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1940s

Thomas B. Murphy (1949) of Bremen, GA, received an honorary doctorate in political science from North Georgia College and State University.

1950s

Ben L. Weinberg Jr. (1952) of Atlanta, GA, received the Atlanta Bar Association's Professionalism Award.

1960s

Emmet J. Bondurant (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was elected chair of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. **Wyckliffe A. Knox Jr.** (1964) of Augusta, GA, was appointed by Gov. Perdue to the 20-member Commission for a New Georgia. **Philip F. Etheridge** (1966) of Atlanta, GA, received the 2003 Logan E. Bleckley Award for Judicial Excellence by the Atlanta Bar Association's Litigation Section.

1970-1974

Ronald Ginsberg (1970) of Savannah, GA, was honored by the State Bar of Georgia with the Bench and Bar Professionalism Award. **Roy E. Barnes** (1972) of Mableton, GA, announced the formation of The Barnes Law Group, LLC, in Marietta. Other members of the firm include his daughter Allison Barnes Salter (2000) and son-in-law John F. Salter Jr. (2000). **Robert P. Constantine Jr.** (1972) of Smyrna, GA, formed the law firm of Constantine & Associates. **Richard B. Chandler** (1973) of Buford, GA, was elected chairman of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and chairman of Lanier Community Bank. **Lake B. Holt III** (1973) of San Antonio, TX, joined USAA Financial Services. **Samuel P. Pierce Jr.** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, formed the law firm of Pierce and Crossett, LLP. **William D. Barwick** (1974) of Atlanta, GA, serves as 2003-04 president of the State Bar of Georgia.



James M. Poe (1974) of Atlanta, GA, formed the law firm of James M. Poe, PC.

1975-1979



John W. Robinson IV (1975) of Tampa, FL, was elected by The American Inns of Court Foundation to serve as trustee for the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. **Joe D. Whitley** (1975) of Alpharetta, GA, was appointed general

counsel of the U.S. Department for Homeland Security. **Tony B. Griffin** (1976) of Tampa, FL, practices with the firm of Ruden McClosky, PA. **James L. Henderson III** (1976) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan for contributing more than 50 hours of pro bono work during 2002. **Michael B.T. Wilkes** (1976) of Spartanburg, SC, formed the law firm of Michael Wilkes Law Firm, PA. **John L. Douglas** (1977) of Norcross, GA, was appointed to the board of directors of Provident Financial Corporation. **Barbara Sheppard Dalmut** (1978) of Springfield, VA, teaches at St. Ambrose School in Annandale. **Ruth A. Knox** (1978) of Macon, GA, was elected to the board of directors of the Capital City Bank Group, Inc. **Mary E. Staley** (1978) of Marietta, GA, was elected chief judge of the Cobb Judicial Circuit. **Louis A. Aguilar** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, joined Alston & Bird, LLP, as a partner in the firm's international and financial services group. **Valerie Caproni** (1979) of Washington, D.C., joined the Federal Bureau Investigation as general counsel. **J. Griffin Doyle** (1979) of Athens, GA, was named the University of Georgia's first director of federal relations. **Michael J. McGarity** (1979) of Braselton, GA, joined the firm of Andersen, Tate, Mahaffey & McGarity. **Carol Ellis Morgan** (1979) of Decatur, GA, was named president and general counsel of National Service Industries, an Atlanta-based manufacturing and service company.

1980-1984

Steven R. Ashby (1980) of Tucker, GA, formed the law firm of Ashby Family Law Associates, PC. **Richard H. Lee** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was named one of 10 new directors of the Buckhead Coalition, a nonprofit civic association in North Atlanta. **J. Thomas Morgan III** (1980) of Decatur, GA, received the International Association of Prosecutors' Annual Special Achievement Award for the investigation and ultimate conviction of former DeKalb County Sheriff Sidney Dorsey for murder and corruption. **Renzo S. Wiggins** (1980) of Ringgold, GA, was named county attorney for Catoosa



County. **Hubert J. Bell Jr.** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was elected chair of the ABA's Section of Public Contract Law. He is the third partner in his firm to serve as chair of this section.

Catherine M. Bennett (1981) of Atlanta, GA,

rejoined the law firm of Rogers & Hardin as an associate. **Bertis E. Downs IV** (1981) of Athens, GA, with his wife Katherine and daughter Addie, announced the birth of the newest addition to their family, Elizabeth "Eliza" Slane, on June 19, 2003. **Elizabeth W. Fleming** (1981) of



Washington, D.C., was recently promoted to full colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve JAG Corps and continues to practice with Trout & Richards, PLLC. **Michele M. Henderson** (1981) of Richmond Hill, GA, was named as a member of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. **Daniel J. Porter** (1981) of Duluth, GA, was the focus of an article "The People's Bulldog" that appeared in the June 3 edition of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. **Jeffrey Y. Lewis** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed executive partner of the Atlanta office of Holland & Knight, LLP. **James Y. Rayis** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, who is a partner with the law firm of Balch & Bingham, traveled to Cuba in September with an ABA group to study Cuba's legal system and to meet and talk with Cuban lawyers and judges. **William G. Scrantom III** (1982) of Collierville, TN, was featured in an article in *The Commercial Appeal* of Memphis, TN, regarding his position as interim rector at Southaven's St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. **Sandra M. Baumwald** (1983) of Athens, GA, is a guidance counselor at Athens Academy. **Kim S. Clarke** (1983) of Newton, NC, formed the real estate investment company of Valencia Properties, LLC, and serves as president. **Robert S. Kahn** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, joined LUC Media Group. **Laura Christian Nehf** (1983) of Athens, GA, completed several months of volunteer work for the Georgia Lawyers for the Arts in Atlanta. **Georgia Schley Ritchie** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was named of counsel to the law firm of Hawkins & Parnell, LLP. **Stephen M. Worrall** (1983) of Marietta, GA, has formed the law firm of Mullins & Worrall, LLC. **R. Hunt Dunlap Jr.** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, formed the Dunlap Law Firm, LLC. **Allison S. H. Ficken** (1984) of

Dunwoody, GA, formed the law firm of Gard, Smiley, Bishop & Dovin, LLP. **Jeffrey S. Sharp** (1984) of Chicago, IL, became the firm-wide managing partner of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun.

1985-1989

W. Theodore Cornwell III (1985) of Austin, TX, was named chief executive officer of the Texas Housing Finance Corporation. **Hilary Harp** (1985) of Decatur, GA, was named practice group leader for the intellectual property and technology litigation section of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, LLP. **Charles R. Center** (1986) of Cheverly, MD, joined the

Federal Labor Relations Authority in Washington, D.C. **Anne H. Whitaker** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was named vice president of the Atlanta office of Counsel on Call. **Leigh A. Dowden** (1987) of Marietta, GA, announced the adoption of her daughter Anna Lise.



Andreas F. Knaul (LL.M. 1987) (pictured at the top of the next column) of Berlin, Germany, was appointed to the position of acting head of the unit for State Aid Enforcement in Directorate General for Competition in the European



Commission in Brussels in June 2003. **Gregory J. Giornelli** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named president of the Atlanta Development Authority. **Sylvia A. Martin** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, opened her own private practice, Sylvia

A. Martin, PC, specializing in the area of family and domestic relations law. **Kenneth R. Bernard** (1989) of Douglasville, GA, was appointed by Gov. Perdue to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority. **Scott N. Carlson** (1989) of Washington, D.C., coauthored a book, *The Practical Guide to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, and started a Supreme Court fellowship at the U.S. Sentencing Commission in the fall of 2003. **Elizabeth L. Guerra** (1989) of Kennesaw, GA, formed the law firm of Bower, Guerra & Yeager, PC. **David A. Kelly** (1989) of Phoenix, AZ, rejoined the firm of Lewis & Roca as of counsel and will work in the areas of labor and employment law and other corporate matters. **Gregory B. McMenemy** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, formed his own law firm specializing in plaintiff's practice. **Julie D. Sinor** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, formed her own practice, The Sinor Law Firm, and was named as a state board officer to the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers. **Daniel S. Digby** (1989) of Conyers, GA, married Deborah Coulter on November 2, 2002.

1990-1994

Carl J. Schwedler (1990) of Davis, CA, was named of counsel for the law firm of McDonough, Holland & Allen. **Traci Green Courville** (1991) of Columbus, GA, serves as president of the Columbus chapter of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers. **Newton G. Quantz III** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Chorey, Taylor & Feil as an associate. **Paul C. Rathke** (1992) of Greer, SC, has joined the Joe Bieber Firm in Easley, SC, and will practice personal injury law. **Skipper G. StipeMaas** (1992) of Athens, GA, stepped down as legal counsel of Athens Land Trust but continues as specialist attorney in community economic development with Georgia Legal Services.



Robert S. Thompson (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined Healthcare Services Group as vice president of risk management.



**Valerie Caproni:
New Position, New Mission**

Protecting our nation's interests is an enormous undertaking that involves the efforts of many, including those of alumna Valerie E. Caproni (J.D.'79).

Caproni became the general counsel for the Federal Bureau of Investigation this past August. As general counsel, she serves in an advisory capacity to lawyers, staff and agents all over the country. While she devotes much of her time to national security issues, she also advises in many areas of the law ranging from how to conduct proper investigations to civil litigation. "There is an incredible range of different legal divisions represented by the Office of General Counsel," she said. "There was certainly a steep learning curve for me in taking this post."

Despite the challenging nature of her position, she finds that it is as equally gratifying. "I grew up watching the FBI on television," she said. "Now, I am able to work with the men and women behind this organization who are incredibly devoted to their jobs and doing the right thing for our country."

While her past experiences as a Wall Street lawyer, criminal prosecutor and regional director of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission provide her with the knowledge she needs to achieve the FBI's goals, her Georgia Law education has proven to be an invaluable tool as well.

"When I first left the South to work for a major Wall Street firm, I was surrounded by young lawyers from top of the line Northeastern schools such as Harvard and Yale," she said. "I quickly realized the degree I received from Georgia Law permitted me to compete on a level playing field with them."

Caproni encourages everyone to consider spending time in the public sector where lawyers energetic about serving the public good are desperately needed.

"I enjoyed the private sector, but its goals are very different. You are striving for what is best for a particular client," she said. "In the public sector, you work with people who are all working toward a common mission [the good of our country], and that is incredibly satisfying."

- Brittany Cox

Steven R. Thornton (1992) of Dunwoody, GA, joined the firm of Warshauer, Thomas, Thornton & Rogers, PC., as a name partner. **J. Daran Burns** (1993) of Marietta, GA, formed the law firm of J. Daran Burns, PC. **Michelle Dunn Fogarty** (1993) of Dumfries, VA, accepted a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as assistant general counsel. She and her husband Stephen also announced the birth of their son Matthew James on November 1, 2002. **J. Allen Hammontree** (1993) of Cohutta, GA, was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Perdue and was highlighted in an article in the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* in June 2003. He also announced the formation of the law firm of Goddard, Thomas, Hammontree & Bolding. **Kenneth P. Jones** (1993) of Memphis, TN, joined the firm of Bourland, Heflin, Alvarez & Minor, PLC. **David A. Kleber** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, became a name partner at the firm of Bridgers, Peters & Kleber.



David L. Principe (1993) of Buffalo, NY, was one of two Hodgson Russ patent attorneys for three award-winning inventions honored at the 28th Annual Niagara Frontier Inventor of the Year Awards.

Barbara V. Seymour (1993) of Columbia, SC, practices with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel in the South Carolina Judicial Department. **Glenn L. Spencer** (1993) of Richmond, VA, joined the law department of Philip Morris USA. **W. Scott Wright** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan for contributing more than 50 hours of pro bono work during 2002. **Wallace D. Bonner Jr.** (1994) of Albany, GA, joined the law firm of Moore, Clarke, DuVall & Rogers, PC. **Ethan A. Chase** (1994) of Athens, GA, was selected for the deputy county director V position with the Athens-Clarke County Department of Family & Children Services. **Douglas R. Kertscher** (1994) and **Elizabeth Thompson Kertscher** (1995) of Decatur, GA, announced the birth of their son Richard "Rick" Thomas on April 16, 2003. **D. Gregory Michell** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm Balch & Bingham. **Bernard J. Podurgiel** (1994) of Greenville, SC, formed the law firm of Bernard J. Podurgiel, Attorney at Law, which will specialize in insolvency and commercial finance matters in North and South Carolina. **R. Page Powell Jr.** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, formed the law firm of Huff, Powell &



Bailey. Jennifer B. Tourial (1994) of Atlanta, GA, together with her husband Ryan A. Schneider (1995) and daughter Lily Maya celebrated the birth of Gray Salem on November 29, 2002.

1995-1999

Keith D. Bodoh (1995) of Kennesaw, GA, completed the Trial Lawyers College at Gerry Spence's Thunderhead Ranch in Wyoming. He said he could not have accomplished this without the love and support from his family (Karen, Keegan and Lillian) due to his 23-day absence from family, home and work. **Caroline W. Donaldson** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was named vice president of the Atlanta office of Counsel



on Call. **Kye W. Haymore** (1995) of Mansfield, GA, together with her husband Chris celebrated the birth of their first child Charles Warthen "Warth" on October 8, 2002.

Elizabeth Thompson Kertscher (1995) and **Douglas R. Kertscher** (1994) of Decatur, GA, celebrated the birth of their son Richard "Rick" Thomas on April 16, 2003. **Ashley D. Phillips** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, became a partner of the law firm of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, PC. **Ryan A. Schneider** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, together with his wife Jennifer B. Tourial (1994) and daughter Lily Maya celebrated the birth of Gray Salem on November 29, 2002. **Ashley C. Sexton** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, became a partner of the firm of Carlock, Copeland, Emler & Stair, LLP. **Kevin R. Christopher** (1996) of Athens, GA, formed the law firm of Kevin R. Christopher, PC. **Karri Palmetier Garrett** (1996) of Fairfax, VA, was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. **Cynthia L. McDowell** (1996) of North Augusta, SC, practices with Georgia Legal Services Program. **Vicki M. McGinty** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm of Huff, Powell & Bailey. **Marisol Salazar-Cisneros** (LL.M. 1996) of Miami, FL, announced her marriage to Angel Cisneros. **Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul** (1996) of San Antonio, TX, was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force. **Christy E. Calbos** (1997) of Santa Monica, CA, joined the law firm of Lozano Smith. **T. Kyle King** (1997) of Hampton, GA, celebrated with his wife Susan the birth of their son Thomas Kyle on March

19, 2003. **William H. Kitchens Jr.** (1997) of Duluth, GA, formed the law firm of William H. Kitchens Jr. in Lawrenceville, GA. **W. Thomas Lacy Jr.** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, joined Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, as an associate in the insurance coverage litigation group. **Laura A. Marshall** (1997) of Alexandria, VA, joined the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. **B. Scott Minter** (1997) of Chatsworth, GA, celebrated with his wife Melissa the birth of their first child Laura Margaret on June 7, 2003. **Robert G. Petix Jr.** (1997) of Providence, RI, joined the law firm of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP, as an associate. **James A. Tabb** (1997) and **Deval Karina Zaveri** (1997) of San Diego, CA, were married in India in December 2002. **Eiichiro Takahata** (LL.M. 1997) of Tokyo, Japan, became an assistant professor of constitutional law at Nihon University. **Melanie Winskie Crowe** (1998) of Marietta, GA, was recognized by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan for contributing more than 100 hours of pro bono work during 2002. **Wesley L. Deaton** (1998) of Maiden, NC, announced his marriage to Virginia Bost on June 14, 2003. **Kimberly M. DeWitt** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm of Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair. **Anna B. Fretwell** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Huff, Powell & Bailey. **Angela B. Hitch** (1998) of Roswell, GA, celebrated with her husband Scott F. Hitch (1999) the birth of their daughter Eliza Frances on July 1, 2003. **Mary Carter Duncan Martin** (1998) of St. Louis, MO, announced her marriage to Anthony C. Martin on May 17, 2003. **Lyn G. Schroeder** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Eric the birth of their daughter Lindsay on August 25, 2002. **Chrisna Jones Walker** (1998) of Lithonia, GA, became a partner of the law firm of Devlin & Robinson, PC, in Atlanta. **Keith R. Blackwell** (1999) of Smyrna, GA, has joined the Cobb County District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney. **Caren E. Cloud** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Fulton County Juvenile Court.



Clement C. Doyle (1999) of Marietta, GA, formed a campaign committee to run for the State Senate, District 6 representing Cobb County, as a Democrat. **Mark S. Etheridge** (1999) of Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, was named European Circuit Trial Attorney of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2003. **Sara "Sally" A. Evans** (1999) of

Newnan, GA, joined the Atlanta law firm of Hawkins & Parnell, LLP, as an associate. **Marcy Hanks (Gonzalez)** (1999) of Athens, GA, formed the law firm of Foster & Hanks, LLC, in Monroe, GA. **Scott E. Hitch** (1999) of Roswell, GA, celebrated with his wife Angela B. Hitch (1998) the birth of their daughter Eliza Frances on July 1, 2003. **Kimberly E. Holt** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Athens law firm of Fortson, Bentley and Griffin, PA. **Keith A. Jernigan** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm of Epstein, Becker & Green, PC, as a real estate associate. **Nathan C. Rogers** (1999) of Santa Barbara, CA, joined the law firm of Cappello & McCann, LLP, as an associate. **Joshua D. Walker** (1999) of Savannah, GA, announced his marriage to Karen Glenn Bradley on May 17, 2003. **Anna E. Watkins** (1999) of Athens, GA, was the focus of an article in the *Athens Banner-Herald* regarding her work as head of the Western Judicial Circuit's Special Victims Unit. The unit focuses just on sexual assault and child molestation cases.

2000s

Orkun Akseli (LL.M. 2000) of London, England, joined the law department faculty at the Robert Gordon University Aberdeen Business School as a lecturer in law. **J. Lanier "Lanny" Allgood III** (2000) of Dublin, GA, was selected for Leadership Georgia. **James A. Attwood** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Eleanor Ann Mixon (2001) on April 12, 2003. **Tamara K. Benton** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm of Mann & Moran, PC. **Laura M. Bogan** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined the legal division of The Home Depot as associate corporate counsel in the employment law group. **Erik Daems** (LL.M. 2000) of Antwerp, Belgium, joined Serena Software, Inc., as European legal counsel. **Emily F. Diaz** (2000) of Tega Cay, SC, joined the law firm of Helms, Mulliss & Wicker, PLLC, in Charlotte, NC.



Sammy J. Grant (2000) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Tracey the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Hannah on May 17, 2003. **Tonia Sellars Griswold** (2000) of Lawrenceville, GA, announced her marriage to

Paul Griswold and her continued association with the firm of Reginald A. Hudspeth, LLC. **Christopher J. Hoofnagle** (2000) of Washington, D.C., published articles in *Electronic Case Files and Social Forgiveness*; *American Bar Association Media, Privacy, and*

Defamation Law Committee Newsletter; *Information Collectors' First Amendment Defenses*; and *Privacy Journal*. **Allison Barnes Salter** (2000) of Marietta, GA, joined The Barnes Law Group, LLC. **John F. Salter Jr.** (2000) of Marietta, GA, joined The Barnes Law Group,



LLC. **Joel L. Terwilliger** (2000) of Littleton, CO, together with his wife Marla celebrated the birth of their son Jack on July 8, 2003. **James B. Trotter** (2000) of Augusta, GA, joined the firm of ECP Benefits, LLC. **Dorothy**

Larken Young (2000) of Chicago, IL, joined the firm of Littler Mendelson, PC. **Eleanor Ann Mixon Attwood** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to James A. Attwood (2000) on April 12, 2003. **Shane E. Bartlett** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm of Drew, Eckl & Farnham. **Jonathan Victor Dunn** (2001) of Savannah, GA, joined the Chatham County District Attorney's office as an assistant district attorney. **Renee Y. Little** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, became a partner of the firm of Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair, LLP. **Alexander S. Lurey** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm of Dennis, Corry, Porter & Smith, LLP. **B.J. Richards** (2001) of Arlington, VA, joined the People for the American Way in Washington, D.C. **Brian M. Rickman** (2001) of Danielsville, GA, joined the Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney. **Jamie Baker Roskie** (2001) of Athens, GA, was asked to serve on the Georgia Planning Association (GPA) 2003 Legislative Committee. GPA is a chapter of the American Planning Association with over 700 members in Georgia and is a professional association for planners in the state. **Chandler P. Thompson** (2001) and **Anne-Carson Alias** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, announced their marriage. Chandler was selected as a judicial law clerk for Chief Justice Norman Fletcher of the Supreme Court of Georgia. **Ansley Bell**



Threlkeld (2001) and **Paul H. Threlkeld** (2001) of Savannah, GA, celebrated the birth of their son Paul H. Threlkeld Jr. on July 10, 2003. **Ramona M. Bartos** (2002) of Athens, GA, joined the firm of Benton, Begnaud & Marshall, LLP, and practices in the areas of school and municipal government law. **Lauren E. Bush** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm

of King & Spalding as an associate. **Michael J. Cates** (2002) of Lewes, DE, serves as law clerk to the Chancellor William Chandler at the Court of Chancery in Georgetown. **Richard G. Douglass** (2002) of Bishop, GA, joined the firm of Fortson, Bentley and Griffin, PA, as an associate. **Todd C. Hayes** (2002) of Marietta, GA, was named assistant district attorney for Forsyth County. **Sarah M. Johnson** (2002) of Washington, D.C., announced her marriage to Jay E. Johnson on April 12, 2003. She practices with the trusts & estates department of Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti, LLP, as an associate. **Jennifer C. Kramarz** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, as an associate. **Edward A. Marshall** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, published an article in the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*. **Kyle L. Martin** (2002) of Watkinsville, GA, joined the UGA Research Foundation as coordinator of technology transfer. **Gregory B. Mauldin** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Alston & Bird, LLP, as an associate. **Margaret E. McCluskey** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of King & Spalding as an associate. **Jennifer H. McCune** (2002) of Toccoa, GA, joined the firm of McClure, Ramsay, Dickerson & Escoe, LLP, as an associate. **James R. McNiff** (2002) of Athens, GA, joined the Office of Public Defender of the Northern Judicial Circuit. **Margaret E. McCluskey** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of King & Spalding as an associate. **Joanna C. Sole** (2002) of Decatur, GA, announced her marriage to Michael Sole on September 1, 2002. **Megan K. Watkins** (2002) of Huntersville, NC, joined the Charlotte office of Kilpatrick Stockton as an associate. **Joshua B. Belinfante** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Karina Khouri in May. He practices with the law firm of Alston & Bird, LLP, and serves on the Law School Association's Younger Law Alumni Committee. **Matthew A. Horvath** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Rogers & Hardin as an associate. **Katherine R. Lahnstein** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of Hill, Kertscher & Pixley, LLP, as an associate. **Jasmine C. Lowe** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, joined the firm of King & Spalding as an associate. **Easton Wycliffe Orr Jr.** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the new Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. **Kimberly A. Strickland** (2003) of Statesboro, GA, joined the firm of H. Lehman Franklin, PC, as an associate. **Greg W. Thomas** (2003) of Arlington, VA, joined the staff of South Carolina's Congressman Gresham Barrett's office as legislative assistant and will handle his Financial Services Committee work.



Steve Gilliam: When Nature Calls

While his professional attire can be misleading, Steven P. Gilliam (J.D.'74) has been an avid outdoorsman his entire life.

For the past 15 years, Gilliam and a crew of seven Gainesville professionals have traded in their cell phones and computers for backpacks and compasses. They have made annual pilgrimages to some of the remotest sites in North America and have encountered everything from raging snowstorms to ravenous bears.

The yearly tradition officially began in 1988, when the crew traveled to Wind River Range in Wyoming. There, they hiked 52 miles over six days and were met with smoke and ashes from the Yellowstone fires. Even though the first trip was quite difficult, the exhilaration they experienced led them to Canada's Mt. Assiniboine the following year. After being rained on, snowed on and separated, they safely returned home to Gainesville and began planning their next journey.

"You would think after the first two trips being so hard and long we would have quit, but we haven't," Gilliam said. They are still going strong today, frequenting places like Selway River in Idaho and Alaska's Russia River. Their most recent excursion was a canoeing trip along Montana's Upper Missouri River in honor of the upcoming 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clarke Expedition.

Consisting of two doctors, a printer, an engineer and another Georgia Law alumnus, T. Treadwell (Tread) Syfan (J.D.'77), everyone on the team has a designated role. Gilliam puts his diplomatic skills to good use as the camp manager, making decisions for the adventurers. "I've only been outvoted one time, and they like to bring up that I can be outvoted," Gilliam joked. "Even though someone can challenge me, in the end, they still call me the C.M. Although, it's probably because I do most of the cooking."

Gilliam enjoys everything about his trips from the breathtaking views to sharing the pioneering experience with his closest friends. "We hope to do this forever, but at some point the backpacks will get too heavy," he said. "When that happens, we will have to switch to horses."

- Brittany Cox



Tara Louise Baker, a first-year law student, who was killed in January 2001 in her off-campus apartment in Athens.

A Message from Tara Louise Baker's Family

It was not long ago that we met with one of Tara's dear friends. We had an opportunity to catch up with each other's activities and reminisce about special times spent with a remarkable young woman. There was laughter and, of course, heartfelt tears.

At the close of our visit, Katie (Lahnstein) brought forth a beautiful gift from (Associate) Dean Paul Kurtz and the members of Tara's section. It was a lovely framed drawing of the law school that our daughter so loved. Each member of her section had signed it. The signatures, some familiar to us and some as yet unknown, brought a special comfort to our family as they serve as an assurance that our precious one has not been forgotten.

We hope that each of you will on occasion see that warm and beautiful smile in your mind's eye and even perhaps hear that adorable and infectious giggle. She was a very large spirit contained in a small body. When she loved you, you had no doubt. It is the wish of her family that you know we love you also. Our very sincere thank you and best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

The Family of Tara Baker

Tara's murder remains unsolved. Those of us who loved her still have no answers and no closure.

Gifts to the Tara Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund are still being accepted. Please call (706) 542-7639 for more details. ■