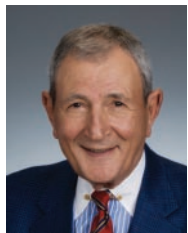


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## 1940 - 1959

**Fred L. Belcher** (1947) of Nashville, GA, celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife Suzanne Smith Belcher on Oct. 5, 2007. Additionally, he was honored by having the Fred L. Belcher Bridge in Berrien County dedicated on Sept. 22, 2007. **William H. Jordan**



**Jr.** (1952) of Atlanta, GA, became the chairman of the State Ethics Commission. **Charles J. Driebe** (1958) of Atlanta, GA, was awarded the State Bar of Georgia's Tradition of Excellence Award in the general

practice section. **Norman S. Fletcher** (1958) of Rome, GA, was elected chairman of the Arch Foundation Board of Trustees for the University of Georgia.

## 1960s

**Emmet J. Bondurant II** (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for assisting in presenting the Southeast Region Anti-Defamation League Jurisprudence Award. **Gary B. Blasingame** (1961) of Athens, GA, was

listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Earl T. Leonard Jr.** (1961) of Atlanta, GA, received the Dean's Distinguished Service Award from the UGA's Terry College of Business. **George H. Carley** (1962) of Decatur, GA, was awarded the Distinguished Judicial Service Award by the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division. **Sidney F. Wheeler** (1962) of Atlanta, GA, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. **Charles H. Brown** (1963) of Statesboro, GA, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. **Lawrence C. Walker Jr.** (1965) of Perry, GA, was appointed to the board of the Georgia Department of Transportation. **George H. Kreeger** (1966) of Kennesaw, GA, received the Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award from the State Bar of Georgia's Bench and Bar Committee. **C. David Butler** (1967) of Atlanta, GA, received the Atlanta Bar Association's Charles E. Watkins Jr. Award. **H. Sanders Carter Jr.** (1967) of Stone Mountain, GA, joined Smith Moore as part of a consolidation between Smith Moore and Carter & Ansley. **Clayton H. Farnham** (1967) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **E. Davison Burch**

(1968) of Athens, GA, was listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **E. Lloyd Sutter** (1968) of Calhoun, GA, retired from the active practice of law as a partner with King & Spalding in December 1994 and, more recently, retired as a deacon of the Catholic Church in March 2007.

## 1970 - 1974

**Robert Benham** (1970) of Cartersville, GA, was honored by the Gate City Bar Association, which named its law camp for high school students after him. Additionally, he was selected to give the address at the Third Annual Civil Rights Commemorative Service. **John B. Miller Jr.** (1970) of Atlanta, GA, joined Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan as a partner. **J.L. Edmondson** (1971) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Henry G. Garrard III** (1971) of Athens, GA, was listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Hubert C. Lovein Jr.** (1971) of Macon, GA, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. **Roy E. Barnes** (1972) of Mableton, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. Additionally, he

was honored at the Chattahoochee Technical College's Third Annual Legacy Awards, at the St. Thomas More Society's luncheon and awards ceremony following the annual Red Mass and at the Athens Justice Project's October awards luncheon. **J. Robert Persons III** (1972) of Atlanta, GA, joined Smith Moore as part of a consolidation between Smith Moore and Carter & Ansley. **David C. Hagaman** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, was highlighted in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for reaching the pinnacle of Gray's Peak in Colorado. **Scott M. Hobby** (1973) of Dunwoody, GA, joined Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan as a partner. **William H. Kitchens** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **William P. Payne** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, was the subject of an article that appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* about his assuming the chairmanship of the Augusta National Golf Club. **Robert A. Barnaby II** (1974) of Atlanta, GA, joined Donahue, Hoey, Nelson & Cohen as of counsel. **Stephen E. Boswell** (1974) of Hampton, GA, joined Finch McCranie as counsel. **Michael J. Bowers** (1974) of Commerce, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in



Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Steven P. Gilliam** (1974) of Gainesville, GA, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. **Paul W. Painter**

**Jr.** (1974) of Savannah, GA, received the Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Award from the State Bar of Georgia's Bench and Bar Committee. **Douglas N. Peters** (1974) of Stone Mountain, GA, was awarded the Rees Smith Lifetime Achievement Award by the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. **Michael S. Reeves** (1974) of Atlanta, GA, joined Friend, Hudak & Harris as a partner. **Sharon "Nyota" Tucker** (1974) of Albany, GA, was named legal counsel for Albany State University.

1975 - 1979



**J. Foster Clark** (1975) of Birmingham, AL, was named president of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. **Gary E. Jackson** (1975) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated the graduation of his

second cousin, Rachel Harkavy (2007) from Georgia Law in May 2007. They both have undergraduate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and law degrees from UGA. **Kenneth L. Millwood** (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Philip W. Norwood** (1975) of Germantown, TN, was elected to the board of directors for Mid-American Apartment Communities. **John W. Robinson IV** (1975) of Tampa, FL, was elected trustee of the 11th Circuit by the American Inns of Court. **J. Larry Stine** (1975) of



Tucker, GA, became a named senior principal of Wimberly, Lawson, Steckel, Schneider & Stine. **J.M. Hudgins IV** (1976) of Norcross, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Roy M. Sobelson** (1976) of Chamblee, GA, accepted the Atticus Finch Award on behalf of the Georgia State University law faculty for raising more money than Emory for the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. **John L. Douglas** (1977) of Norcross, GA, joined Paul,

Hastings, Janofsky & Walker as a partner and has started the firm's new global bank regulatory practice. **Andrew J. Hill III** (1977) of Athens, GA, was listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Stanley S. Jones Jr.** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Mental Health Service Delivery Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue, and in August, he was honored by former first lady Roselyn Carter for his work with Project Interconnections. Additionally, he was listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and the 2007 *Chambers USA* as one of the best lawyers in Georgia. **R. Mark Mahler** (1977) of Woodstock, GA, joined LandmarX as managing attorney. **B. Michael Mears** (1977) of Decatur, GA, joined the faculty of the John Marshall Law School, and in May, he received the Atlanta Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award. **Joseph W. Watkins** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Carl E. Westmoreland Jr.** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, joined Seyfarth Shaw as a partner. **John T. Croley Jr.** (1978) of Fitzgerald, GA,



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Spring/Summer 2007 Class Notes

In addition to receiving Class Notes entries directly from Georgia Law alumni for publication, the alumni office also includes notes that have been previously published in newspapers and/or other magazines. Alumni staff verify information to ensure it is accurate; however, in the event a Class Note is not correct, you are asked to contact Jill Coveny Birch at jbirch@uga.edu or at (706) 542-5190. She will make the necessary changes and re-list the corrected notice so that it appears in the next issue of the Advocate.

**C. Oliver Oxford** (1965) of Highlands, NC, was mistakenly identified as deceased in the last issue.

**Edward S. Sell III** (1965) of Macon, GA, is alive and well. It was Ed's father, **Edward S. Sell Jr.** (1939), who passed away on Feb. 2, 2007.

**Carla W. McMillian** (1998) of Tyrone, GA, was elected partner at Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan in Atlanta, GA, not at King & Spalding.



Photo courtesy of the Fulton County Daily Report

**Gerry Weber:  
Lifelong defender of civil liberties**

For the past 16 years, Gerald R. "Gerry" Weber Jr. (J.D.'89) has devoted his life to the cause of civil liberties and the enforcement of civil rights.

As former legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, an institution he describes as the Constitution's "watchdog and protector," Weber has represented people of all backgrounds who needed help when "the government crossed the constitutional line."

For Weber, any given day at the ACLU included litigation, media interviews and meetings with coalition partners. During his 16 years of service, his biggest accomplishments were "expanding the legal program to one of the biggest in the country and helping so many clients stand tall and fight for their rights."

While he has tried countless cases for the ACLU in both the state and federal trial and appellate courts, in his last year he achieved a record of .842 (16 wins in 19 cases), which is "about as good as it gets in civil rights law." Some of his most memorable cases included representing students in a fifth-grade class who were strip searched to recover a missing \$26, a blind man barred from voting because of his disability and a homeless man arrested for "urban camping" who went on to college.

Weber believes the impact of the work done at the ACLU can be felt across the country. While individuals often label the ACLU a "liberal" group, he thinks the ACLU is all about freedom, and "everyone should relate to that."

"Our Bill of Rights is there for the little guy, the outsider, the unpopular one. I truly believe the ACLU's work breathes life into the Bill of Rights, and without it, the document would become some nice phrases that make us all feel good about ourselves but never test our tolerance for difference."

While Weber's tenure at the ACLU has ended, it does not mean his career in the law has come to a close. He is currently working part time as senior staff counsel for the Southern Center for Human Rights, a public interest law organization dedicated to enforcing the civil and human rights of people in the criminal justice system in the South. In this position, he handles cases dealing with a variety of topics, including a person's right to a lawyer and the death penalty, and he hopes to expand the SCHR's work into "new and unchartered seas."

Additionally, he will be devoting more time to his own private practice, the Law Offices of Gerald Weber. Weber's firm, which focuses on constitutional law, has represented clients ranging from physicians who object to doctors participating in capital punishment to citizens arrested for monitoring police surveillance. He said he is thrilled to be broadening his practice areas since it has "allowed him to spread his wings and challenge himself in new ways."

While Weber's schedule seems rather full, he still finds time to enrich the minds of law students as an adjunct law professor at Emory and Georgia State universities, positions he has held for more than a decade.

For Weber, the law can be defined as one "never-ending learning experience." Whether it has been representing victims of racial profiling to filing a lawsuit to save one of the oldest trees inside Interstate 285, he has always found that the law presents new challenges on a daily basis.

"I love legal problems that test your legal imagination. Finding that obscure statute, the antiquated case, the theory that no one has ever tried ... it's what makes law a challenge and a creative process."

- Leigh Tenewitz

was elected chairman of the board of directors at CBC Holding Company. **William H. Hope II** (1978) of Atlanta, GA, joined Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan as counsel. **S. Lark Ingram** (1978) of Smyrna, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Ruth Austin Knox** (1978) of Macon, GA, was featured in an article in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Gordon A. Smith** (1978) of New York, NY, was named executive director and chief operating officer of the National Tennis Association. **Richard W. Story** (1978) of Gainesville, GA, made his acting debut as Atticus Finch in "To Kill a Mockingbird" at the Holly Theater in Dahlonega, GA. **Luis A. Aguilar** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Patricia Warren Booker** (1979) of Augusta, GA, was appointed to the Richmond County State Court by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Randall J. Cadenhead** (1979) of Decatur, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for sailing in the Tobago Cays. **Wendy J. Glasbrenner** (1979) of Gainesville, GA, received the 2007 Dan Bradley Award from the State Bar of Georgia Access to Justice Committee and the Pro Bono Project. **Matthew O. Simmons** (1979) of Jonesboro, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **P. Leslie Wharton** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for playing the Pirate King as part of the Atlanta Bar Association's Courthouse Line Musical and for being one of the masterminds behind the musical's theme. **Robert A. Whitlow** (1979) of Charlotte, NC, has had his book *The List* become a movie by the same name, which was directed and produced by Gary Wheeler. **Allen S. Willingham** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, joined Troutman Sanders as a partner.

**1980 - 1984**

**Daisy Hurst Floyd** (1980) of Macon, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law &

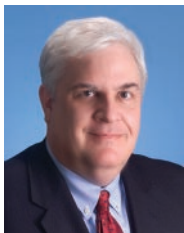


Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Richard B. Herzog** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the board of directors of John Marshall Law School. **J. Thomas Morgan III** (1980) of Decatur, GA,

has established his own law practice and has had a book, *Ignorance Is No Defense: A Teenager's*



*Guide to Georgia Law*, published. **Donald F. Samuel** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for playing one of the Three Software Pirates as part of the Atlanta Bar Association's Courthouse Line Musical. **Doris L. Downs** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* and was re-elected as chief judge of the Fulton County Superior Court. Additionally, she was honored by the St. Thomas More Society at the luncheon and awards ceremony following the annual Red Mass in September 2007. **Daniel J. Porter** (1981) of Lawrenceville, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Fredric W. Stearns** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, joined Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers as a senior attorney. **Lawton E. Stephens** (1981) of Athens, GA, was appointed to the State Bar of Georgia's Lawyer Advertising Task Force. **T. Ryan Mock Jr.** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **James Y. Rayis** (1982) of Detroit, MI, joined Dickinson Wright. **James S. Sibold** (1982) of Atlanta, GA,



was selected as chairman of the DeKalb County Republican Party. **John L. Watkins** (1982) of Chamblee, GA, joined Choresy Taylor & Feil as a shareholder. **Stephen F. White** (1982) of Roswell, GA, joined Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough as a partner and was listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Anne E. Barnes** (1983) of Decatur, GA, received the Distinguished Judicial Service Award from the



State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division and was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Deborah Coghlan Benefield** (1983) of Jonesboro, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for coaching Jonesboro High School's mock trial team. **Chris D. Clayton** (1983) of Roswell, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **William S. Cowsert** (1983) of Athens, GA, was appointed to the Rural Development Council by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

**Gregory R. Crochet** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to serve as a member of Georgia State University's Athletic Association Board of Trustees and as chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. **William C. Davis Jr.** (1983) of Reno, NV, was named as a leading Nevada real estate lawyer in the 2007 edition of *Chambers USA* and was named as a real estate "Super Lawyer" in both the 2007 Mountain States and Nevada publications of *SuperLawyers* magazine. Additionally, he was listed by "The Legal 500 United States, Vol. IV" in its top tier of "go" Nevada real estate lawyers and was named for inclusion in the 25th anniversary edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Gregory A. Adams** (1984) of Stone Mountain, GA, was honored by having DeKalb County's new juvenile justice center named after him. **James D. Comerford** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, joined Hunton & Williams as counsel. **W. Scott Sorrels** (1984) of Alpharetta, GA, was named Marketing Partner of the Year at the 2007 Hubbard One Excellence in Legal Marketing Awards Ceremony held during January in San Diego and was named national vice-chair of Venturing for Boy Scouts of America. **Kimberly Logue Woodland** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, joined Inasley and Race as a partner.

### 1985 - 1989

**Jeffrey R. Banish** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, joined Troutman Sanders as a partner. **Michael L. Chidester** (1985) of Byron, GA, was re-elected to the Byron City Council as mayor protem. Additionally, he and his wife Karla celebrated the birth of their son Kenneth Michael on Mar. 27, 2007. **John J. Ellington** (1985) of Soperton, GA, received the Distinguished Judicial Service Award from the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division. **Wallace E. Harrell III** (1985) of St. Simons Island, GA, has established his own law firm and will continue his general litigation practice. **Marc A. Jackowitz** (1985) of Louisville, KY, was featured in an article in *Business First* for his work with Brooklawn Child & Family Services and his current position as senior vice-president of investments for Wachovia Securities. **Keith W. Mason** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to the UGA Arch Foundation Board of Trustees. **Christopher J. McFadden** (1985) of Decatur, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for being one of the Three Software Pirates in the Atlanta Bar Association's Courthouse Line Musical. **Alan F. Rothschild Jr.** (1985) of Columbus, GA, was elected vice-chair of the Trust & Estate Division of the ABA's Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law.

**M.B. Satcher III** (1985) of Marietta, GA, joined



Owen, Gleaton, Egan, Jones & Sweeney as a partner. **G. Wayne Hillis Jr.** (1986) of Dunwoody, GA, was named managing partner of Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs. **Scott J. Klosinski** (1986) of Martinez, GA,

led the Columbia County Georgia All-Star Team to the Dixie Youth Ozone Baseball World Series Championship in August 2007. **David G. Perryman** (1986) of Atlanta, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2007 *Georgia SuperLawyers* list. **Charles G. Spalding**



(1986) of Decatur, GA, was appointed as administrative law judge in the Atlanta office of the State Board of Workers' Compensation. **Julianna C. Theall** (1986) of Greensboro, NC, was named to the 2008 list of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Michael J. Berrigan** (1987) of Fairfax, VA, has become



the deputy chief counsel for the military commissions defense team. **Elizabeth White Calvert** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, joined Hunter Maclean as a partner. **Marcia McCrory Ernst** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, co-authored the annual survey of "Zoning and Land Use Law in Georgia" that was published in the fall 2006 *Mercer Law Review: Annual Survey of Georgia Law*. **Ural D.L. Glanville** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was deployed to Kuwait in April 2007 to serve as a staff judge advocate for the Third Army/U.S. Central. **Burke B. Johnson** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, joined Buckley King as a partner. **C. LaTain Kell** (1987) of Marietta, GA, was appointed to the Cobb County Superior Court by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Susan Cowan Atkinson** (1988) of Decatur, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for being one of the masterminds behind the Atlanta Bar Association's Courthouse Line Musical's theme. **Neal R. Bevans** (1988) of Asheville, NC, had his eighth legal textbook *Civil Law and Litigation for Paralegals* published by McGraw-Hill. **James R. Borders** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the "Who's Who in Commercial Real Estate" list published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Elizabeth B. Chandler** (1988) of Atlanta, GA,

was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Roy E. Hadley Jr.** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, joined Lord, Bissell & Brook as of counsel. **Kenneth R. Bernard Jr.** (1989) of Douglasville, GA, was appointed to the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents. **Douglas D. Selph** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. **Russell G. Vineyard** (1989) of Newnan, GA, was sworn in as a U.S. magistrate for the Northern District of Georgia. **Gerald R. Weber Jr.** (1989) of Atlanta, GA, has established his own law practice focusing on constitutional and general litigation and has become senior staff counsel for the Southern Center for Human Rights.

## 1990 - 1994

**Timothy J. Buckley III** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, has established the firm Buckley Brown. **Kenton J. Coppage** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, joined Smith Moore. **Cecilia P. Mercer** (1990) of Athens, GA, joined Timmons, Warnes & Anderson. **Lisa Godbey Wood** (1990) of St. Simons Island, GA, was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. **Dennis A. Brown** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, has established the firm Buckley Brown. **Harold D. Melton** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for his visit to Russell Elementary School. **J. Benjamin Finley** (1991) of Decatur, GA, has established The Finley Firm. **Arnold C. Moore Jr.** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, joined the commercial real estate and commercial lending departments of Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs. **Stephen D.**



**Morrison Jr.** (1991) of Marietta, GA, joined the Southeastern Legal Foundation as senior counsel. **Robert L. Shannon Jr.** (1991) of Marietta, GA, was listed in the 2008 "Who's Who in Law & Accounting" published by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Kelly Russell Caffarelli** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was promoted to president of the Home Depot Foundation. **Duke R. Groover** (1992) of Macon, GA, joined James, Bates, Pope & Spivey as a partner.



**William A. Hartselle** (1992) of Norcross, GA, joined IPInvestments Group as a principal. **Gregory G. Holland** (1992) of Greensboro, NC, was listed in the 2008 edition of *The Best*

*Lawyers in America*. **Heather E. McNay** (1992) of Columbus, GA, joined Total System Services as intellectual property counsel and director. **Thomas C. Rawlings** (1992) of Sandersville, GA, was appointed head of Georgia's Office of the Child Advocate by Gov. Sonny Perdue.



**Lori M. Surmay** (1992) of Decatur, GA, received the Angel in Adoption Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption during an awards dinner in

Washington, D.C. **George D. Bush** (1993) of Augusta, GA, was admitted to the South Carolina Bar. Additionally, he celebrated with



his wife Nicci the birth of their daughter Gracey Arington on June 15, 2007. **Sarah A. Clarkson** (1993) of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, celebrated with her husband Andy Pflaum the birth of their daughter Madeline on

Apr. 17, 2007. **Kevin A. Cranman** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, has become the general counsel of TANDBERG Television and has co-authored "Ten Proactive Steps for the MultiJurisdictional Employer: A Global Approach to Your Employment Law Audit" that was published in the *ACC Docket* in March 2007. **Susan C. DeVane** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, joined Cool Dog Interactive as director of sales. **Christopher H. Dunagan** (1993) of Roswell, GA, has become a certified affiliate of the Highlands Company that provides education, career and life coaching services for students, adults and organizations. **L. Paul Owens III** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, joined Jones & Walden. **Carilyn Beck Pierce** (1993) of Herndon, VA, was appointed to the Heritage Preservation Review Board. **Geoffrey E. Pope** (1993) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the 2007 list of "On the Rise: 15 to Watch" by the *Fulton County Daily Report*. **Russell S. Bonds** (1994) of Marietta, GA, was named to the 2007 list of "On the Rise: 15 to Watch" by the *Fulton County Daily Report*. **Christopher L. Casey** (1994) of St. Augustine, FL, became vice president and corporate counsel for Swisher International in Jacksonville, FL. **Derek V. Dooley** (1994) of Choudrant, LA, has become the head football coach of the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs. **Render C. Freeman** (1994) of Alpharetta, GA, joined Andersen, Tate & Carr as a partner.

## 1995 - 1999



**Rainey L. Astin** (1995) of Alexandria, VA, celebrated with her husband Matthew the birth of their son Wyatt Matthew McKade on Apr. 16, 2007. **D. Michael Conner** (1995) of Savannah, GA, was

inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America. **Kristina Rosette** (1995) of Vienna, VA, was elected by the Intellectual Property Constituency of ICANN's Generic Names Supporting Organization as the IPC's North America representative to the GNSO council. **Brian**



**C. Carmony** (1996) of Bethlehem, GA, was elected a partner at Andersen, Tate & Carr. **Dorsey R. Carson Jr.** (1996) of Jackson, MS, joined Burr & Forman as a partner. **C. Celeste Creswell** (1996) of Dalton, GA,

joined Miller & Martin as of counsel. **John L. McKinley Jr.** (1996) of Roswell, GA, was elected a partner at Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins. **Brian V. Patterson** (1996) of Athens, GA, announced his marriage to Amanda Bates (2005) on May 12, 2007. **David T. Wiley** (1996) of



Birmingham, AL, opened the Birmingham office of Jackson Lewis. **W. Brad Carver** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to the Joint Study Committee on Fulton County as a citizen member by Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle.

**Bradley W. Grout** (1997) of Sandy Springs, GA, was elected partner at Hunton & Williams. **Andrea Solomon Hirsch** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, joined Herman, Mathis, Casey, Kitchens & Gerel. **G. Edgar James** (1997) of Prairie Village, MO, was named an "Up and Coming" attorney by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* and was appointed co-chair of the 2008 Annual Meeting of the ABA's Construction Forum in Palm Springs, CA. **Trina Steele Olidge** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, joined the administration of the UGA School of Law as major gifts officer in the development office. **Lisa R. Richardson** (1997) of Smyrna, GA, joined Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins as a partner. **Tilman E. Self III** (1997) of Macon, GA, was named to the 2007 list of "On the Rise: 15 to Watch" by the *Fulton County Daily Report*. **Deval R. Karina Zaveri** (1997) of San



Diego, CA, associated with Bernstein, Litowitz, Berger & Grossmann. **Joshua C. Bell** (1998) of Cairo, GA, has been installed as president-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia. **Melanie Winskie Crowe** (1998) of Marietta, GA, joined LogistiCare Solutions as associate general counsel. **Candice C. Decaire**



(1998) of Atlanta, GA, was named a partner at Kilpatrick Stockton. **Hilary H. Fentress** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Jeremy the birth of their son Hennis Edward on July 6, 2007. **Jennifer**

**Vardeman Mafera** (1998) of Savannah, GA, announced her marriage to Americo Gabriel Mafera. **Stephen K. Marsh** (1998) of Savannah, GA, has transferred to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia. **Lance P. McMillian** (1998) of Tyrone, GA, joined the faculty of the John Marshall Law School. **Michael K. Stewart** (1998) of Alpharetta, GA, serves as chair of the State Bar of Georgia's Section of Technology, which received an Award of Achievement from the state bar. **Charles L. Bachman Jr.** (1999) of Marietta, GA, was named a partner at Seyfarth Shaw. **Keith R. Blackwell** (1999) of Smyrna, GA, has become



president of the Atlanta chapter of the Federalist Society. **Melissa S. Ginsberg** (1999) of Santa Monica, CA, celebrated with her husband Marc the birth of their son Jack Syler on Apr. 20, 2007.

**Laura Gartin Hester**

(1999) of Norcross, GA, celebrated with her husband Justin Y. Hester (2000) the birth their son Benjamin Young on Feb. 19, 2007. **Scott E. Hitch** (1999) of Roswell, GA, was elected to the advisory board of Rivers Alive. **Kimberly Elder Holt** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Clarke the birth of their daughter Claire Collins on Mar. 26, 2007. **Nashekah Green Kimbro** (1999) of Lanthrop, CA, was named a conflict specialist at the Sacramento intake office of Greenberg Traurig.

## 2000 - 2004

**James P. Daniel** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Cade Abney Daniel (2001) the birth of their son James Hawkins on Apr. 7, 2007. **Joseph G. DeGaetano** (2000) of Chattanooga, TN, joined the Law Offices of Morgan Adams. **Michael J. Hartman** (2000) of



## Frank LoMonte: Reverting back to journalistic roots

After working 12 years in the journalism industry, with nine of those being spent as a bureau chief for the Morris News Service in Atlanta and two as a Washington, D.C., correspondent, Frank D. LoMonte (J.D.'00) decided to leave the field of journalism to embark on a career in the law.

Having spent a considerable amount of time around courts and the lawmaking process as a reporter, LoMonte felt a transition to law would be natural, as he had learned law

and journalism often go hand in hand.

"Anyone who has a love for the printed word can't help but be fascinated by the power of the law and the fact that a few words written on a page can create a valuable right or waive one."

Ten years later, after serving as a law clerk for two federal judges and as an attorney at a large law firm, LoMonte is formally combining the legal and journalistic experience he has amassed as the executive director of the Student Press Law Center, a national legal-assistance agency for student journalists.

The Student Press Law Center's mission is to help student journalists and instructors at the college and high school levels understand and protect their legal rights. Additionally, when necessary, the SPLC provides counsel to groups who have legal issues and then assists volunteer attorneys in bringing these cases through the trial and appellate courts.

LoMonte believes the work done at the SPLC is invaluable because it educates student journalists about certain issues that will be important to them when they pursue careers in the field.

"Many of the students the SPLC serves are preparing for a future in journalism. Student journalists perform a valuable watchdog function and understanding the constitutional and statutory rights that protect them is vital to their success."

In his new position as executive director, which started in January, LoMonte plans to broaden the organization's ties within the legal community and to use his law firm experience to improve the level of support the group offers to pro bono attorneys.

Additionally, he would like to work more with students and educators to find ways the SPLC's services can be more available to them, as these individuals and their publications play an integral role in every day life.

"As a former student journalist, who spent far too many hours in the newsroom, I have a deep appreciation for how a robust student publication can benefit the community. Additionally, I truly understand the sacrifice that journalism instructors make and the risks they take when they let students publish edgy material. I appreciate those small acts of heroism, and I'm proud to defend them."

Prior to his appointment at the SPLC, LoMonte spent four years at Sutherland Asbill & Brennan. One of his biggest career accomplishments came after spending three years trying to break down regulatory barriers that hampered independent power producers from building renewable-energy electric plants in Georgia, in particular biomass plants. When he started in 2004, there were zero commercial biomass plants, and now, there are at least seven under development.

As LoMonte transitions into his position at the SPLC, he plans to use the following lesson he learned at Georgia Law: "Be prepared. You won't always win, but you'll always walk in the door with confidence. You'll never embarrass your client or your firm, and you'll sleep at night knowing you did your best."

- Leigh Tenewitz

Tucker, GA, joined Siemens as counsel. **Justin Y. Hester** (2000) of Norcross, GA, celebrated with his wife Laura Gartin Hester (1999) the birth of their son Benjamin Young on Feb. 19, 2007. **C. Brian Jarrard** (2000) of Macon, GA, celebrated with his wife Julie and his two daughters, Bailey and Callie, the birth of triplets, Ellie, Jennie and Maggie, on July 11, 2007. **Frank D. LoMonte** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was named executive director for the Student Press Law Center. **Kimberly Van Bussum Loies** (2000) of La Grange, IL, was elected partner at Lord, Bissell & Brook. Additionally, she celebrated with her husband James the birth of their second child Samantha Elaine on Dec. 18, 2006. **T.**



**Wood Lovell, Jr.** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined McKesson Healthcare. **Donna Gilluly Mikel** (2000) of Ooltewah, TN, celebrated with her husband Jason the birth of their daughter Kathryn Alexia in November 2006.

Additionally, she joined Burnette, Dobson & Pinchak as a partner. **Shyam K. Reddy** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the UGA College of Public Health Board of Advisors. **C. Matthew Smith** (2000) of Ocoee, FL, has associated with The Weathington Firm. **Michael L. Sullivan** (2000) of Lilburn, GA, was elected a shareholder and equity partner at Andersen, Tate & Carr. **A. Franklin Beacham III** (2001) of Rome, GA, was named a partner at Brinson, Askew, Berry, Seigler, Richardson & Davis. **Anita Johnson Clark** (2001) of Jonesboro, GA, announced her marriage to Ted Clark on June 2, 2007. **E. Cade Abney Daniel** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband James P. Daniel (2000) the birth of their son James Hawkins on Apr. 7, 2007. **Michael G. Geoffroy** (2001) of Social Circle, GA, was installed as secretary of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia. **Jason C. Lane** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, accepted the position of managing partner of Balyeat & Lane. **Clay C. Mingus** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined Hooters of America as general counsel. **Michele L.A. Rollins** (2001) of Ponte Vedra, FL, joined the Dalton Agency as a senior account executive for the real estate, government & public affairs division. **Lara Taylor Sevens** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Steve Sevens on Nov. 3, 2007. **James W. Stevens II** (2001) of Mableton, GA, was selected as a member of the Buckhead Business Association Leadership Development Program Class of 2007-08. **G. Gardiner Thompson V** (2001) of Atlanta, GA, joined the

Novare Group Holdings. **Mary Paige Adams** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was named to the board of directors for the Kiwanis Club of Atlanta. **A. Bryan Baer** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Holly the birth of their daughter Ellison Elizabeth on Feb. 19, 2007. **John J. Banaghan** (2002) of Greensboro, NC, was admitted to the North Carolina Bar. **Jennifer Kramarz Collins** (2002) of Dunwoody, GA, associated with Neel & Robinson. **Andrew E. Goldner** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, associated with the Law Office of Joseph A. Fried. **Ashley A. Halfman** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Hartman, Simons, Spielman & Wood. **Thomas H. Hawk III** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Elizabeth the birth of their daughter Chambless Louise on Oct. 5, 2007. **Christi E. Henson Horne** (2002) of Macon, GA, celebrated with her husband Stebin the birth of their son Franklin "Stebin" IV on Mar. 29, 2007. **John F. Kane** (2002) of Decatur, GA, associated with Lord, Bissell & Brook. **Kyle L. Martin** (2002) of Watkinsville, GA, joined the administration of the UGA School of Law as assistant director of legal career services. **John D. Northup** (2002) of Tampa, FL, announced his marriage to Margaret Wooten Poston on Apr. 21, 2007. **Mariclaire E. Partee** (2002) of New Hope, PA, was named associate rector at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Solebury, PA. **Marilyn Morrow Ratzel** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Lazega & Johanson. Additionally, she celebrated with her husband Greg the birth of their daughter Laine Morgan on Mar. 16, 2007. **Jeffrey Neal Woodard** (2002) of Silver Creek, GA, joined Hutcheson Medical Center as in-house counsel. **Natalie S. Woodward** (2002) of Marietta, GA, established the firm Woodward & Stern. **Mark B. Carter** (2003)



of Decatur, GA, associated with Smith, Currie & Hancock. **Joseph B. Evans** (2003) of Calhoun, GA, was made a named partner at Coppedge, Lerner & Evans. **Taylor Hanson Haley** (2003) of St. Simons Island, GA, announced her marriage to Reese Haley on Sept. 22, 2007. **Clifton R. Henry** (2003) (photo top of next column) of St. Simons Island, GA, joined Miller & Martin. **Michelle H. Homier** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with her husband Tony the birth of



their son Riley Dixon on Sept. 21, 2007. **Michael J. Jacobs** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, was recognized by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* as one of Atlanta's "40 Under 40 Up and Comers" and has joined Hall, Booth,

Smith & Slover. **Christy Durden Jordan** (2003) of St. Simons Island, GA, announced her marriage to Chris Jordan on Mar. 10, 2007. **Dawn Maynor Lewis** (2003) of Griffin, GA, celebrated with her husband Jason the birth of their son William Granville Zephyr on May 26, 2007. **Andrea G. Meucci** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Savell & Williams. **L. Bartlett Newman** (2003) of Marietta, GA, was selected to receive UGA's 2007 Blue Key Young Alumnus Award. **Corey M. Stern** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, has established the firm Woodward & Stern. **Kimberly Henderson Aaron** (2004) of Kennesaw, GA, joined the Office of the Child Advocate Attorney. **A.L. "Tripp" Bridges III** (2004) of Athens, GA, associated with Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley. Also, he announced his marriage to Ramsey Henderson (2005) on Sept. 22, 2007. **Christopher J. Buccafusco** (2004) and **Stephanie J. Harris** (2004) of Chicago, IL, announced their marriage on June 16, 2007. **Benjamin M. Byrd** (2004) of Athens, GA, associated with Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley. **Melody Zeigler Ellis** (2004) of Leesburg, GA, was named a partner at Brimberry, Kaplan & Brimberry. **Emily M. Franzen** (2004) of Washington, D.C., joined the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as a law clerk. **Kevin A. Gooch** (2004) of Decatur, GA, has associated with Alston & Bird. **Tracy K. Haff** (2004) of Marietta, GA, joined Buckley Brown. **Sally G. Haskell** (2004) and **Benjamin M. Perkins** (2004) of Savannah, GA, announced their marriage on May 26, 2007. **Dominique I.H. Holloman** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated the birth of her son Evan Alexander on July 6, 2007. **Francys Johnson** (2004) of Sylvania, GA, was selected as director of the NAACP's Southeast Region. **Carmen V. Lyles-Irving** (2004) of Snellville, GA, associated with Woodcock Washburn. **W. Matthew Roberts** (2004) of Stockbridge, GA, associated with Smith, Welch & Brittain. **Florian Stamm** (2004) of Atlanta, GA, was elected to the executive committee of the Southeast chapter of the



Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce as secretary.

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**Meredith P.N. Atwood** (2005) of Duluth, GA, associated with McCalla Raymer. **Ramsey Henderson Bridges** (2005) of Athens, GA, accepted the assistant director of admissions position at the UGA School of Law. Additionally, she announced her marriage to Tripp Bridges (2004) on Sept. 22, 2007. **Ashley Ledford Culberson** (2005) of Decatur, GA, associated with Drew, Eckl & Farnham. **R. Jason Fowler** (2005) of Alexandria, VA, joined the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit as a judicial law clerk to Judge Richard Linn.



**Charmel L. Gaulden** (2005) of Albany, GA, joined the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center as executive director. **Jennifer McDowell** (2005) of St. Louis, MO, was selected for inclusion in the *St.*

*Louis Business Journal's* "30 Under 30" list of young professionals who are already on their way to being the next generation of movers and shakers. **Barry N. Middleton** (2005) of Gainesville, GA, announced his marriage to Kristen Marie Thigpen on Apr. 28, 2007. **Amanda Bates Patterson** (2005) of Athens, GA, announced her marriage to Brian V. Patterson (1996) on May 12, 2007. **Tracy L. Rhodes** (2005) and **C. Knox Withers** (2005) of Marietta, GA, announced their marriage on May 12, 2007. **Mimi A. Scaljon** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, has become a staff attorney with the State Court of Cobb County. **Bradford W. Sperr** (2005) of Athens, GA, announced his marriage to Megan Leann Crimmins on May 26, 2007. **Leah L. Weinberg** (2005) of New York, NY, joined the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis. **Amy Lovell Baker** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Jeff Baker on Mar. 24, 2007. **Taylor M. Chamberlin** (2006) of Savannah, GA, associated with Huff, Powell & Bailey. **C. Caleb Connor** (2006) of Augusta, GA, announced his marriage to Faris Burnett Smith on July 7, 2007. **Leland H. Kynes** (2006) of Tampa, FL, associ-

ated with Hill, Ward & Henderson. **Jonathan E. Mills** (2006) of Athens, GA, announced his marriage to Julia Kelsey Wilson on June 30, 2007. **Christian L. Perrin** (2006) of Charlotte, NC, associated with Culp, Elliot & Carpenter. **James E. Radford Jr.** (2006) of Decatur, GA, announced his marriage to Amy Nicole Evans on May 26, 2007. **Elizabeth Sneed Richards** (2006) of Marietta, GA, announced her marriage to Brett Richards on Oct. 6, 2007. **Zachary S. Shewmaker** (2006) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Marae Michelle Bernard on June 1, 2007. **Staci M. Swit** (2006) of Marietta, GA, joined the Cobb County Superior Court as a staff attorney. **Dawn N. Walker** (2006) of Athens, GA, associated with the Law Offices of Thomas H. Beisswenger. **James R. Fletcher** (2007) of Athens, GA, received the 2006-07 Special Recognition Award from the ABA's Section of Labor and Employment Law. **Rebecca E. Salmon** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, was selected to be an Equal Justice Works Fellow and works through Catholic Charities on developing the Immigrant Children Advocacy Project.

## In Memoriam

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

### Stefanie Jones Abbott (1991)

Newton, GA  
October 29, 2006

### Francis W. Allen (1948)

Statesboro, GA  
September 23, 2007

### William L. Auld (1958)

Fernandina Beach, FL  
January 9, 2005

### Thomas N. Austin (1975)

Columbus, GA  
May 16, 2007

### R.R. Buckley (1960)

Tifton, GA  
September 6, 2007

### Leeza R. Cherniak (1987)

Atlanta, GA  
April 4, 2007

### H. Eugene Cline (1950)

Decatur, GA  
April 16, 2007

### James W. Foughner II (1963)

Marietta, GA  
August 4, 2007

### Joseph J. Gaines (1952)

Athens, GA  
September 22, 2007

### Sam J. Gardner Jr. (1947)

Moultrie, GA  
March 22, 2007

### Louis A. Gily Jr. (1951)

Biloxi, MS  
September 1972

### Charles M. Jones (1959)

Midway, GA  
May 2, 2007

### Craig A. Nance (1987)

Chamblee, GA  
May 13, 2007

### Hubert T. Quilliam Jr. (1948)

LaGrange, GA  
May 11, 2007

### William C. Reed (1955)

Augusta, GA  
September 2, 2007

### John F. Sheehy (1974)

Morro Bay, CA  
November 15, 2006

### Thomas G. Smith (1975)

Darien, GA  
April 28, 2007

### Cary S. Tye (1970)

Rydal, PA  
May 13, 2007

### Joseph E. Vallotton (1970)

Valdosta, GA  
May 3, 2006

### Frank C. Vann (1951)

Camilla, GA  
April 30, 2007

### Clarence R. Vaughn Jr. (1946)

Conyers, GA  
March 26, 2007

### William J. Wiggins (1948)

Carrollton, GA  
October 14, 2006

During the final production stages of this issue of the *Advocate*, former Georgia Speaker of the House Thomas B. Murphy (LL.B.'49) and U.S. District Court Judge Duross Fitzpatrick (LL.B.'66) passed away. Tributes will run in the next issue. We also regret to inform you that Neill H. Alford Jr., School of Law dean from 1974 to 1976, died on October 20, 2007, at the age of 88, and Melburne D. "Mac" McLendon (LL.B.'48) passed away on January 2, 2008, at the age of 86.