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## 1950s

**Wilbur D. Owens Jr.** (1952) of Macon, GA, retired in February 2008 after 35 years of service as a U.S. District Court Judge.

## 1960s

**Emmet J. Bondurant II** (1960) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007" and celebrated the 30th anniversary of Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore. **Thomas S. Gray Jr.** (1961) of Savannah, GA, established the firm Gray & Pannell. **James B. Franklin** (1964) of Statesboro, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Horace H. Sibley** (1964) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services at its Third Annual Mercy Moves Through Me Award luncheon. **Otis A. Brumby Jr.** (1965) of Marietta, GA, was named a member of the Georgia Department of Education's new charter advisory committee. **Edward T.M. Garland** (1965) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **N. Harvey Weitz** (1966) of Savannah, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **George W. Darden III** (1967) of Marietta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "2008 Notable Georgians." **H. Leon Farmer Jr.** (1967) of Athens, GA, was featured with his wife Vickie for their philanthropy in an article in the *Athens Banner-Herald*. **James M. Ney** (1967) of Marietta, GA, was named again to the board of trustees of Furman University. **Maurice M. Sponcler Jr.** (1967) of Dalton, GA, was named to the board of directors at North Georgia



Banking Co. **Richard W. Stephens** (1969) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 *Georgia "Super Lawyers" Magazine*.

## 1970 - 1974

**Robert Benham** (1970) of Cartersville, GA, was honored at the Atlanta Bar Association Leadership Awards Luncheon in February 2008. Additionally, he was named to Cartersville Elementary's "Wall of Fame," was a speaker at the King Day Celebration in Albany, GA, and was recognized at the "Honoring Heroes: The Desegregation of the University of Georgia" program. He also was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "2008 Notable Georgians."



**Edmund A. Booth Jr.** (1970) of Augusta, GA, was confirmed to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. **Edward E. Strain III** (1970) of Cornelia, GA, was appointed by Gov. Sonny Perdue to the State Board of Registration for Residential and General Contractors. **Edgar W. Ennis Jr.** (1971) of Macon, GA, was appointed Superior Court judge for the Macon Judicial Circuit by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Alex L. Zipperer III** (1971) of Savannah, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Roy E. Barnes** (1972) of Mableton, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007" and was inducted into the International Association of Trial Lawyers in April 2008. **Edward E. Bates Jr.** (1972) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **C. Thompson Harley** (1972) of Augusta, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. **Milford B. Hatcher Jr.** (1973) of Kiawah Island, SC, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007" and to the 2008 list of "Best Lawyers in America" and was listed in the 2008 *Georgia "Super Lawyers" Magazine*. **William H. Kitchens** (1973) of Atlanta, GA, will chair the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Annual Campaign. **William D. Barwick** (1974) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Michael J. Bowers** (1974) of Commerce, GA, received the Charles L. Weltner Freedom of Information Award from the Georgia First Amendment Foundation. **John A. Gram** (1974) of Gainesville, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. **James L. Pannell** (1974) of Savannah, GA, established

the firm Gray & Pannell. Additionally, he was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "2008 Notable Georgians."

## 1975 - 1979

**Walter H. Bush Jr.** (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Gary E. Jackson** (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the Good Life section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for his Masters memorabilia collection. **Kenneth L. Millwood** (1975) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 *Georgia "Super Lawyers" Magazine*. **Graham A. Thorpe** (1975) of Macon, GA, joined the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit's District Attorney's Office. **Edward D. Tolley** (1975) of Athens, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "2007 Georgia's Legal Elite." **Kathleen Horne** (1976) of Savannah, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "2007 Georgia's Legal Elite" and serves as chair of the Board of Bar Examiners for Georgia. **James E. Butler Jr.** (1977) of Fortson, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **John L. Coalson Jr.** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Richard H. Deane Jr.** (1977) of Stone Mountain, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007" and was named co-chair of Jones Day's firm-wide corporate criminal investigations practice. **Bruce S. Harvey** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Stanley S. Jones Jr.** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was listed in the 2008 *Georgia "Super Lawyers" Magazine*. **J. Grant Wilmer Jr.** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Cynthia D. Wright** (1977) of Atlanta, GA, was highlighted in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for her work on a Habitat for Humanity house. **Randall K. Bart** (1978) of Savannah, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **N. Karen Deming** (1978) of Marietta, GA, was inducted into the Georgia Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers and was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Ruth Austin Knox** (1978) of Macon, GA, was highlighted as one of six of Georgia's Power Women in *Georgia Trend* magazine. **Barclay T. Macon Jr.** (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was highlighted in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* celebrating the 30th anniversary of Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore. **William N. Withrow Jr.** (1978) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia*

*Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Luis A. Aguilar** (1979) was nominated by President George W. Bush to a seat on the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission.

**Patricia Warren Booker** (1979) of Augusta, GA, was sworn in by Gov. Sonny Perdue as State Court judge for Richmond County. **Neil C. Gordon** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." Additionally, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and was elected treasurer of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees. **David P. Hartin** (1979) of Marietta, GA, opened his

own law firm. **Edward B. Krugman** (1979) of Atlanta, GA, was highlighted in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* celebrating the 30th anniversary of Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore. **Michael H. Saul** (1979) of Marietta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007."

**1980 - 1984**

**Susan R. Boltacz** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was named the first female member of the advisory board of the Georgia State College of Law Tax Clinic. **Rufus T. Dorsey IV** (1980) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's

list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Richard B. Herzog Jr.** (1980) of Decatur, GA, joined the board of directors of John Marshall Law School. Additionally, he was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007" and was listed in the 2008 *Georgia "Super Lawyers" Magazine*. **Dana B. Miles** (1980) of Dawsonville, GA, established the firm Miles & Tallant. **William H. Boling Jr.** (1981) of Atlanta, GA, joined Epstein, Baker & Green as a partner. **J. David Dantzer Jr.** (1981) of Alpharetta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Jennifer Wheatley Fletcher** (1981) of Atlanta,

**John Douglas: Proving lawyers can make a difference**



As head of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker's global regulatory practice, John L. Douglas (J.D.'77) travels all over the world working with banks, ministries of finance and central bankers on a variety of complex issues. A much less visible part of his life, however, has been his advocacy of disadvantaged children and adults throughout the world.

Over the years, he and his wife, Becky, have cared for many of these individuals in their own home and have even adopted two children from Lithuania, one of whom has paraplegia.

While Douglas has a passion for these endeavors, he believes it is required of his profession, as lawyers have the responsibility to use their vast knowledge and opportunities to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

"One of my favorite things about being a lawyer is the fact that we can make a difference in the world. We have been taught the extraordinary skills of recognizing and analyzing problems, finding solutions and advocating change. I firmly believe that our core obligation is to use those skills to improve the lives of others."

In an extension of these beliefs, Douglas supports his wife's organization, Rising Star Outreach, which seeks to improve the lives of those affected by leprosy and was recently featured in a PBS documentary.

He also serves as the director of Financial Services Volunteer Corps. Formed in 1991 at the request of President George H.W. Bush, FSVC is designed to use the talents of practicing lawyers, bankers, regulators, accountants and consultants to build strong banking and capital markets systems in countries attempting to move from control economies to market-based economies. As director, Douglas has aided in this process and has helped several countries deal with challenges in the banking sector.

"FSVC has worked in over 40 countries with the belief that

building a sound financial system is one of the most important efforts we can make towards improving the lives of others."

For his efforts, he received the Presidential Award for Volunteer Service in 2004 and the Franklin S. Richards Award for Pro Bono Service in 2008.

His "paying" legal practice is equally fascinating. Douglas regularly provides advice and guidance in mergers, acquisitions and disputes, as well as performs regulatory counseling for Paul Hastings.

Douglas divides his time between the firm's Atlanta and Washington, D.C., offices and has had the opportunity to take part in several memorable cases. Some of these include representing the chairman of Credit Lyonnais in parallel criminal and administrative proceedings arising from the failure of the Executive Life Insurance Company and helping Visa establish a consortium of six major international banks to create a platform for a global commercial card.

For Douglas, his position at Paul Hastings provides unique opportunities, as it offers "global reach, a presence in major financial centers and a laser-like focus on serving the needs of major financial institutions."

Additionally, Douglas lectures frequently on banking issues both inside and outside of the country and was formerly the Business Watch columnist for *The National Law Journal*. He also periodically authors op-ed pieces in both *The American Banker* and *Forbes*.

Douglas has accomplished many things in his career and credits these vast successes to his experience as a student at Georgia Law.

"Law school is an extraordinary experience. The opportunity we had to think logically, fit principles in a rational framework, exercise judgment and express thoughts and ideas with precision and clarity is unique. It gives us unparalleled opportunities. I am extremely grateful for the chance I had to be pushed and challenged at every corner."

- Leigh Tenewitz



GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Patrick T. O'Connor** (1981) of Savannah, GA, was inducted into the Georgia Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers. **Ted H. Clarkson** (1982) of Darien, GA, has become an Episcopal priest and rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. **David A. Cook** (1982) of Alpharetta, GA, was named to the list "Who's Who in Health Care" by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. **Patricia G. Griffith** (1982) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Stephen D. Libowsky** (1982) of Highland Park, IL, was highlighted in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* celebrating the 30th anniversary of Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore. **S. Andrew McKay** (1982) of Louisville, KY, was elected to the board of directors of SinglePipe Communications. **Stephen F. White** (1982) of Roswell, GA, was listed in the 2008 *Georgia*



*"Super Lawyers" Magazine.*

**Stephen C. Andrews** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Allen N. Bradley** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia*

*Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **W. Davis Hentz** (1983) of Chickamauga, GA, has opened his own law firm. **Wade W. Herring II** (1983) of Savannah, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Timothy J. Ramsey** (1983) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "In Recess" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for golfing with his family. **Glen M. Darbyshire** (1984) of Savannah, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **David F. Golden** (1984) of Dunwoody, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Cary Ichter** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, joined the law firm Adorno & Yoss as a partner. **Melanie L. Marks** (1984) of Savannah, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Samuel M. Matchett** (1984) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Matthew D. Williams** (1984) of Lilburn, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007."

## 1985 - 1989

**Jeffrey R. Banish** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list

of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Michael L. Chidester** (1985) of Byron, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.



**Vivian D. Hoard** (1985) of Norcross, GA, participated with her husband Brett Beverage in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 100-mile bike ride. This was her first century ride, which she finished in seven hours.

**Melody Z. Richardson** (1985) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **J. Reid Williamson III** (1985) of Savannah, GA, joined Hunter Maclean in the firm's estates and trusts practice group. **Scott A. Farrow** (1986) of Dunwoody, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Marvin A. Fentress** (1986) of Savannah, GA, has formed



the law firm Gray & Pannell. **T. Matthew Mashburn** (1986) of Decatur, GA, was listed in the 2008 *Georgia "Super Lawyers" Magazine*. **Julianna C. Theall** (1986) of Greensboro, NC, was named to

the 2008 *Chambers USA* listing of "America's Leading Business Lawyers." Additionally, she was named to the "2008 Legal Elite" list by *Business North Carolina* and to the "North Carolina Super Lawyers for 2008" list by *Super Lawyers* magazine. **B.J. Bernstein** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was highlighted as one of six of "Georgia's Power Women" in *Georgia Trend* magazine and was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." Additionally, she was named "Newsmaker of the Year" for 2007 by the *Fulton County Daily Report*. **Mary Jo Bradbury Bryan** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was highlighted in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* celebrating the 30th anniversary of Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore. **James B. Ellington** (1987) of Evans, GA, was selected for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. **Michael J. Ernst** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Ural D.L. Glanville** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was highlighted in the "After Hours" section of the *Fulton County Daily Report* for his work on a Habitat for Humanity house. **Peter D. Muller** (1987) of Savannah, GA, was named to *Georgia*

## Federal appointments to note

Many of Georgia Law's alumni have served with distinction at the federal level over the years. We would like to acknowledge a few recent appointments.

Luis A. Aguilar (1979) was nominated by President George W. Bush to a seat on the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission.

Alexander J. Passantino (1996) was named as administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor.

These two join Edward M. Broussard (1989), chief of the Employment Law Unit 1 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Z. Scott Birdwell (1989), director of international training for security systems for the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission; Valerie Caproni (1979), general counsel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Ronald S. Cooper (1969), general counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Janice A. Mays (1976), democratic staff director/chief counsel of the House Ways and Means Committee; Terry Smith Labat (1976), senior advisor of the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce; Jack L. Rives (1977), the judge advocate general of the U.S. Air Force; Audrey S. Winter (1980), associate general counsel of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and countless others who currently serve our country in high level positions.

**We are so glad you are Georgia Law alumni!**



*Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Tina Shadix Roddenbery** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Dean W. Russell** (1987) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Maureen T. Callahan** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Roy E. Hadley Jr.** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, joined Powell Goldstein as counsel in the firm's business and finance practice group. **Paul B. Murphy** (1988)

of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Henry M. Quillian III** (1988) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **John R. Schneider** (1988) of Marietta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Larry W. Shackelford** (1988) of Woodstock, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Laurel Lee Wilkerson** (1988) of Salem, AL, retired in May 2008 after 20 years of service with

the Army JAG Corps. **Daniel S. Digby** (1989) of Conyers, GA, celebrated with his wife Debbie the birth of their daughter Annalise Nell on Dec. 22, 2007. **Audrey Boone Tillman** (1989) of Columbus, GA, was promoted to executive vice-president of corporate services at Aflac.

**1990 - 1994**

**Daniel R. Barnett** (1990) of Hixson, TN, was the first recipient of the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association Medical Director Award. **M. Travis DeHaven** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, joined Jones Day as a partner. **Ethelyn N. Simpson** (1990) of Athens, GA, was appointed a State Court judge for Athens-Clarke County by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Murray J. Weed** (1990) of Peachtree City, GA, was named of counsel with Freeman, Mathis & Gary. **Laura E. Woodson** (1990) of Atlanta, GA, joined Baird Legal Placement as a recruiter. **Brad A. Baldwin** (1991) of McDonough, GA, joined Burr & Forman as counsel. **Nancy Ryan Rafuse** (1991) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Barbara Ellis-Monro** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **John F. Woodham** (1992) of Atlanta, GA, was featured in the "Metro" section of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for his successful lawsuit challenging the use of school taxes to fund the Atlanta



Judge L. Olin Price film, 1950 Athens team in AAA Safety Patrol Parade, Washington DC; Donated by Nell Epps

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BeltLine. **Meredith Martin Addy** (1993) of Chicago, IL, was named to the board of directors for Brinks, Hoffer, Gilson & Lione. Additionally, she was named to the list of "Top 10 Illinois Super Lawyers" and "Top 50

Women Illinois Super Lawyers" for 2008 by *Law & Politics* magazine. **Jeffrey L. Berhold** (1993) of Decatur, GA, was installed in September 2007 as vice-president of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. **Christopher H. Dunagan** (1993) of Roswell, GA, had an article, "Lessons From a Mock Interview Workshop," featured by the American Bar Association on its GPSolo section Web site as a law student



resource. **Anthony E. Waller** (1993) of Monticello, IL, celebrated with his wife Kristin Moore Waller (2003), daughter Maggie and son Charlie the birth of Ann Kathleen on March 12, 2008. **Alexander**



**A. Chambers** (1994) of Austin, TX, joined Blackhawk Development as president. **Elizabeth M. Grant** (1994) of Athens, GA, opened her own law firm. **S. Jefferson Greenway** (1994) of Kennesaw, GA, was elected partner with Troutman Sanders. **Page A. Pate** (1994) of Madison, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **T. Gatewood Sampson II** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, was installed as president of the Gate City Bar Association. **Sarah Pierce Wimberly** (1994) of Atlanta, GA, announced the birth of her son Thomas Pierce on Nov. 15, 2007.

**1995 - 1999**

**Jeanna M. Mastrodicasa** (1995) of Gainesville, FL, announced her marriage to Clay Sweger in January 2008. Additionally, she was named assistant vice-president for student affairs at the University of Florida. **Cesar C. Mitchell II** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was presented the President's Award of Excellence by the Gate City Bar Association. **Kristina Rosette** (1995) of Vienna, VA, received the International Trademark Association's 2007 Volunteer Service Award for the Advancement of the Association. **Ryan A. Schneider** (1995) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Daniel B.**

**Snipes** (1995) of Statesboro, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Joseph Wilson** (LL.M. 1995) of Islamabad, Pakistan, was appointed a member of the newly formed Competition Commission of Pakistan. **Suellen Winick Bergman** (1996) of Smyrna, GA, celebrated with her husband Harris and daughter Stephanie the birth of Zachary Brice on June 6, 2007. Additionally, she joined GE Energy as in-house



counsel. **Cale H. Conley** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **W. Wayt King Jr.** (1996) of Dunwoody, GA, was featured in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* for his charity work in Guatemala and for the establishment of the foundation Blue Schoolhouse. **Alexander J. Passantino** (1996) of Alexandria, VA, was named as administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. **Nicole Clifton Pierre** (1996) of Washington, D.C., celebrated with her husband Damien and her son Miles the birth of Olivia Anderson on Oct. 1, 2007. Additionally, she has become a corporate public affairs manager

in UPS' government affairs group on Capitol Hill. **Holly A. Pierson** (1996) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner with Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough. **William Brad Carver** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner with Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover. **Mari**



**C. Chambers** (1997) of Savannah, GA, associated with Savage, Turner, Pinson & Karsman. **Michael L. Goldberg** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **T. Kyle King** (1997) of Hampton, GA, celebrated with his wife Susan the birth of Elizabeth Rose on March 5, 2008. Additionally, he has accepted membership in the Fellows Program of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia.



**Harrison J. Roberts** (1997) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner with Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs. **Robert S. Highsmith Jr.** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was appointed to Georgia's Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Charles W. Lamb Jr.** (1998) of Albany, GA, was nominated to the Spinal Cord Injury Hall of Fame in the emerging leader category. **Carla Wong McMillian** (1998) and **Lance P. McMillian** (1998) of Tyrone, GA, celebrated the birth of their daughter Emily Dorothy on Sept. 9, 2007. **Kelly Casey Mullally** (1998) of Baltimore, MD, celebrated with her husband Kevin and daughter Maddy the birth of Ella Maureen on July 27, 2007. **Francesco Pifferi** (LL.M. 1998) of Bologna, Italy, has established his own firm with offices in Bologna and Milan. His Web site address is [www.studiolegalepifferi.it](http://www.studiolegalepifferi.it) and his e-mail is [fpifferi@studiolegalepifferi.it](mailto:fpifferi@studiolegalepifferi.it). **Jody**



**L. Spencer** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, was named a partner with Rogers and Hardin. **Nelson O. Tyrone III** (1998) of Atlanta, GA, established the McAleer Tyrone law firm. **Christopher M. Carr** (1999) of Arlington, VA, was promoted to chief of staff for Sen. Johnny Isakson's office.

**Erin Reynolds Chance** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, is featured in a video clip along with her husband Stephen and her son Patrick that was produced by Cure Childhood Cancer. The clip can be viewed on [youtube.com](http://youtube.com). **Stephanie L. Friese** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was named to *Georgia*



*Trend* magazine's list of "Georgia's Legal Elite 2007." **Monica Stucky Goudy** (1999) of Chapel Hill, NC, celebrated with her husband Kevin the birth of their son Kevin "Scott" Jr. on Aug. 16, 2007. **Kimberly Elder**

**Holt** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, joined the Felt Law Group. **Colin A. McRae** (1999) of Savannah, GA, announced his marriage to Margaret Elizabeth Beckum on Oct. 20, 2007. His best man was **Christopher H. Smith** (1999), a fellow law school classmate and fellow attorney at Hunter Maclean. **Kevin G. Meeks** (1999) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner with Troutman Sanders. **Steven L. Park** (1999) of Conyers, GA, was elected partner with Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner. **Nathan C. Rogers** (1999) of Santa Barbara, CA, was named partner with Griffith & Thornburgh.

**2000 - 2004**

**Matthew A. Barrett** (2000) of Roswell, GA, became a partner at Fields, Howell, Athans & McLaughlin. **Kenneth C. Bruley** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner with Nelson, Millins, Riley & Scarborough.



**Christina Hull Eikhoff** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was named partner with Alston & Bird. **Precious J. Green** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, joined Hughes Consultants as a recruiter. **Joseph S. Habachy** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, celebrated with his wife Leslie the birth of their son Joseph Alexander on Nov. 22, 2007. **Patrick S. Mitchell** (2000) of Chattanooga, TN, was named a member of Miller & Martin. **James E. Schutz** (2000) of Alpharetta, GA, was elected partner with Troutman Sanders. **John**



**Horace Sibley:  
Dedicated to ending  
homelessness**

After 35 years of law practice specializing in corporate business transactions, with seven of those spent as the partner in charge of representation of the Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games, Horace H. Sibley (LL.B.'64) retired from King & Spalding.

However, only 12 months into his retirement, Sibley was asked by Mark O'Connell, the then-president of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, and Mayor Shirley Franklin to lead a study commissioned to recommend solutions to homelessness in Georgia's state capital.

This study led to the creation of the United Way Regional Commission on Homelessness, comprised of representatives from federal and state agencies, the city of Atlanta and the counties of Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett and Rockdale, which seeks to end chronic homelessness in the region by the year 2013.

Sibley decided to come out of retirement to chair this collaborative effort. He was certain that "the combination of the moral and political will and leadership of Mayor Shirley Franklin and the support of the business and philanthropic community through the United Way had the potential of making dramatic progress towards ending this problem."

However, he also knew that it would be important to combat the many misconceptions surrounding homelessness as, ultimately, it comes down to one simple truth.

"Underneath the trauma which has caused someone to experience homelessness are the same aspirations you and I have. If we can help each person overcome their trauma, then those aspirations will emerge and they can live a happier life in better living conditions, and never again have to live in emergency shelters or [on] the streets."

The goals of the commission are threefold: to end chronic

homelessness by 2013, to put in place a coordinated system of services and facilities that effectively address the issues of homelessness, and to create a system that prevents future homelessness as much as possible.

Sibley's present responsibilities include helping to set goals, raising resources, providing leadership and coordinating and supporting the efforts of various groups and organizations in the regional communities to end this terrible plight.

The commission, along with the help of its many partner organizations, has already made considerable strides toward ending chronic homelessness in Atlanta, with one of the most important accomplishments being the creation of the 24/7 Gateway Center, which provides comprehensive services to those in need of shelter and other support.

Sibley notes that this level of success could not have been achieved without all of the elements of the community working together.

"I am most proud of how all of the constituents in our community have joined in this effort to help those in need and to help each other in making this journey together."

While the majority of Sibley's time is dedicated to ending homelessness, he also serves on the Callaway Gardens Foundation Board, another project of great importance to him as he admires the Callaway family's commitment to "creating a living and recreation environment which brings man and nature together in harmony."

Sibley recently received a number of awards for his work on the United Way Regional Commission on Homelessness, including the Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Mercy Moves Through Me Award and the National Alliance to End Homelessness' John Macy Award, which he accepted on behalf of the people who have helped the group make significant progress toward achieving its goals.

"Someone once said, 'Every door that swings wide for you has somebody on the other side opening it.' In my case, I have had lots of 'somebodies' opening doors for me and lots of shoulders to stand on, so the awards really belong to each of them," Sibley said.

- Leigh Tenewitz

**W. Stephenson Jr.** (2000) of Atlanta, GA, was elected partner with Troutman Sanders. **Cory B. Thompson** (2000) of Decatur, GA, became a partner with Kutak Rock. **Daisy Drury Weeks** (2000) of Cumming, GA, associated with Banks & Stubbs. **Charles J. Bethel** (2001) of Dalton, GA, was promoted to director of human resources for J&J/Invision. **Caleigh Harris Evans** (2001) of Winston-Salem, NC, joined the firm Tash & Kurtz. **Alejandro Leon-Vargas**



(LL.M. 2001) of Little Rock, AR, announced his marriage to Louise Nielson in September 2006. They celebrated the birth of their daughter Sofia on Dec. 31, 2007. Additionally, Alejandro was appointed consul-general and opened the Consulate of Mexico in Little Rock. **Renee Y. Little** (2001) of Mableton, GA, was installed as secretary of the Gate City Bar Association. **Brian M. Rickman** (2001) of Tiger, GA, was appointed district attorney for the Mountain Judicial Circuit by Gov. Sonny Perdue. **Kevin P. Weimer** (2001) (picture in next column) of Scottdale, GA, was installed as president of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association in



November 2007. He continues to practice complex civil litigation in Atlanta with Fellows LaBriola. **David W. Adams** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice. **Aretha V. Blake** (2002) of Charlotte, NC, announced with her husband Michael Falls the birth of their son Blake D. on May 13, 2007, which was Mother's Day! Additionally, she was named to *Business North Carolina* magazine's "Legal Elite" for 2008.





### Lauren Petron: Moving from private practice into legislation

After working in private practice for more than two years, Lauren Petron (J.D.'02) decided to move away from the world of the billable hour and into legislation.

In January 2006, she accepted a position with the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary and started serving as counsel for then-Chairman Arlen Specter's staff. Eighteen months later, she was named Sen. Sam Brownback's chief counsel for the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution.

The opportunity for the job arose after working closely with Brownback's former chief counsel, who knew Petron was committed to many of the issues the senator was passionate about and would make a concerted effort to advance his views.

Petron transitioned smoothly into this role and explains that being a lawyer is often beneficial in performing legislative work.

"Being a lawyer is a big help in the legislative field, because it gives me a better understanding of how the precise language we choose to include in a statute will affect the interpretation and implementation of the law."

The subcommittee on which Petron serves has jurisdiction over constitutional amendments, the enforcement and protection of constitutional rights, statutory guarantees of civil rights and civil liberties, the separation of powers, federal-state relations and interstate compacts.

Her day-to-day schedule is largely centered around committee hearings, committee business meetings and constituent/interest group meetings.

Working with Brownback, Petron drafts legislative language, floor speeches, talking points, and hearing questions and statements. She researches other offices' legislative proposals and makes recommendations to the senator on whether or not he should support bills and resolutions. Additionally, she meets with constituents and interest groups regarding various legislative proposals to get their viewpoints.

According to Petron, her position with the Kansas senator has been ideal as he is an individual who "stands up for what he believes in, yet proves time and again that he is willing to reach across the aisle to get things done."

Petron has not only developed a love for her job, but a love for Washington, D.C., something that has not worn off after living in the city for four years.

"I still get a thrill when I look at the monuments, the White House, the Capitol dome, or when I see Marine One fly overhead as I drive over the 14th Street Bridge. Sometimes I look down at the beautiful painted tiles that cover the floors on the Senate side of the Capitol, and I am amazed to think that some of the most important men and women in our nation's history have walked the same corridors. I feel so blessed to work where I do."

Currently, Petron is president of her neighborhood homeowners' association and is active in her parish with her husband, David Petron, who is an associate at Sidley Austin.

Ultimately, she believes Georgia Law did a wonderful job preparing her for "real world" practice by training her to think and act as a lawyer.

"One of my favorite professors, Larry Blount, always used to remind us to think practically, not just theoretically. He would pose a thorny question to us, note the wrong-but-tempting answer, and then proclaim that, 'Of course, a good Georgia lawyer knows' the correct answer.'"

- Leigh Tenewitz

**Lauren B. Petron** (2002) of Washington, D.C., became chief counsel to Sen. Brownback, ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in August 2007. **Drake W. Jeffries** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Spell, Pless, Davis & Sauro. **Sarah Moore Johnson** (2002) of Washington, D.C., was selected as a 2008 Nolan Fellow by the American Bar Association Section of Taxation. **Ryan P. Reavis** (2002) of Tucker, GA, opened his own law firm. **Matthew D. Schreck** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Savell & Williams. **Timothy M. Silvis** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, associated with the Atlanta office of Miller & Martin. **Kevin J. Tallant** (2002) of Cumming, GA, established the law firm Miles & Tallant. **David M. Young** (2002) of Atlanta, GA, was honored by the Federal Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division during the FBA National Convention. **Jeffrey A. Calabrese** (2003) and **Melissa F. Calabrese** (2003) of Louisville, KY, celebrated the birth of their daughter Alice Geneva on Oct. 2, 2007. **Cynthia L. Davis** (2003) of Lawrenceville, GA, associated with Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer & Risley. **Jehan Y. El-Jourbagy** (2003) of Monticello, GA, received the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service from the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. **Jasmine C. Lowe** (2003) of Norcross, GA, associated with Alston & Bird. **L. Bartlett Newman** (2003) of Marietta, GA, published "Because of Baghdad: What a father would say about life, if he didn't come home to say it" and has directed the proceeds to children of soldiers killed in Iraq. **Tonya F. Stokes** (2003) of Stone Mountain, GA, participated in the U.S.-Japan Foundation Leadership Program during the



summer of 2007. **Kristin C.M. Waller** (2003) of Monticello, IL, celebrated with her husband Anthony E. Waller (1993), daughter Maggie and son Charlie the birth of Ann Kathleen on March 12, 2008.

Additionally, she is the pro bono coordinator at Prairie State Legal Services in Bloomington. **D. Sharae Wright** (2003) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Burr & Forman.

**Russell E. Blythe** (2004) of Fairburn, GA, celebrated the birth of his son Rhett Elijah on Jan. 16, 2008. **Caroline G. Castle** (2004) of Columbus, GA, has become a permanent law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Clay Land, and she is a proud





homeowner. **Leslie L. Mize** (2004) of Raleigh, NC, was recognized by Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough with a 2007 Claude M. Scarborough Jr. Award for her pro bono service.

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**Meredith P.N. Atwood** (2005) of Duluth, GA, celebrated with her husband James the birth of her son James A. IV on Oct. 25, 2007. **Sally Anne W. Brown** (2005) of Jacksonville, FL, joined Rogers Towers in

the firm's business litigation group. **Charles H. Crawford III** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, joined Pursley, Lowery & Meeks. **Amelia Anne Godfrey** (2005) of Columbus, GA, associated with Pope, McGlamry, Kilpatrick, Morrison & Norwood. **B. Lake Goodman II** (2005) of Laguna Niguel, CA, joined Chick-fil-A as an in-house attorney and real estate manager for Southern California. **Marisa L. Huttenbach** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, was featured for her volunteer activities in the "CityLife" section of

*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. **Tiffany M. Smith** (2005) of Atlanta, GA, associated with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker and practices immigration law. Additionally, she co-chairs an immigration-related nonprofit organization, the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN). **James S. Trieschmann Jr.** (2005) of Malvern, PA, announced his marriage to Sarah Christine Berryman on Sept. 22,



2007. **Kipp C. Knight** (2006) of Ankeny, IA, associated with Hepler Broom. **Bobby J. Olds** (2006) of Columbus, GA, established Community Legal Resources and specializes in consumer protection for Hispanic

immigrants. **Palma E. Pustilnik** (2006) of Charlottesville, VA, has opened her own law firm. **Cybil Gregory**



**Roehrenbeck** (2006) of Washington, D.C., announced her marriage to David Roehrenbeck on April 22, 2007. **Tiffany Carter Sellers** (2006) of Fairburn, GA, was installed as assistant secretary of the Gate City Bar Association.



**Meredith Stein Watts** (2006) of Smyrna, GA, announced her marriage to Samuel Douglas Watts on Oct. 6, 2007.

**David S. Frist** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, announced his marriage to Lisa Rachel Barry on Aug. 5, 2007. **Christopher M. Gant** (2007) of Athens, GA, celebrated with his wife Ali the birth of their twin boys Calder and John David on Dec. 11, 2007. **William R. Todd** (2007) of Cumming, GA, associated with Miles



& Tallant. **Ashley Marsh Tyndal** (2007) of Atlanta, GA, announced her marriage to Chris Tyndal on Aug. 25, 2007.



*In Memoriam*

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

**Fred L. Belcher (1947)**  
Nashville, GA  
March 12, 2008

**Curtis H. Bell (1951)**  
Elberton, GA  
January 2, 2008

**Frank S. Cheatham Jr. (1948)**  
Savannah, GA  
March 19, 2008

**Foy S. Evans (1948)**  
Centerville, GA  
March 14, 2008

**Duross Fitzpatrick (1966)**  
Jeffersonville, GA  
January 6, 2008

**J. Gordon Knox Jr. (1948)**  
Hazlehurst, GA  
February 9, 1997

**E.R. Lambert (1950)**  
Madison, GA  
February 22, 2008

**Neil C. Manson (1976)**  
Cambridge, OH  
March 18, 2008

**Melburne D. "Mac" McLendon (1948)**  
Atlanta, GA  
January 2, 2008

**Archibald L. Morris (1949)**  
Savannah, GA  
January 22, 2008

**Thomas B. Murphy (1949)**  
Bremen, GA  
December 17, 2007

**Donald A. Walters (1951)**  
Newnan, GA  
November 5, 2007

**J. Aiken Wright (1941)**  
Kerrville, TX  
January 11, 2008

**B. Kyle Yancey (1951)**  
Austell, GA  
February 16, 2008



## Remembering

### Duross Fitzpatrick, longtime judge and provider for Middle Georgia



On Jan. 6, 2008, members of the Georgia Law community mourned the death of Duross Fitzpatrick (LL.B.'66) who had suffered from a rare neurological

disease for which there was no cure. He was 73 years old.

Fitzpatrick was appointed to the federal bench by President Ronald Reagan in 1985 and was sworn in as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. He served as chief judge of the Middle District from 1995 to 2001, before assuming senior judge status in 2001.

Fitzpatrick's love for his profession was evidenced the first time he put on his black robe in 1985, when he was quoted as saying the famous Lou Gehrig line, "I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth."

Born in 1934 in Tartersville, Ga., Fitzpatrick graduated from high school in Cochran. He attended the University of the

South from 1953 to 1954 before leaving to join the U.S. Marine Corps from 1954 to 1957. After being discharged as a sergeant, he finished his degree at UGA and earned his bachelor's in forestry in 1961.

Fitzpatrick worked as a forester with the company Royal Wood and with the U.S. Forest Service before deciding to study the law. He then enrolled at the School of Law and graduated in 1966.

With his law degree in hand, Fitzpatrick took a job with the Elliott & Davis law firm in Macon before starting his own practice in Cochran during 1967. From 1983 to 1986, he was a senior partner at Fitzpatrick & Mullis.

Fellow U.S. District Court Judge Hugh Lawson said in an article in *The Macon Telegraph*, "As the years passed, he developed into an outstanding lawyer. He was the pre-eminent lawyer in his county."

During Fitzpatrick's tenure, he left his mark on Middle Georgia in a number of ways. He revived citizenship ceremonies after several years of absence, capped the Bibb County jail population until renovations were completed to provide space for more inmates and approved the final portion

of a promotions system for Macon's police and fire departments that had been slowed down by federal discrimination lawsuits for six years.

"He had a compassion for the individual, but also saw that society needed order to it," longtime friend and Macon lawyer Carr Dodson (J.D.'61) said in *The Macon Telegraph*. "And he blended those two in fairness."

Throughout his career, Fitzpatrick served in a number of other professional positions. He became a member of the State Bar of Georgia beginning in 1965 and served as its president as well as on its Board of Governors. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Judges Association and the Georgia Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism.

Fitzpatrick is survived by his wife, Beverly O'Connor Fitzpatrick; his two children, Mark O'Connor Fitzpatrick and Devon Fitzpatrick Randall; and three grandchildren.

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## Remembering

### Neill Alford, former dean of Georgia Law



On Oct. 20, 2007, Neill H. Alford Jr., former dean of the University of Georgia School of Law and professor of law emeritus at the University of Virginia, passed

away at the age of 88.

Specializing in wills, trusts, estate and gift taxation, and estate planning, Alford spent most of his career at the University of Virginia as a law professor from 1947 to 1974 and from 1976 to 1990. During

his hiatus from UVA, he served as dean of Georgia Law for 18 months. In a news release regarding his resignation as dean, then-UGA President Fred C. Davison said the university regretted losing Alford's "great classroom experience and outstanding teaching performance."

Alford was the author of *Modern Economic Warfare: Law and the Naval Participant* and co-author of the widely used casebook *Cases and Materials on Decedents Estates and Trusts*.

After retiring from teaching in 1990, he practiced law in Charlottesville, Va., as counsel to Slaughter & Redinger.

Prior to entering the field of law, Alford

attended The Citadel, earning his bachelor's degree in history. After graduation, he served as an Army infantry officer in Europe during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge for his service. He remained as a member of the Army Reserve until 1969, when he retired with the rank of colonel.

Alford's law degrees were earned from the University of Virginia (LL.B.) and Yale University (J.S.D.).

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Smith Alford; his three children, Neill H. Alford III, Margaret Dudley Alford Cloud and Eli Thomas Stackhouse Alford; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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# Remembering

## Tom Murphy, former speaker of the House and great advocate for his state and for all Georgians



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On Dec. 17, 2007, the state of Georgia bid its final farewell to the longest-serving House speaker of any state legislature in American history – Thomas B. Murphy (LL.B.'49). He was 83 years old.

Regarded by many as the man who helped to shape modern Georgia state history as much or more than any other individual, Murphy presided in the House of Representatives during a period that saw an end to Jim Crow, the rise of black civil and voting rights, unprecedented economic and population growth, and Atlanta's emergence as an international city, all while being able to successfully adapt to each one of these significant changes.

Former U.S. Sen. Zell Miller, who was known to engage in heated debates with Murphy, described the former speaker “as a very strong, able and complex man who had a hand in everything that happened in Georgia politics for the past half century [and whose legacy] will live on as future generations

benefit from his far-sightedness and dogged determination to make for them a better life.”

Murphy was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1960 and became House speaker in 1973, after the death of George L. Smith. He remained in this post for the next 28 years until losing his re-election bid in 2002.

During his tenure, Murphy was known for ruling with an “iron fist,” loving a “good fight” and being devoted to the Democratic Party. Despite this tough exterior, he was a man who championed for children, seniors and the disabled as well as promoted economic growth in Atlanta through projects including the MARTA public transit system, the Georgia World Congress Center, the Georgia Dome and Centennial Olympic Park.

“I had the opportunity on several occasions to see his heart,” Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue said in an article in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. “There was a very compassionate heart underneath that exterior that really understood what government ought to be about, and that’s meeting the needs of individual people.”

Murphy’s early roots can be traced back to Haralson County, Ga., where he was born on March 10, 1924. He attended North Georgia College, served in the Navy for three years and then graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1949.

After graduation, Murphy entered law practice with his mentor and brother James in their hometown of Bremen and often took on clients for little or no pay. The impact of his work has been felt not only in Bremen and the state of Georgia, but also at UGA.

One of his top priorities in the Georgia House was to secure funding for building projects at the university, and he was instrumental in the construction of the Tate Student Center, the South Campus Parking Deck and the Animal Health Research Center.

“You could say that there’s a little piece of Tom Murphy in almost every building on the UGA campus,” Robert E. Argo Jr. said at Murphy’s 1984 portrait hanging ceremony at the School of Law. “If it wasn’t one in which he personally studied as a student here, it was one he helped finance as he championed capital funding for sorely-needed construction projects over the years.”

Murphy’s survivors include his son, Michael L. Murphy (J.D.’73); daughters, Martha Murphy Long, Lynn Murphy-McAdams and Mary Murphy-Oxendine; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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