, in Savannah, GA. **G. Gardiner Thompson** (2001)



Kerry Harike Joedecke - Celebration of a Life

On Sunday, June 30, 2002, the School of Law lost one of its beloved alumni, Kerry Harike Joedecke (J.D.'97). She lost her battle with leukemia just a few days before her 30th birthday.

Joedecke began her law career serving as a clerk to Judge Lamar W. Davis Jr. of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Georgia before becoming an associate at the Atlanta office of the Rogers & Hardin law firm. She remained active with the law school following her graduation, serving on the Law School Association's Younger Law Alumni Committee from 2000 to 2001 and the Board of Visitors from 1997 to 1999. She even married a law school alumnus, Jim Joedecke (J.D.'96).

While studying law, Joedecke was a dedicated member of the Moot Court Team. In 1997, she and two other classmates, Chandler Mason (J.D.'97) and Tom Mew (J.D.'97), won the 47th Annual National Moot Court Competition held in New York City, NY, beating out teams from 160 other law schools. The National Moot Court Competition is the oldest and most prestigious moot court tournament in the country, sponsored by the Association of the Bar of New York.

One of Joedecke's teammates on that national championship team, Tom Mew, is hoping to establish a scholarship in Joedecke's honor. The Kerry Harike Joedecke Memorial Award for Excellence will be given to a third-year member of the law school's Moot Court Board who has made the greatest overall contribution to both the moot court program and the law school community through unselfish service, academic achievement and strength of character.

Mew said the law school, and especially the moot court program, was a very important part of Joedecke's life and she made many contributions to it, both as a student and as an alumna. "By establishing this award, we hope to honor Kerry's remarkable life and outstanding achievements and to encourage and reward similar qualities in others."

Jim Joedecke said his wife had a special energy and smile. "When Kerry was first diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) and throughout the course of her struggle, the love and support we received from the law school community and the legal community generally was truly incredible. I am glad the award is being established at the law school. It is one small way to ensure that Kerry's courage as a student, lawyer, wife and leukemia patient are not forgotten," he said.

For those interested in donating to the Kerry Harike Joedecke Memorial Award for Excellence, contributions can be made by sending a check to the UGA Foundation, 824 S. Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA, 30602-5582 or by contacting the law school's development office at (706) 542-7639.

- *Kristine Fortunato*

Class Notes

of Atlanta, GA, has joined the firm of Troutman Sanders, LLP. **Ansley Bell Threlkeld** (2001) and **Paul H. Threlkeld** (2001) of Savannah, GA, are pleased to announce their marriage on June 8, 2002. Ansley has joined Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Bart, LLP, as associate and Paul continues to practice with Oliver, Maner & Gray, LLP. **Bill Caul Wainwright III** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, is pleased to announce his marriage to Lesley Alison Truitt on October 19, 2002. **David W. Adams** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Kellogg & Sigelman, LLP. **Osjha M. Anderson** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, has joined the Dunwoody office of the firm of Shaw, Evans & Dallas and her practice will focus on employment law. **Stephanie Baker** (2002) of Waycross, GA, has associated with the firm of Stites & Harbison, PLLC. **John F. Kane** (2002) of Denver, CO, has joined Welborn, Sullivan, Meck & Tooley in the natural resources and international departments. **Jennifer C. Kramarz** (2002) of Dunwoody, GA, has associated with the firm of Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP. **J. David Mura Jr.** (2002) of Lawrenceville, GA, has associated with the firm of Stites & Harbison, PLLC. **Christopher M. Rosselli** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, has associated with the firm of Alston & Bird. **Jon D. Stewart Jr.** (2002) of Gainesville, GA, has associated with the firm of Hawkins & Parnell. **Jefferson F. Upchurch** (2002) and Cindy Andrist Upchurch (2001) of Atlanta, GA, are pleased to announce their marriage on August 10, 2002. **Benjamin D. Wiese** (2002) of Bethesda, MD, has joined the Washington, D.C., firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner.

We are pleased to report that D. Robert Cumming Jr. (1953) of Atlanta, GA, is alive and well. Cumming was mistakenly reported as deceased in the spring 2002 issue of the Advocate. Our sincere apologies go to his family and friends and to our readership.

In Memoriam

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

Joseph H. Cherry (1926)
Atlanta, GA
August 1971

Irwin Blum (1929)
Queens, NY
November 1975

Leonard E. Thompson (1929)
FL
December 1984

Duncan S. Graham (1932)
Vidalia, GA
May 9, 2000

Margaret Fortson Stephens (1934)
Savannah, GA
May 1, 2002

Herman E. Talmadge (1936)
Hampton, GA
March 21, 2002

Wade C. Hoyt Jr. (1938)
Rome, GA
February 14, 1997

Jack M. Dunn (1940)
Albany, GA
May 6, 1996

Walter H. Bolling (1942)
Dalton, GA
April 11, 1985

Morris M. Herzberg (1942)
Satellite Beach, FL
October 14, 1997

Gilmer Adams MacDougald (1942)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
February 3, 1993

Charles M. Paschal Jr. (1942)
Hattiesburg, MS
June 5, 1997

James A. Moore (1947)
Houston, TX
January 4, 2002

Wilbur A. Orr Jr. (1948)
Washington, GA
January 22, 2002

John E. "Buck" Griffin (1949)
Athens, GA
August 31, 2002

Hinton R. Pierce (1949)
Augusta, GA
September 21, 2001

Willis J. Richardson (1949)
Savannah, GA
October 10, 1999

H. Wayne Hammontree Sr. (1950)
Nashville, TN
October 19, 2002

Thomas A. Waddell (1951)
Tallahassee, FL
February 9, 1997

William C. Prickett (1952)
Panama City Beach, FL
December 8, 2001

C. Lanier Randall Jr. (1952)
Atlanta, GA
May 24, 1997

George M. Crawford (1954)
Augusta, GA
January 2, 2002

Robert N. Hunter (1955)
Coronado, CA
June 1997

Walter James Cowert (1956)
Savannah, GA
September 11, 2001

G. Harold Posey (1962)
Columbus, GA
July 5, 2002

B. Lawrence Fowler (1965)
Cleveland, GA
December 6, 2000

Richard C. Alderman (1967)
Cape Coral, FL
April 1, 2002

Mildred B. Bell (1969)
Amelia Island, FL
January 30, 2002

Howard Wendell Jones (1971)
Calhoun, GA
July 29, 2002

Tony J. Foss (1973)
Augusta, GA
August 21, 1998

Earl D. Harris (1973)
Atlanta, GA
July 23, 2002

James S. Hurt (1977)
Marietta, GA
March 3, 2002

Roger A. Baruch (1978)
Colbert, GA
August 25, 2002

Kerry M. Harike Joedecke (1997)
Atlanta, GA
June 30, 2002