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1960s

Gary B. Blasingame (1961) of Athens, GA, was featured in *Corporate Counsel* magazine. **Fred S. Clark** (1961) of Savannah, GA, won his case *Northern Insurance Company of New York vs. Chatham County* in the U.S. Supreme Court. **Earl T. Leonard Jr.** (1961) of Atlanta, GA, joined the faculty of the UGA Terry College of Business as executive in residence. **J. Vincent Cook Jr.** (1964) of Athens, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend's* Georgia's Legal Elite list. **Warren S. Shulman** (1966) of Atlanta, GA, had his first novel *The Lushan Addiction* published by AuthorHouse. **Richard W. Stephens** (1969) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in "Georgia Super Lawyers 2007."

1970 - 1974

Edmund A. Booth Jr. (1970) of Augusta, GA, was appointed acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. **William H. Lawson** (1971) of Atlanta, GA, established the firm Lawson & Moseley. **Roy E. Barnes** (1972) of Mableton, GA, announced his firm's development of a consumer Web site, *MyConsumerRights.com*. **Arthur E. Mallory III** (1972) of Reno, NV, was named to the Western Nevada Community College's Foundation Board of Trustees. **Brooks S. Franklin** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, was elected president of the board of directors of the Georgia Innocence Project. **J. David Roper** (1973) of Martinez, GA, was elected superior court judge for the Augusta Judicial Circuit. **Charles C. Smith Jr.** (1973) of St. Marys, GA, announced the merger of Smith & Floyd with Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin. **Rees M. Sumerford** (1973) of St. Simons Island, GA, announced the merger of Smith & Floyd with Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin. **Kenneth G. Vinson** (1973) of Dallas, GA, was appointed superior court judge for Paulding County by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Michael J. Bowers** (1974) of Commerce, GA, was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* for the unveiling of his portrait that was commissioned by Georgia Law alumni and friends and hangs at the law school. **James L. Gale** (1974) of Raleigh, NC, was listed in "North Carolina Super Lawyers." **James C. Gatewood** (1974) of Americus, GA, was appointed to the State Ethics Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **James M. Poe** (1974) of Atlanta, GA, joined Warshauer, Poe & Thornton as a name partner.

1975 - 1979

Donald R. Andersen (1976) of Stone Mountain, GA, was named a member of Stites & Harbison. **Carol V. Clark** (1976) of Atlanta, GA, was inducted into the Atlanta Trial Lawyers Society. **Janice A. Mays** (1976) of Arlington, VA, was named staff director of the House Ways and Means Committee. **David B. Bell** (1977) of Augusta, GA, was selected to receive the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. **James E. Butler Jr.** (1977) of Fortson, GA, was recognized by the UGA Institute of Ecology at a March program for his \$1 million gift that established three Butler Fellowships in Ecology. **Richard H. Deane Jr.** (1977) of Stone Mountain, GA, was inducted into the Gate City Bar Association's Hall of Fame. **Andrew J. Hill III** (1977) of Athens, GA, was inducted as an American College of Trial Lawyers fellow. **William B. Sylvester** (1977) of Elizabeth, CO, was appointed chief judge in Colorado's 18th Judicial District. **Benjamin Allen** (1978) of Augusta, GA, became a part-time juvenile court judge for the Augusta Judicial Circuit. **Luis A. Aguilar** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to receive the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. **Kevin P. Conboy** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the board of trustees of Southern Catholic College. **J. Michael McGarity** (1979) of Dahlonega, GA, established The McGarity Group, a general business firm.

1980 - 1984

Therese G. Franzen (1980) of Duluth, GA, was selected to receive the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. **Jere W. Morehead** (1980) of Athens, GA, was named permanently to the position of UGA vice president of instruction. **Donald F. Samuel** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend's* Georgia's Legal Elite list. **C. Glenn Dunaway** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, joined Powell Goldstein as a partner. **William C. Ingram Jr.** (1981) of Greensboro, NC, appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court as "second chair" in the case of *Rita v. United States*. **James H. Moore III** (1981) of Albany, GA, was named to the board of directors of HeritageBank of the South. **Lawton E. Stephens** (1981) of Athens, GA, received the Billy Hudson Distinguished Citizen Award at the Northeast Georgia Boy Scout Council's

8th Annual American Values Dinner. **Janet E. Hill** (1982) of Arnoldsville, GA, was listed in



Atlanta Magazine's Super Lawyers issue. **Robert J. Middleton** (1982) of Albany, GA, joined the Albany office of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover as part of the firm's utilities and regulatory practice group.



Anne E. Barnes (1983) of Decatur, GA, was elected chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia. **Laurie A. Fowler** (1983) of Athens, GA, received UGA's Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished

Achievement in University Public Service and Outreach. **Jan D. Mallory** (1983) of Brunswick, GA, joined Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin as of counsel as a result of a merger. **Edward H. Lindsey Jr.** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was a featured speaker at the Federalist Society's luncheon in January 2007. **John E. Taylor** (1984) of Marietta, GA, was elected to membership in the Real Estate Group of Atlanta.

1985 - 1989

M. Ellen McElyea (1985) of Canton, GA, was appointed superior court judge of the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Deborah A. Ausburn** (1986) of Woodstock, GA, relocated her practice from Atlanta, GA, and has joined Flint & Connolly.



G. Wayne Hillis Jr. (1986) of Dunwoody, GA, was named assistant managing partner of Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs. **Jennifer B. Moore** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was made a share-

holder of Greenberg Traurig. **Kyle D. Pruitt** (1986) of Greer, SC, was promoted to senior vice president at Carolina First Bank. **Julianna C. Theall** (1986) of Greensboro, NC, was named as one of the Top 50 Women in the "North Carolina Super Lawyers" list and in the "2007 Chambers USA" America's Leading Business Lawyers list. **Elizabeth B. Chandler** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was selected and confirmed as city attorney of Atlanta. **Anne P. Dupre** (1988) of Athens, GA, was selected to serve as senior fellow at UGA's Institute of Higher Education. **O. Byron Meredith III** (1988) of Atlanta, GA,



Elizabeth Brannen Chandler: Managing municipal law

After working in the private sector and for a public company, Elizabeth “Beth” Brannen Chandler (J.D. ’88) has settled into municipal law in her new position as city attorney for the City of Atlanta. Always interested in the corporate side of the law and the problem solving aspect, Chandler found herself in a variety of legal capacities before making her way to her current job.

Following a 12-year career at Troutman Sanders, she worked for Mirant Corporation for six years, where she was assistant general counsel and corporate secretary, and was responsible for governance, compliance and ethics within the organization.

While she was not involved in the initial development of the compliance and ethics program after Mirant spun off from Southern Company in early 2001, she was constantly busy updating the program after the organization fell into bankruptcy. She also advised the Mirant board on governance and securities matters.

In fact, Chandler’s work at Mirant serves as a model for other organizations in crisis. “We sort of lived in crisis for several years – experiencing everything from SEC and Department of Justice investigations to credit downgrades, governance reforms, bankruptcy and ultimately management and board changes. We didn’t know how to operate in a normal mode,” Chandler said.

However, all of this hard work helped prepare her for her newest challenge as city attorney. She is working on getting up to speed on all of the issues currently facing the City of Atlanta. According to Chandler, it is a timely process because instead of simply being updated as developments occur, she must receive all of the background information as well.

One immediate goal she has for the Department of Law is to dispel any misconceptions that Atlanta residents may have about her office. “I think there’s a lack of understanding about the breadth of services we provide to the city,” Chandler said. “I think mostly people aren’t sure of the role, when it really is similar to an in-house legal function of a very large company – constantly in the public eye.”

Chandler reports to both Mayor Shirley Franklin and the Atlanta City Council. With the expanse of issues the city covers, she focuses on choosing specific projects to get more deeply involved in.

As city attorney, she is responsible for managing litigation against the city, advising all city departments and managing the Department of Law. “I inherited a terrific staff, delegating and allowing them to handle matters so that I’m not over committing myself is the goal,” she said.

Looking forward to her position for the remainder of Franklin’s term, Chandler cites the numerous exciting projects that Franklin has in mind for Atlanta as one of the reasons that drew her to the position. Franklin has been successful in partnering the business community with public and private organizations to help Atlanta grow and thrive.

“Her commitment to open and honest government, given my background in compliance and ethics, attracted me to the position,” Chandler said.

While she is enjoying her new post at the helm of one of the South’s largest cities, she still gets time away amidst her hectic schedule to spend time with her two sons. “I still watch a lot of Little League Baseball and Georgia football.”

- Nikki Girard

became a chapter 13 trustee of the Southern District of Georgia, Savannah Division.

1990 - 1994

Michael F. Peck (1990) of London, England, was assigned to Total Systems’ London office for two years. **David L. Smith** (1990) of Newnan, GA, was elected a partner of Constangy, Brooks & Smith. **Santhia L. Curtis** (1991) of Smyrna, GA, was selected to be deputy general counsel and ethics officer for Atlanta Public Schools. **J. Danny Love** (1991) of Winterville, GA, established his own law firm. **Harold D. Melton** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for honorary initiation into the Stephens Chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity at Georgia Law. **David W. Orłowski** (1991) of Albany, GA, was named a partner of Langley & Lee. **Dan M. Sterling** (1991) of Portland, OR, has become the principal of Bryant Elementary. **Christopher T. Adams** (1992) of Dacula, GA, was named a 2006 Super Lawyer by *Atlanta Magazine*. **Gerald “Jerre” R. Boss** (1992) of Dunwoody, GA, joined the firm Jones Day as a partner. **Thomas C. Rawlings** (1992) of Sandersville, GA, was appointed to the Board of Juvenile Justice by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Michael L. Edwards** (1993) of Savannah, GA, was selected to receive the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice’s Commission on



Professionalism. **Richard D. Faulkner Jr.** (1993) of Signal Mountain, TN, was listed in the *Business Tennessee* magazine’s 150 Best Lawyers issue. **M. Elizabeth Sanders** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, has become a senior minister

of College Park First United Methodist Church. **Ashley B. Watson** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, became vice president and general counsel of Attenex Corporation. **Jennifer Greene Ammons** (1994) of Covington, GA, announced with her husband Charles the birth of Sara Kate on Dec. 9, 2006. **Russell S. Bonds** (1994) of Marietta, GA, had his book *Stealing the General: The Great Locomotive Chase and the First Medal of Honor* published in the fall of 2006. **T. Gatewood Sampson II** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, was elected president-elect of the Gate City Bar Association. **Erin S. Stone** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, became a state-certified civil litigation mediator.

1995 - 1999

Stuart G. Baker (1995) of Arlington, VA, became a policy director for the Homeland

Security Council with the Department of Homeland Security. **Anthony S. Carter** (1995) of Covington, GA, was appointed circuit public defender for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. **H.**



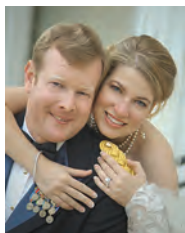
Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner of Thompson Hine.

Bonnie Keith Green (1995) of Charlotte, NC, announced her marriage to Fulton DeWitt Green on Oct. 21, 2006.



Rebecca Bell Jenkins (1995) of Knoxville, TN, announced with her husband Jerald the birth of Rebecca Caroline on Aug. 31, 2006. **Andrew H. Walcoff** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Leslie

Sharon on June 11, 2006. **Jean-Paul Boulee** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner of Jones Day. **Kimberly C. Gaddis** (1996) of Marietta, GA, became a member of the management committee at Weissman, Nowack, Curry & Wilco. **Ellen D. Williams** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the advisory council for the Office of Women's Health by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Cannon C. Alsbrook** (1997) of Alpharetta, GA, became a partner of Savell & Williams. **Lee Ann S. Anand** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was elected an equity partner of Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough. She announced with her husband Justin the birth



of Jackson Sparks on Oct. 4, 2006. **William Brad Carver** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, became of counsel with the Atlanta office of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover and was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army

Reserve. He announced his marriage to Michelle Chamberlain on May 5, 2000. **Thomas G. Douglass Jr.** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to counsel at Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan. **Ashley H. Graham** (1997) of New York, NY, announced her marriage to Frederick Bolles Graham III on Sept. 30, 2006. **A. Michael Lee** (1997) of Decatur, GA, was elected a partner of Jones Day. **Mona P. Maerz** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, joined Duane Morris as special counsel. **Devin R. Maxwell** (1997) of Okeechobee, FL, announced with his wife Elizabeth the birth of Lillian Grace on Aug. 9,

2006. **Tilman E. Self III** (1997) of Macon, GA, was elected superior court judge for Bibb County, becoming the third successive generation in his family to hold a judgeship. **Tommy J. Smith** (1997) of Collins, GA, was appointed state court judge in Toombs County by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **James A. Tabb** (1997) of San Diego, CA, was made a partner of McKenna Long & Aldridge. **Eiichiro Takahata** (LL.M. 1997) of Tokyo, Japan, became an associate professor at the Nihon University College of Law. He contributed an article about the Japanese Constitution to *The Encyclopedia of World Constitutions* as well as gave an academic speech on "Religious Accommodation in Japan" at the International Academy for Freedom of Religion and Belief at Brigham Young University. **Brandy A. Bayer** (1998) of Peyton, CO, joined LexisNexis as a legal editor. **James L. Hollis** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner of Balch & Bingham. **J. Matthew Martin** (1998) of Chattanooga, TN, joined Husch & Eppenbeger. **Leigh M. May** (1998) of Decatur, GA, became a partner of Butler, Wooten & Fryhofer. **Carla W. McMillian** (1998) of Tyrone, GA, was elected a partner of King & Spalding. **Stephen B. Moseley** (1998) of Rome, GA, was appointed chairman of the Heart of the Community Foundation Board of Governors for 2006-07. **Molly K. O'Steen** (1998) of Athens, GA, was promoted to a shareholder of Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley. **Josh B. Wages** (1998) of Athens, GA, was promoted to a shareholder of Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley. **Jason R. Wolfersberger** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner of Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough. **Charles L. Clay Jr.** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner of Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial. **Jeffrey P. Cowan** (1999) of Falls Church, VA, announced the birth of Giselle Allie on Feb. 2, 2006. **Anna W. Davis** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney in the Crimes Against Children Unit. **Jennifer Parker Guyer** (1999) of Savannah, GA, announced her marriage to Charles Lee Guyer on Sept. 15, 2006. **Scott E. Hitch** (1999) of Roswell, GA, was elected a partner of Balch & Bingham and was elected to the Georgia Environmental Policy Institute's board of directors. **Justin R. Howard** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner of Alston & Bird. **Keith A. Jernigan** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Coleman, Talley, Newbern, Kurrie, Preston & Holland. **Elizabeth McClure Kelley** (1999) of Arlington, VA, joined Alston & Bird to help develop the firm's global sourcing practice.



Justin D. LeBlanc (1999) of Portland, ME, became a shareholder of LeBlanc & Young. **John H. Longwell** (1999) of Washington, D.C., joined infoUSA as general counsel. **Colin A. McRae** (1999) of Savannah, GA,

became a partner of Hunter Maclean. **Sherry V. Neal** (1999) and **Daniel S. Wright** (1999) announced the formation of Neal & Wright. They also announced the birth of Latha Lois on May 4, 2006. **Scott A. Randolph** (1999) of Orlando, FL, was elected state representative in Florida's District 36 over a two-term incumbent in a landslide victory. **Sean J. Reynolds** (1999) of Roswell, GA, was elected a partner of Morris, Manning & Martin. **John C. Rogers** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, became a member of Carlock, Copeland, Semler & Stair. **Scott A. Witzigreuter** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was elected a partner of Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial.

2000 - 2004

Christopher J. Hoofnagle (2000) of San Francisco, CA, joined the Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic as a senior



staff attorney as well as the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology as senior fellow at the University of California -Berkeley law school.



R. Lawton Jordan III (2000) of Smyrna, GA, joined Davis, Matthews & Quigley. **Rebecca Hester Miller** (2000) of Winston Salem, NC, announced with her husband Coy and son Laughton the birth of Campbell Caroline on Dec. 6, 2006. **Katherine Ingram McMurtry**

(2000) of Albany, GA, announced her marriage to Derek S. McMurtry on March 24, 2007. **Brian C. Meadows** (2000) of Powder Springs, GA, was promoted to an officer of Needle & Rosenberg. **Patrick N. Millsaps** (2000) of Camilla, GA, was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Jeffery O. Monroe** (2000) of Macon, GA, joined Jones, Cork & Miller and was named in *Georgia Trend's* "40 Under 40" 2006 list. **Shyam K. Reddy** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to



Chris J. Hoofnagle: Exposing privacy law

For the seemingly open Chris J. Hoofnagle (J.D.'00), privacy is a huge issue. It is at the heart of what he teaches his law students at the University of California-Berkeley School of Law's Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic.

This consumer privacy law guru imparts his own brand of legal expertise in his clinical classes with projects ranging from privacy to free speech to civil liberties where they

accept "real world" projects based on students' interest and for the potential to influence public policy.

His favorite aspect of the job is his interaction with students because, according to Hoofnagle, they are remarkably committed and "own" the projects. The harder part comes as he continually works on developing a positive strategy for addressing the tough issues surrounding privacy law.

"It is difficult to develop an agenda designed to shape the law to reduce the collection of personal information, to give individuals more dignity and to prevent the creation of a scarlet letter society," Hoofnagle commented.

Hoofnagle also enjoys the collaborative atmosphere at his current university. His students have the opportunity to work closely with their peers from other departments like information science, engineering, psychology and computer science to complement their legal focus. According to Hoofnagle, the multidisciplinary approach provides the students with a richer perspective on how to address policy matters.

Since his experience as an undergraduate volunteering in Georgia Law's Legal Aid and Defender Clinic, Hoofnagle has always been interested in privacy law. "Privacy is a necessary condition for living an autonomous life, one reasonably free from social control by the government and, increasingly, by the intrusion of commercial interests," he said.

He is currently working on a proposal he claims would dramatically reduce the threat of identity theft. The proposal would require banks to publicly report incidences of identity theft resulting in more informed consumers who can then select their banking institution based on the relative risk of identity theft.

"With enough information, we could actually have competition to reduce the severity and prevalence of identity theft," Hoofnagle said.

However, Hoofnagle also does not think the public should be scared of invasions of privacy. He agrees that in many ways, we have more privacy today than a century ago and that threats to personal autonomy come from both the government and the private sector. "Under current conceptions of the Fourth Amendment, revealing information to a business is just as risky as revealing it to the government," he said.

Updating privacy law is another issue Hoofnagle hopes to tackle in the future. He sees the need to re-conceptualize privacy law to bring it into modern times.

"I would bring more rationality to it by helping courts understand that in a database society, one cannot equate secrecy with privacy, because nothing is truly secret anymore. Even the most sensitive facts about an individual are stored somewhere in a medical or educational database."

In his free time, Hoofnagle writes a blog that addresses "denialism," rhetorical techniques used by libertarian groups to derail social justice efforts. He hopes these and other efforts will lead him to a new professional destination, possibly in Manhattan. "I need to find a job that allows me to go to Zabar's (a gourmet food shop) every morning."

- Nikki Girard

receive a 2007 Marshall Memorial Fellowship. **J. Patrick Michael Sneed** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, became a partner of Davis, Pickren & Seydel.

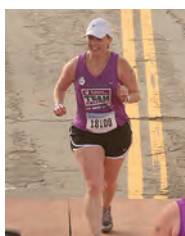
Andrew W. Stone (2000) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Jodi L. Philipson on



May 12, 2006. **Michael L. Sullivan** (2000) and **Rebecca N. Sullivan** (2000) of Lilburn, GA, announced with their daughter Gracie the birth of Nash Caldwell on Jan. 19, 2007. Additionally, Michael was appointed to

the Board of Technical and Adult Education by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Nicole Day Waller** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined Cumulus Media as corporate counsel. Additionally, she announced her marriage to Cory Waller on Feb. 11, 2006. **J. Clay Cheshire** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover. **Steven D. Henry** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Atlanta office of Smith Moore. **Anita C. Johnson** (2001) of Jonesboro, GA, was promoted to senior attorney at Sanchez Hayes & Associates. **Lynda W. Kenney** (2001) of Smyrna, GA, associated with Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover. **Michael P. Kohler** (2001) of Marietta, GA, associated with Miller & Martin. **Alexander S. Lurey** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined Kitchens New. **S. Mark Mitchell** (2001) of Newnan, GA, was named a partner of McKee & Mitchell. **Joshua M. Moore** (2001) of Norcross, GA, associated with the Atlanta office of Balch & Bingham. **James W. Stevens II** (2001) of Mableton, GA, was selected as a 2006 Georgia Rising Star by *Law & Politics* and *Atlanta Magazine*. **Paul H. Threlkeld** (2001) of Vidalia, GA, was appointed solicitor-general for Toombs County by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Charles P. Aaron** (2002) of Sylvania, GA, announced his marriage to Tracie Leigh Fulghum on Aug. 26, 2006. **David W. Adams** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was chosen as one of 40 young lawyers statewide to participate in the Leadership Academy, which was developed by the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division. **Katherine L. Harris** (2002) of Bogart, GA, joined the Atlanta office of Holland & Knight. **Rishi R. Hingoraney** (2002) of Washington, D.C., joined the Association of Public Television Stations as a lobbyist. **Jennifer Sekerka Morante** (2002) of Northville, MI, associated with Jeffery D. Meek & Associates. **Tiffany S. Rowe** (2002) of Ellenwood, GA, established her own firm. **Patrick R. Vincent** (2002) of Riverview, FL, joined Asset Acceptance as a staff attorney. **Josh B. Belinfante** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed deputy execu-

tive counsel to Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Leslie K. Eason** (2003) of Stockton, AL, associated with Greenberg Traurig. **Charles E. Harris IV** (2003) of Mableton, GA, associated with Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers. **Megan E. Jones** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was named senior counsel and director of human resources for AirServ Corporation. **Emily B. Keener** (2003) of Woodstock, GA, completed Cobb County government's year-long EXCEL management development program and was awarded a certificate of local government management from UGA's Carl Vinson Institute of Government. **Katherine R. Lahnstein** (2003) of Alexandria, VA, joined Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan as an intellectual property lawyer. **Jessica Langston McClellan** (2003) of Savannah, GA, was appointed chair of the ABA's Admiralty & Maritime Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section. **Tiana S. Mykkeltvedt** (2003) of Decatur, GA, was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* "After Hours" section for her participation in the 2006 Atlanta Legal Aid Society Run for Justice. **Coby S. Nixon** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Alston & Bird. **Ashley B. Rogers** (2003) of Crestview, FL, became a staff attorney of Florida's 1st Judicial Circuit. She holds membership in both the Florida Bar and the Louisiana Bar. **Sarah E. Tollison** (2003) of Marietta, GA, associated with Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers. **Allen W. Yee** (2003) of Dallas, TX, rejoined the Dallas office of Vinson & Elkins. **Christopher C. Anderson** (2004) of Cornelius, NC, joined the Chicago Title Insurance Company as underwriting counsel. **Benjamin M. Byrd** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Gorby, Reeves & Peters. **Jason J. Carter** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the *Fulton County Daily Report* "After Hours" section for his participation in the 2006 Atlanta Legal Aid Society Run for Justice. **Caroline G. Castle** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Jones Day. **Kyle W. Dunton** (2004) of Douglasville, GA, announced his marriage to Stephanie Ellen Denney in February 2006. **Sally G. Haskell** (2004) of Savannah, GA, associated with Brennan & Wasden. **Dante L. Hudson** (2004) of Brunswick, GA, joined the Brunswick Circuit Defender Office as an assistant circuit defender. **Francys Johnson** (2004) of Sylvania, GA, announced his marriage to



Meca Rena Williams on Nov. 18, 2006. **Stephanie L. Oginsky** (2004) of Decatur, GA, completed the Nike Women's Half Marathon in San Francisco and raised \$5,000 in memory of her



Steve C. Jones: Advocating for a better tomorrow

Steve C. Jones (J.D.'88) possesses a passion for his community that is evident to all who know him.

"I've lived in Athens all my life, grew up in Athens. It's a good town, and I wanted to be a part of it," Jones, who is a Western Circuit Superior Court judge, said when asked why he remained in Athens after law school.

Now Jones is in a prime position to leave a lasting mark on his community. In December 2005, he was approached by the mayor of Athens to take on the daunting task of becoming the chairperson of the city's newest anti-poverty initiative, Partners for a Prosperous Athens. After accepting the offer, his duties included working with a steering committee to ensure the entire group remained on task to identify problem areas and to deliver positive recommendations on how to reduce poverty in Athens-Clarke County, the rate of which is currently at a staggering 28 percent.

Stressing the importance of involving those who poverty affects most in the development process, Jones feels strongly that the committee's recommendations will make a difference and is moving onto the next step – fund raising.

"As a judge, I can't ask anybody for money, but I will work to make sure the OneAthens Foundation (a newly created group to oversee the accountability and implementation of PPA's recommendations) is formally and properly put together," he said.

For his extensive efforts on this project and his overall sense of community pride, Jones was featured on CNN in a segment that aired in February, during Black History Month. According to Jones, a camera crew captured his every move from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. one day. During that time, he handled cases in the courtroom, visited with UGA's President Michael F. Adams and jetted around to his favorite hometown locales.

Jones does all he can in Athens to ensure his community is thriving. He is a member of numerous civic organizations and is a deacon at his church. "You have to be involved and be the full person," Jones said.

This Athens native admits that his passion for helping others also helps him to do his best in the courtroom. "Most people see judges as only putting people in jail. Instead, I think the main thing is that we really have the authority to place people in situations that can help them," he stated.

With the help of two other superior court judges, Jones started a felony drug court in the Western Circuit to help stave off recidivism. The trio recognized that locking up addicts was not the solution to the problem because they emerged from prison with the same addiction. Now, the judges can order someone into a rehabilitation program to get help and hopefully prevent re-entrance into the system.

Jones acknowledges the heaviness of the decisions he makes daily, which is why he reviews each decision, ensuring time to correct a mistake. He also acknowledges the major role a judge plays in the life of a person who is standing before the court.

"I think when a judge is trying to do the best he can, he can do a lot of positive things for a person."

- Nikki Girard

Uncle Ned. **Benjamin M. Perkins** (2004) of Savannah, GA, associated with Oliver, Maner & Gray and was named a 2006 Georgia Rising Star in the Georgia Super Lawyers edition of *Atlanta Magazine* and *Law & Politics*. **A. Justin Poplin** (2004) of Overland Park, KS, announced his marriage to Elizabeth Wertz in June 2006.

Joshua S. Stein (2004) of Smyrna, GA, associated with Goodman, McGuffey, Lindsey & Johnson. **Dawn V. Stephens** (2004) of Addison, TX, joined Texas Instruments Incorporated as a patent attorney. **Kristi A. Uhrinek** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, associated with McKenna Long & Aldridge. **Edwina M. Watkins** (2004) of Marietta, GA, associated with Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers. **Colin S. Wright** (2004) of Fort Lauderdale, FL, joined Citrix Systems as a patent attorney.

2005 - 2006

Emily Sacco Avant (2005) of Atlanta, GA,

announced her marriage to James Sewell Avant on Nov. 4, 2006. **Amanda J. Bates** (2005) of Athens, GA, joined UGA's Office of Legal Affairs as an assistant director. **Anna Green Bolden** (2005) and **Kristopher M. Bolden** (2005) of Athens, GA, announced their marriage on Aug. 12, 2006. **Adam M. Conrad** (2005) and **Danielle A. Conrad** (2005) of Arlington, VA, announced their marriage on Oct. 21, 2006. **Robert L. Fortson** (2005) of Decatur, GA, announced his marriage to Meeghan Elizabeth Murphy on March 25, 2006. **Kira Fonteneau Fraser** (2005) of Birmingham, AL, established The Fonteneau Firm and announced her marriage to Omar Fraser on Dec. 22, 2006. **E. Ramsey Henderson** (2005) of Athens, GA, joined Georgia Law as assistant director of legal career services. **Samuel L. Lucas** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Brinson, Askew, Berry, Seigler, Richardson & Davis. **Jennifer B. McDowell** (2005) of Crestwood, MO,

was named corporate counsel at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Missouri. **Jarrod S. Mendel** (2005) of Thomson, GA, associated with Casey Gilson Leibel. **Barry N. Middleton** (2005) of Gainesville, GA, announced his marriage to Kristen Marie Thigpen on April 28, 2007. **Gillian B. Fierer** (2006) of Decatur, GA, announced her wedding to Michael Edward O'Nan on June 16, 2007. **Catherine L. Morrison-Harris** (2006) of Memphis, TN, announced her marriage to Frederick R. Harris Jr. on August 19, 2006. **Rakesh N. Parekh** (2006) of Columbus, GA, became a judicial law clerk. **Stacey Suber-Drake** (2006) of Lawrenceville, GA, announced her marriage to Taylor Francis Drake on March 11, 2006. **Allison S. Thompson** (2006) of Newnan, GA, announced her marriage to Matthew R. Thompson on Aug. 19, 2006. **Kristin M. Timm** (2006) of Stone Mountain, GA, associated with Sutherland Asbill & Brennan.

In Memoriam

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

W. Winton Warren (1937)
Silver Spring, MD
January 1, 2007

Edwin B. Fortson (1938)
Athens, GA
January 10, 2007

Murphey Rogers (1943)
Ocilla, GA
June 26, 2005

Jesse G. Bowles (1946)
Cuthbert, GA
January 28, 2007

Joseph B. Bergen (1950)
Savannah, GA
March 22, 2007

Joseph B. Cramer (1950)
Salem, SC
December 27, 2006

Thomas M. Johnson Jr. (1950)
Atlanta, GA
February 10, 2007

Laurie K. Abbott (1951)
Savannah, GA
November 17, 2006

James A. Stanfield (1951)
Glennville, GA
December 20, 2006

William R. Harp (1954)
Atlanta, GA
November 22, 2006

Jule W. Felton Jr. (1955)
Atlanta, GA
January 17, 2007

Thomas R. Burnside Jr. (1962)
Augusta, GA
February 12, 2007

Ronald L. Davis (1963)
Cartersville, GA
January 8, 2007

J. Gordon Grant (1964)
Savannah, GA
August 28, 2006

C. Oliver Oxford (1965)
Highlands, NC
February 28, 2007

Edward S. Sell III (1965)
Macon, GA
February 2, 2007

Wright Willingham (1965)
Gainesville, GA
February 1, 2007

James E. Humes II (1970)
Columbus, GA
January 8, 2007

R. Thomas Jarrard (1972)
Gainesville, GA
March 17, 2007

Walter E. Van Heiningen (1977)
Thomasville, GA
March 7, 2007

Joseph C. Nelson III (1978)
Arnoldsville, GA
February 14, 2007

Jimmy W. Watson (1980)
Sylvester, GA
January 12, 2007