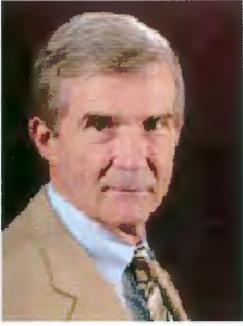


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**Michael J. Bowers**, former Attorney General of Georgia, joined the predecessor of Balch & Bingham, LLP, in September of 1998, concentrating in general civil litigation. He became partner in January of 2000. *Georgia Trend Magazine* named Mike as one of the “100 Most Influential Georgians” from their beginning in 1990 through 1997 and again in 2003 and 2006. Mike currently serves as chairman of the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission.

Mike graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1963. He earned a M.S. (I.E.) from Stanford University in 1965 and a M.B.A. from the University of Utah in 1970. Upon obtaining his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1974, Mike accepted a position with the State of Georgia Attorney General’s Office, where he worked until he was appointed Attorney General of Georgia in 1981. Mike was re-elected four times and served as Attorney General until June of 1997, when he resigned from office in order to seek the Republican nomination for Governor.

Mike served in the United States Air Force from 1963-1970, when he joined the Air National Guard, from which he retired in 1997 at the rank of Major General. From 1994 to 1997, he served as chair of the National Guard Bureau’s Counterdrug Board in Washington, DC.

Mike and his wife Bette Rose are the parents of three grown children and reside in Commerce, Georgia.



**Paul W. Painter, Jr.**, the son of the late Superior Court Judge Paul (Johnny) Painter and Juanita Davis Painter, grew up and attended public schools in Rossville, Walker County, GA. His wife Judi holds a masters degree in education from UGA, and they have one child, Paul W. III, who received a B.B.A. degree from UGA and is now a second-year student at

Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law.

After graduating from Rossville High School in 1963, Paul entered Georgia Tech on a football scholarship. He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1968 with a degree in management and spent the next three years serving as a Navy officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence.

Paul entered the University of Georgia School of Law in the fall of 1971, shortly after he left the Navy and two weeks after he and Judi were married. While in law school, he was senior editor of the *Georgia Law Review* and served on the moot court board. He finished law school in December of 1973, graduating with honors, and moved to Savannah to begin practicing law.

Paul is a civil trial lawyer in Savannah, where he is a partner in the firm of Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams. During his 32 years of private practice, he has served as president of the Savannah Bar Association and of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association. He has served as Georgia chairman of the American College of Trial Lawyers and as a member and chairman of the Board of Bar Examiners. Since 2004, he has been recognized as one of Georgia's "Top 100" lawyers by Law & Politics and Atlanta Magazine.

Paul is devoted to the University of Georgia School of Law. He served as a member of the Law School Association Council and as President of the Law School Association. He currently serves on the Law School's Board of Visitors. His hobbies include playing golf, reading fiction, and traveling with Judi.