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Brett Burney is Principal of Burney Consultants LLC, and focuses the bulk of his time on bridging the chasm between the legal and technology frontiers of electronic discovery. Brett is also very active in the Mac-using lawyer community, working with lawyers who want to integrate Macs, iPhones & iPads into their practice. Prior to establishing Burney Consultants LLC, Brett spent over 5 years at the law firm of Thompson Hine LLP where he worked with litigation teams in building document databases, counseling on electronic discovery issues, and supporting them at trial. Brett graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law in 2000 and quickly became active in the world of legal technology. Brett is a frequent contributor to Legaltech News and speaks around the country on litigation support, e-discovery, Mac and iOS-related topics. You can email him at burney@burneyconsultants.com.

Website: <http://www.burneyconsultants.com>

E-Discovery Blog: <http://www.ediscoveryinfo.com>

eDiscovery Buyers Guide: <http://www.ediscoverybuyersguide.com>

Macs for Lawyers: <http://www.macsinlaw.com>

Apps for Lawyers: <http://www.appsinlaw.com>

Andrea Cannavina

Andrea Cannavina teaches people how to organize their work and put the right systems, people and tools in place so they get more done with less - less time, less resources and, most importantly, less stress! For over 15 years, she has been providing one-on-one process and workflow consulting services to law firms and speaking with practicing attorneys looking to improve how things are done at the office.

She is a hard working, fun-loving say it like it is kinda girl. She's happily married to the same man going on 27 years. They are blessed to have two smart, independent and good spirited kids ... uhhh young adults and Rosie, their dog, sharing their lives. If she is not behind her keyboard teaching lawyers how not to be behind theirs, you can usually find her in 1 of 3 places: outside in her garden, cooking in her kitchen or where she pairs the two: glamping in PA.

She started on her journey as a true legal assistant in some of the largest firms in and around New York City. Yes, she was a commuter who wore socks and sneakers over nylons and hoped for ANY seat on the train but especially on the way home. In most offices, she was the go-to girl, asked to come up with solutions (technical or otherwise), almost always on a tight timeline.

After being blessed with kidling no. 1 and having to pay for day care, she knew she had to do something to create more income for her family. So she scoured the web, seeking work - but the only thing she could find was medical transcription jobs and she hates typing medical jargon!

By the time kidling no 2 was born, she had everything in place to open LegalTypist and in less than 5 years, grew it to work with 100's of law firms (mostly without her). 3 years after LegalTypist, her second site, Law Firm Solutions, went live. It was geared toward helping larger legal environments adopt technology and today it serves as her personal blog.

In the decade she's been capable of creating websites, she's had a great time helping clients not only enjoy the process, but stopping them from paying too much for anything web related.

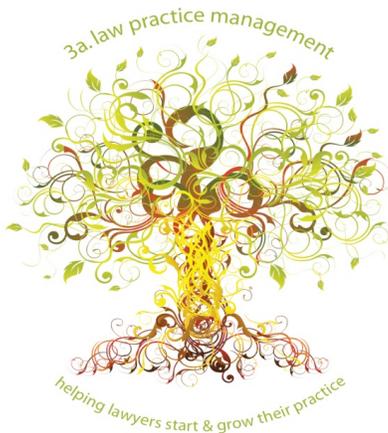
By the way, she has donated ALL the educational content she has created over the years to the Virtual Bar Association, where she is enjoying her tenure as Director. If you work at a law firm, please join (it's free): <http://www.virtualbarassociation.com>.

Rochelle D. Washington
Practice Management Advisor/ Sr. Staff Attorney
District of Columbia Bar
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Rochelle Washington is the Senior Staff Attorney in the Practice Management Advisory Service (“PMAS”) of the D.C. Bar. Rochelle assists lawyers with the business issues involved in starting and managing a law firm. Rochelle was recognized by the American Bar Association (ABA) Legal Technology Resource Center as a 2017 Woman of Legal Tech and by FastCase as a 2017 FastCase 50. Rochelle developed and managed the D.C. Bar annual all-day educational event, *Practice 360° | A Day for Lawyers and Law Firms*. She leads an annual 8-week (previously 10 weeks) program titled, *Successful Small Firm Practice Series: How Solo and Small Firm Lawyers Can Compete, Thrive, and Be Ethical in the 21st Century*. This 10-week program received the ABA’s Gambrell Award for Professionalism in 2015. She also leads the day-two session of the D.C. Bar law firm start-up program, *Basic Training and Beyond*, which is offered monthly and received the ABA’s Gambrell Award for Professionalism in 2011. Rochelle organizes the PMAS Small Firm Lunch and Learn Series, an ongoing program which runs two to three programs a month and covers practical topics that impact small firm lawyers. In addition, she conducts one-on-one member advisory meetings, law firm assessments, and hosts networking opportunities for Bar members. All programs and services sponsored by the Practice Management Advisory Service are free to D.C. Bar members. Rochelle served as CLE faculty for national and local bar associations including the ABA TECHSHOW in 2015, 2016 and 2017, Maryland State Bar Association, Women’s Bar Association of the District of Columbia and at The Above the Law Academy for Private Practice Conference in 2015. She also teaches regularly at local law schools.

Rochelle attended Towson University for undergraduate studies and American University, Washington College of Law where she obtained her J.D. She is licensed to practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia. For several years, she managed a small firm and practiced family, bankruptcy and personal injury law. In addition, she served as a volunteer attorney providing pro bono legal services in juvenile proceedings and family cases involving domestic violence.

In January 2013, Rochelle joined the Office of Regulation Counsel, Practice Management Advisory Service with the D.C. Bar. She can be reached at the D.C. Bar at 202-780-2764 or rwashington@dcbar.org.



alvaro a. arauz, founder of 3a. law management

"At 3a. law management, we challenge ourselves with complex assignments of all kinds. It requires us to constantly evolve, which in turn allows us to give better advice. Whether you're a brave attorney putting up your own shingle, a small firm adding more associates and staff, or a mid-size firm that needs infrastructure re-engineering, we can help. We promote progress through productivity. It's about results, not effort."

In 1997, after graduating the University of South Florida with a B.A. in English, Alvaro set out to help attorneys improve their law firm efficiency in order to achieve greater professional satisfaction and earnings with less work. This awareness enriched the quality of lawyers' representation and competitive legal fees, resulting in less-stressed and happier attorneys. With clients in over 35 states, he has worked with the country's top attorneys in nearly every practice area, making him a quintessential law management consultant. He was awarded Best of 2015, 2016 Best Business Coach for Lawyers by the Daily Report.

Alvaro believes attorneys should focus on two aptitudes: represent clients and foster new clients. Through implementing custom-made processes for each firm and utilizing technology effectively, he develops ways to delegate tasks that take attorneys away from these goals. His strategic planning skills coupled by the ability to identify targeted action items that lead to growth has resulted in hundreds of multi-million-dollar law firms around the country. Alvaro and his team deliver a comprehensive and streamlined set of solutions tailored to the firm's practice area(s) and growth plan. This eliminates marketing or management sinkholes and affords more time to the attorneys to focus on whatever they choose.

Alvaro shares his knowledge of law practice management as a frequent speaker at international lawyer conferences like AVVO's Lawyernomics, National Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Las Vegas, American Assoc. for Justice, Personal Injury Marketing & Management Assoc. National Summit, Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group Regional Conference, The North American Law Summit in Costa Rica, ABA Sports and Entertainment Conference, San Francisco's Catapult Conference, Georgia Trial Lawyers Assoc. Annual Conference and law school solo practitioner boot camps. Alvaro donates his time on the board of four 501c non-profit organizations, including serving as Chair of the Board for RED, Georgia Lawyers for the Arts, E3 and co-chair for the 100th anniversary of Children's Health Care of Atlanta's Tower of Talent.

Fluent in Spanish, Alvaro is able to assist attorneys in other countries, as well as those reaching a new market. Aside from helping many of the country's top 100 Lawyers and Rising Stars, he is proud to claim top tier lawyers recognized globally by Chambers, National Trial Lawyers, and US News Best Law Firms in America. Alvaro's clients are frequent experts on CNN and other national news sources.

When not saving attorneys from inefficiencies and keeping them accountable, Alvaro spends time with his loved ones, helping his community or expanding his photography portfolio with his photographs from around the world. His travel photography, seen at www.capture3a.com, has been featured in Atlanta's Art Space International Gallery two years in a row and has raised hundreds of dollars for law school scholarships.

Today, 3a. law management clients seek counsel from Alvaro and the 3a. team in every facet of running a law firm, from starting a firm from scratch to growing in a new market or reorganizing an established firm. Alvaro attributes his success by following the same awareness, aptitude and accountability he has taught to hundreds of attorneys in over 20 years.

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Martin Anquez

Data Scientist

Dr. Martin Anquez is Omni Software Systems' chief intelligence translator, focused on the science of practical collaboration between humans and machines. His role is to exploit the latest Artificial Intelligence technologies, ushering in a new paradigm in law practice management. The resulting Omni Legal innovations bring cutting edge pattern recognition and outcome prediction to your day to day activities. His education includes a PhD in Physics from Georgia Tech.

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Education

- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D.
- Indiana University Kelley School of Business, M.B.A. (Fin.)
- Purdue University School of Engineering & Technology Indianapolis, B.S.

Admissions

- All Georgia state and superior courts

Memberships

- State Bar of Georgia
- Georgia Real Estate Closing Attorneys Association
- Real Property Law Section of the Georgia Bar
- Fiduciary Law Section of the Georgia Bar
- Rockdale County Bar Association
- East Metro Board of Realtors
- WealthCounsel
- Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce

Recognition

- Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service – State Bar of Georgia and Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism (2016)
- Jerry Barboe Small Business Person of the Year - Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce (2014)
- 40 Under 40 – Georgia’s Best & Brightest - Georgia Trend (2014)
- 40 Under 40 – Atlanta’s Rising Business & Community Leaders - Atlanta Business Chronicle (2014)

Overview

Thua G. Barlay is a partner in the firm’s Conyers office, where he focuses on residential and commercial real estate closings and estate planning. Thua previously owned his own practice and prior to that worked at King & Spalding, LLP as a Special Assignment Attorney.

Thua received his law degree from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. During law school, he was a board member of the Indiana International and Comparative Law Review. He also received a Master’s in Business Administration (Finance) from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business.

Thua earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Technology from Purdue University (Indianapolis). While in school, he served as president of the student government, president of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and a four-year letterman with the men's soccer team. In addition to being named an Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honorary, he was the recipient of the Charles K. Barker Award for the most outstanding minority Computer Technology major.

Thua remains an active participant in his community. He has served as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce (2013) and President of the Rotary Club of Conyers (2014-15). In addition, he currently serves on the boards of the Rockdale County Public Schools Foundation and the Children's Museum of Atlanta.

Thua believes strongly in developing his leadership skills and is an alumnus of Leadership Rockdale, State Bar Young Lawyers Division Leadership Academy, Regional Leadership Institute, Georgia Academy for Economic Development, New Leaders Council Institute, Philanthropic Advisor Leadership Institute, and Leadership Georgia.

Key Practice Areas

- [Residential Closings](#)

Recent news

- [Thua G. Barlay named to the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2018](#)

Recent publications

- [Residential Closings – Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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We send out quarterly newsletters to our current and prospective clients to keep them educated of law changes across each of our areas of practice.

Kimberly is an avid traveler, lover of technology, legal industry disruptor, speaker, and an attorney who runs [K Bennett Law LLC](#), a boutique trademark and business strategy law practice offering on-demand and subscription operations and legal services. Her practice focuses on helping clients protect their brands and grow profitable, sustainable businesses through the application of trademark, business, and employment law. In addition to her law firm, Kim runs [The KBL Collective](#), a facebook community focused on providing education and support to new and established businesses, hosts a monthly live show to discuss strategies to improve the practice of law, and teaches courses on implementing subscription revenue models in law practices.

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Primary Practice(s)

- [Complex Business & Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Business Practices](#)
- [Labor & Employment](#)
- [Products Liability](#)
- [General Liability](#)

Additional Experience

- [ADA Compliance & Defense](#)
- [Employment Advice & Counseling](#)

Admissions

- [Georgia](#)

Danielle Berry is a partner in the Atlanta office of Lewis Brisbois and a member of the Complex Business & Commercial Litigation, Business Practices, Labor & Employment, Products Liability, and General Liability Practices.

Ms. Berry's practice involves representing businesses in employment law related disputes, including litigation and administrative investigations regarding Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Age Discrimination and Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, and USERRA, and other state and federal laws. She assists clients in day-to-day issues regarding hiring and firing, disciplinary matters, employee relations, policy compliance, drafting, training and implementation, employee handbooks, independent contractor, employment, restrictive covenant, confidentiality and severance agreements. In addition, Ms. Berry defends insureds and companies against complex commercial litigation, premises liability, products liability/toxic torts, and construction defect claims.

Associations

- [Georgia Bar Association, 2005-present](#)
- [American Bar Association, 2011-2013](#)
- [Gwinnett County Bar Association, 2006-2010](#)
- [Atlanta Bar Association, 2007-2009](#)
- [Federal Bar Association, 2007-2009](#)
- [Human Resource Membership Association, 2008-2010](#)

Professional Presentations

- [National Association of Asian American Professionals, Employment Law 101: Ways to Minimize Corporate Liability and Exposure, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2008](#)
- [Human Resource Management Association, Developments in Employment Law, 2009](#)

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- SEMSS Conference, The Year of Employment Law, 2009 Developments in Employment Law and Strategies to Reduce Costs, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, July 2009
 - Georgia Turf Grass Association, Protecting Your Business in a Down Economy: Employment Law Update, Enforcement Trends & New Developments, Duluth, Georgia, December 2009
 - AIG Continuing Education, Intersection of Property Damage and Personal Injury Claims, May 2012
 - ACE Continuing Education, Intersection of Property Damage and Personal Injury Claims, May 2012

Education

- University of Georgia, *Juris Doctor*, 2005
- University of Georgia, Bachelor of Business Administration, *magna cum laude*, 2001

STEVEN J. BEST

Steven J. Best (Steve) is an attorney and founding partner of the Affinity Consulting Group. Steve attended both the University of Florida (Go Gators) and Rutgers University (B.A. in Economics). He attended Emory University School of Law (J.D.). He is a member of the Florida and Georgia Bars and is also a certified consultant/trainer, maintaining certifications in many law office software products including time/billing/accounting, practice management, document management, PDF production, document assembly and paperless office packages. Steve also regularly works with firms on practice analyses, software selection and sophisticated technology issues. He is a national speaker at many CLE programs throughout Georgia, the U.S. and Canada. Recently, Steve was honored to be the chair of the 2016 ABA TechShow Planning Board. He is an active member of the ABA's Law Practice Management Division. He is also the author of "The Lawyer's Guide to PCLaw" published by the ABA in 2015. An accomplished pianist, in his free time, Steve enjoys composing music, traveling, fitness, and creative cooking. Steve has been happily married to his wife, Melissa, for 23 years. Together, Steve & Melissa have 2 awesome (adult) children and three rescue pets, 2 loving cats and Rosie the neurotic chihuahua.

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Erica Birstler

Erica Birstler is the Director of Strategic Communications at CosmoLex -- developers of an all-in-one cloud-based legal practice management, billing & trust accounting system specifically designed for solo and small law firms.

Erica's degree is in Business Administration and she has nearly a decade of experience in the legal software industry, catering to the specialized technology needs of small to mid-sized law firms. Erica has given numerous presentations across North America on legal technologies such as law practice technology management, cloud computing, and legal billing & trust accounting compliance.

Jay Bland

Jay Bland serves as GreenCourt's Executive Vice President and is a member of the company's management team. He is responsible for developing new business opportunities that not only benefit the company, but also serve the needs of the Bar, the courts and governmental agencies. Mr. Bland is heavily involved with policy and legislative affairs. As Georgia moves toward statewide mandatory civil eFiling, he provides long-term strategy and practical guidance at the local and state levels. Mr. Bland is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the State Bar's Young Lawyer's Division and of a variety of circuit and county bar associations. He earned a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Economics (cum laude) from Auburn University, a Juris Doctorate degree from Cumberland School of Law and a Masters of Business Administration Degree from Samford University. He volunteers with the Truancy Intervention Project of Georgia.

Yael Boloker

Yael Boloker is a founding employee and Director of Technology Development & Client Services of CloudLaw, Public Benefit Corporation. She assists lawyers in cultivating their online presence as well as collaborates with bar associations to educate their members on legal marketing. Yael is a New York licensed attorney. She attended St. John's University School of Law. While in law school she founded the St. John's chapter of Mediators Beyond Borders. She is a recipient of the Charles Revson Law Student Public Interest Fellowship and St. John's Public Interest Fellowship. Before law school she worked as a Disability Rights Lobbyist in Washington D.C. She is one of the first people in the country to graduate with a B.A. in Disability Studies, which she created at The George Washington University.

Maureen A. Cahill

Maureen Cahill is the Associate Director for Instruction, Access, and Outreach at the University of Georgia School of Law Alexander Campbell King Library. She has responsibility for developing the first year, advanced, and specialized legal research curriculum. Before joining the library faculty, she served as a staff attorney and clinical instructor for the University of Georgia School of Law's Prisoner Legal Counseling Project.

In 1973, Cahill received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1979. She also earned a Master in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina College of Library and Information Science in 2000.

Sarah Coole

Sarah Coole is the director of communications for the State Bar of Georgia, a 50,000-member mandatory bar in Atlanta, Ga. Her main responsibilities include webmaster of gabar.org, managing editor of the Georgia Bar Journal, and overseeing the Bar's other communications, marketing, public affairs and publication efforts. Sarah's been with the bar for 17 years, hired into the Communications Department as a fresh graduate of the University of Georgia. Go Dawgs! Married to Douglas, they have two great girls, Molly, 10, and Mia, 6.

Hon. J. Antonio DelCampo

Biography

As a Judge in the State Court of DeKalb County, the Hon. J. Antonio DelCampo presided over complex civil and criminal cases for almost ten years. Prior to his time on the bench, Judge DelCampo handled complex civil matters representing defendants and their insureds, as well as plaintiffs. After retiring from the bench in 2011, Judge DelCampo handled several high-profile and complex civil matters, many of which were tried to verdict. Judge DelCampo is a sought-out speaker at continuing judicial education courses, and is an active member of his community.

Judge DelCampo is bilingual in English and Spanish.

Professional Experience

DelCampo & Grayson, LLC (2013 to present)
Harris Penn Lowry DelCampo, LLP (2011 - 2013)
State Court of DeKalb County (2002 - 2011)
City of Dunwoody Municipal Court (2009 - 2011)

Professional Activities

Georgia State Bar (1994 to present); Board of Governors (2007 to present); Civil Legal Services Taskforce; Vice Chair (2014 to present); Member (2013 to present); Disciplinary Rules & Procedure Cmte. (2013 to present); Judicial Qualifications Commission Task Force (2016 to present).
Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants (Chair, 2011-2015; Member, 2005-2015)
Council of State Court Judges (Member 2002 - 2011; Legislative Cmte., 2002 - 2011; DUI Cmte., 2008 - 2011)
Supreme Court of Georgia, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (Member, 2013 to Present)
Supreme Court of Georgia, Commission on Interpreters (Member, 2012 to present)
Lawyers for Equal Justice (Board Member, 2016 to present)
Georgia Hispanic Bar Association (President, 2001 - 2002; Board Member, 2002 to present)
Hispanic National Bar Association (Regional President, 2000 - 2002; Convention Chair, 2002)
DeKalb Bar Association (Member, 2000 to present; Board Member, 2003 - 2004)

Honors & Awards

Georgia Supreme Court, Amicus Curiae (2015)
Georgia Super Lawyer (2013 - 2017)
Martindale Hubbell- AV Rating
A. Thomas Jones, Excellency in Advocacy Award
Council on Legal Education Opportunity; Fellow
Lamar Inn of Courts; Master
Georgia Trend Magazine's 40 under 40
Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dream Keeper Award
La Vision de Georgia, Lawyer of the Year Award

TUMI USA Award
Caminar Latino, Trailblazer Award
Chamblee High School Hall of Fame

Community Activities

Oxford College of Emory University, Alumni Board Member
Leadership Georgia
Leadership DeKalb, Board Member
Dunwoody United Methodist Church, Board of Trustees, Mission Trips & Youth Coach
Georgia Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Commissioner

Education

Georgia State University College of Law; Juris Doctor; Law Review Associate Editor (1994)
Emory University; Bachelor of Arts(1991)
Mediation/Arbitration Training
Henning Mediation & Arbitration Service, Inc.
Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution, Registered Neutral



Stacey Dougan, JD, LLM, MS, APC, NCC

A therapist with nearly 20 years of previous experience as both a lawyer and member of senior management at Big Law firms, Stacey now works with individual lawyers and other professionals to help them align their needs and values with their personal and professional roles and responsibilities. As a shareholder and Assistant General Counsel at Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Stacey advised attorneys on the most daunting challenges of their careers related to issues such as malpractice, conflicts, and employment discrimination claims. As the Chief Professional Development officer at Powell Goldstein, LLP

(Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner), Stacey led efforts related to hiring and retention policies, attorney development, mentoring, and work-life conflict. She frequently speaks to and consults with bar associations, law firms, and legal organizations to improve the wellbeing of attorneys.

Stacey is an Associate Professional Counselor,* a Certified Holistic Health Coach, holds a certification in clinical hypnotherapy, and is trained in EMDR. She earned her BA from the University of Miami; JD from Florida State University College of Law; LLM from Columbia University Law School; and MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Georgia State University.

Biography

Nancy Duhon grew up in the heart of Cajun culture in Lafayette, Louisiana. She moved to Washington, DC to attend Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, and eventually became the office administrator for a small law firm there. She next moved to her current home in Atlanta, Georgia to attend Emory University School of Law. Ms. Duhon has been admitted to practice in Georgia and Louisiana since 1996.

In 1994, while still a 1st year law school student, Ms. Duhon began a technology consulting company which has provided assistance to law firms and other businesses throughout the United States. She is a Certified Consultant for Timeslips and ActionStep. She has been a regular CLE presenter at the Georgia Bar Annual Meeting, Atlanta and Georgia CLE events and the annual ABA TechShow.

Ms. Duhon strives to bridge the gap between what is technically possible and what lawyers need to know how to do in order to function in an increasingly digital workplace. She particularly enjoys focusing her over 20 years of experience on the needs of small to mid-size law firms that typically do not have an in-house IT department.

V. Sharon “Sharri” Edenfield is a partner with Edenfield, Cox, Bruce & Edenfield in Statesboro, where she maintains an active general practice, primarily focused on civil litigation. She has vast experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in complex civil litigation, including business dispute, catastrophic personal injury, and wrongful death claims. Her experience spans every stage of litigation in both state and federal courts, beginning with pre-suit investigations, pretrial discovery/motions practice, up through and including jury trials and appeals. Edenfield is active professionally, having served as the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division's President from 2014-15, and active locally, including serving on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Southeast Georgia. She holds a B.A. in Political Science from The University of Georgia and a J.D. from Mercer University School of Law. Sharri is married to Bill Lindsey, County Manager for Johnson County, and they reside in Statesboro.

Stephanie Everett

As the Community Director for Lawyerist.com, Stephanie works with solo and small-firm lawyers who are ready to innovate, improve, and grow their practices. She facilitates the *Lawyerist Lab* and *Lawyerist Lab Pro*. These programs provide managing partners of small firms with innovative ideas, tools, and accountability to generate results for their firms.

After receiving her J.D., *cum laude*, from GSU, Stephanie practiced at Powell Goldstein (now Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner) and then co-founded Bloom, Sugarman, Everett, a boutique litigation firm, where she was the managing partner for 7 years. In 2015, as the Executive Director of Lawyers for Equal Justice, she launched Georgia's first legal incubator teaching newer lawyers how to launch socially conscious law firms.

When she is not teaching lawyers how to create better practices, she helps her husband with their craft-beer distribution business, chases after her lively 7 yr old daughter, geeks out on business books, and plays as much Texas Hold'em as possible.

William C. ("Bill") Gentry

William C. ("Bill") Gentry has been practicing law in Georgia since 1986. His primary area of practice is family law cases, including divorce, high asset property division, child custody, and alimony cases. Bill served as President of the 1,000-member Cobb County Bar Association in 2001 and 2002. In 2012, Bill was elected to the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia, the mandatory association that governs lawyers and the practice of law in Georgia. Bill has tried hundreds of cases in state and federal courts throughout Georgia, and he has argued dozens of appeals in both state and federal appellate courts in Georgia. He is admitted to and has argued in the Georgia Supreme Court and the Georgia Court of Appeals and the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Atlanta. Bill is also a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the Cobb County Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the American Bar Association, and the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, and he is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Bill is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Virginia's Economics Honors Program where he earned his BA degree in 1981. Bill earned his law degree from the University of Georgia in Athens in 1986. Bill serves as Lay Leader at Due West United Methodist Church and has previously served as Chair of the Administrative Board, the Long Range Planning Committee, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Bar Admissions

Georgia, 1986

U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia, 1986

U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit, 1986

U.S. Supreme Court, 2007

Education

University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia

J.D. - 1986

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

B.A. - 1981

Honors: With Honors

Major: Economics (Honors Program)

Representative Cases

Thompson v. Thompson, 526 S.E.2d 576 (Ga. App. 1999)

Simpson Consulting, Inc. v. Barclays Bank PLC, 227 Ga. App. 648, 490 S.E.2d 184 (Ga. App. 1997)

Pinkard v. Morris, 215 Ga. App. 297, 450 S.E.2d 330 (Ga. App. 1994)

Cherokee County, Georgia v. McBride, 262 Ga. 460, 421 S.E.2d 530 (Ga. Supr. Ct. 1992)

Vertner v. Gerber, 198 Ga. App. 645, 402 S.E.2d 315 (Ga. App. 1991)

Complete Concepts Ltd. v. General handbag Corp., 880 F.2d 382 (11th Cir. 1989)

Smith v. Travis Pruit & Associates, PC, 192 Ga. App. 496, 385 S.E.2d 132 (Ga. App. 1989)

Atlanta Dairies Cooperative v. Grindle, 182 Ga. App. 409, 356 S.E.2d 42 (Ga. App. 1987)

Classes/Seminars

Skillful Use of Objections from Jury Selection to Closing Argument, National Business Institute, March 30, 2016 - Present

Closing Statements and Final Jury Instructions – Steer the Jury in the Right Direction, National Business Institute, March 30, 2016 - Present

Dividing Real Property in Divorce, National Business Institute, December 9, 2015 - Present

Discovery in Divorce , National Business Institute, June 25, 2016 - Present

Common and Not So Common Family Law Issues and Answers, National Business Institute, June 25, 2015 - Present

Identifying the “Rambo” Litigator, National Business Institute, June 13, 2013 - Present

Child Support After the Initial Divorce Determinations, National Business Institute, July 20, 2010 - Present

Spousal Support in Divorce, National Business Institute, July 20, 2010 - Present

Preparation of Witnesses, National Business Institute, August 24, 2007 - Present

Defending Depositions, National Business Institute, August 24, 2007 - Present

Honors and Awards

AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, 2000 - 2016

Professional Associations and Memberships

State Bar of Georgia, Board of Governors, 2012 - Present

Cobb County Bar Association, Past President, 1988 – Present

Past Employment Positions

Gentry, Smith, Dettmering, Morgan, Schnatmeier & Collins, LLP, Partner , 2012 - 2016

Gentry, Smith, Dettmering, Morgan & Schnatmeier, LLP, Partner , 2007 - 2012

Gentry Law Firm, Owner, 1999 - 2007

Flournoy, Gentry & Morgan, LLP, Partner, 1997 - 1999

Flournoy & Gentry, LLP, Partner , 1990 - 1997

Webb & Daniel, Associate, 1986 - 1990

Fraternities/Sororities

Delta Tau Delta

Phi Alpha Delta

Erin Gerstenzang's law practice is located at Ponce City Market in Atlanta, Georgia. She represents clients facing drug and alcohol-related offenses, including cases involving traffic, misdemeanor, and felony charges.

In addition to running her criminal defense law practice, Erin spends a great deal of time helping other attorneys succeed in their practices. She is a regular speaker at CLE events across the country, and helps lawyers understand legal ethics in a technology-enabled world. She also lectures on design-thinking for law firms, automation and paperless systems, and using social media to build a legal brand.

She co-organizes the Atlanta Legal Tech Meet Up Group in Atlanta and is on the board of directors of the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers, and runs their Leadership Academy. She is an active mentor to local solo attorneys who are getting their practices off the ground and co-chairs the Technology Committee of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys and is on their long-range planning committee.

Jason Graham

Atlanta attorney Jason W. Graham, founder of Graham Legal, LLC, is the founder and Chief Operating Officer of the SynerG Law Complex. Jason is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania School of Law and Emory University. Jason is a true general practitioner, and experienced trial lawyer. Over the past 20 years, he has tried over 100 cases to judges, arbitrators, and juries in both state and federal courts, and consistently achieves exceptional results for his clients, who include individuals, small businesses, and multi-million-dollar companies. Jason's firm now has five lawyers and focuses on complex commercial, construction, real estate, probate, and intellectual property litigation. Jason used his experience in the business of his law practice to design and foster SynerG Law Complex to be the ideal home for independent solo practitioners and small firms to grow their practice.

Karlise Yvette Grier became the Executive Director of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism in September 2017. Prior to assuming her current position, Grier worked for over 17 years as the managing attorney of Grier Law Office, P.C., a law firm that concentrated in the areas of adoption, divorce, and child custody.

Grier was appointed to serve as a part-time Magistrate Court judge in Fulton County and served as a Judicial Officer in the Fulton County Superior Court Family Division from May 2006 through December 2008. From March 2000 until June 2005, she served as a Judge Pro Hac Vice in the former City Court of Atlanta ("Traffic Court").

Grier received her B.A. in Computer Science from Dartmouth College and her J.D. from Emory University School of Law. Grier is a native of Atlanta and a member of Ben Hill United Methodist Church.

Joe Hardy

Joe Hardy has practiced law for twenty years and meditation for ten years. He believes that meditation can help lawyers identify, clarify and excel at whatever they choose - which may not be what they chose before meditation!

After graduating in 1998 from the University of Georgia School of Law, Joe worked at several large and mid-size firms in Atlanta for 12 years. In 2010, he started his current solo practice focusing on aviation and space law. This enabled him also to serve as a water rights attorney for the Navajo Nation in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah between 2012 and 2013.

Joe started meditating around 2008 and discovered that meditation quickly became an integral part of his legal practice and whole life. Around that time, he also began acting for film and TV, which he continues today.

Ben Jones

Ben Jones is a summa cum laude graduate of Georgia Tech and the owner of AngelDown Legal Video Services, one of the largest stand-alone legal video firms in Georgia. He is a nationally certified legal videographer, teaching state-approved CLE seminars in his field. He and his team have been in business for almost 10 years, and have covered nearly 4,000 video depositions. Ben grew up in Dahlonega and currently resides in Alpharetta with his wife, Shannon, and newborn son, Bennett. He has an active Christian speaking ministry, and has visited over 30 countries, primarily for mission work. In his free time, he loves to snow-ski, hike, play board games, watch Georgia Tech football, and eat BBQ.



Natalie Robinson Kelly

Natalie Robinson Kelly is the Director of the State Bar of Georgia's Law Practice Management Program. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Political Science from Spelman College and her Juris Doctorate from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. Prior to attending law school, she taught *Law Office Management* as an Adjunct Professor at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, and held positions in education, commercial real estate, hospitality, and worked for a sole practitioner. At the State Bar serving as Georgia's Practice Management Advisor, she has conducted over 1,200 law office management and technology consulting engagements with law firms and legal departments. In 2005, she was selected State Bar of Georgia Employee of the Year.

A Certified Consultant for multiple legal software applications, Natalie has presented in 15 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She has served on many legal advisory boards and is a fellow in the College of Law Practice Management. She was selected as a Fastcase 50 Honoree for the law's smartest, most courageous innovators, techies, visionaries, and leaders and was named to the American Bar Association's inaugural list of Women in Legal Tech.

Natalie is active in the Law Practice Division of the American Bar Association having served on the Division's Council and as Chair of the 2014 ABA TECHSHOW Planning Board. In 2016, Natalie won the Division's Robert P. Wilkins Award for best feature article in the Division's magazine, *Law Practice*. She is currently a member of the Division's Professional Development Board.

Natalie is a member of the National Association of Bar Executives, the National Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, and the Atlanta Bar Association. She also serves on the Board of Georgia's *Lawyers for Equal Justice* Incubator.

Natalie resides in Atlanta with her husband and three daughters. You can reach her at NatalieK@gabar.org or 404-527-8770 or follow her on Twitter @NatalieRKelly.

Claude M. “Mickey” Kicklighter Jr.

Mickey Kicklighter, based in Effingham County, Georgia, has practiced law for over 35 years and is the founder of **Kicklighter Law**. He has tried over 1,000 cases, including nearly 100 jury trials. Mickey has a long and extensive history as a personal injury attorney for residents in the state of Georgia. He rolls up his sleeves to help his clients from day one to the end of a trial and beyond.

Before becoming a personal injury attorney, Mickey spent a number of years doing insurance defense work and served as an agent for NFL players and NASCAR drivers. Mickey worked in Cobb County as a risk management attorney. He has served as a member of the Effingham County and Bulloch County drug courts as well as assistant and chief assistant district attorney in the Atlantic Judicial Circuit (Liberty, Long, Tattnall, Evans, Bryan, and McIntosh Counties).

Mickey has been happily married to his wife Kim since 1992 and they have three daughters.

Education

- Mercer University, B.A. in Political Science, minor in English and Psychology (1979)
- Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, J.D. (1982)

Bar Admissions

- State of Georgia
- Admitted to the Supreme Court of Georgia
- Admitted to the Court of Appeals of Georgia
- Admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
- Admitted to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia

Professional Activities

- Current member Effingham County Bar Association – Two-time Past President

- Current member American Bar Association
- Current member of the Military Legal Assistance Program Committee State Bar of Georgia
- Former member of the Uniform Superior Court Rules Committee of the State Bar of Georgia
- Former member of the Judicial Qualifications Committee of the State Bar of Georgia
- Former Special Master for the State Bar of Georgia
- Former Counsel for the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority
- Former Counsel for ALCOA Aluminum State of Georgia
- Former Risk Management Attorney for Cobb County Georgia
- Current Member Bulloch County Bar Association

Civic Activities

- Member, Compassion Christian Church – Effingham Campus
- Voted Best Attorney in Effingham County 2016
- Former President Springfield Lions Club
- Former Vice Chairman of the Effingham County CASA Board
- Former Vice Chairman of The Effingham County Family Connection
- Founding Member of Leaders Improving the Future of Effingham Committee (LIFE)
- Charter Member Statesboro Sunshine Rotary Club
- Founding member and Past President of the Springfield Revitalization Committee

Tracie L. Klinke

Tracie L. Klinke is the founder of Klinke Immigration, LLC, a boutique firm located in Marietta, GA that focuses on family and humanitarian immigration. She has a passion for working with immigrant victims of violence and enjoys unraveling complicated cases before USCIS.

Tracie has served in a variety of positions with the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), including service on the following committees: VAWA, T, and U; the Ombudsman; Executive Director Search; Membership; Membership Experience; and Annual Conference planning. Since 2013, she has been a member of the Georgia-Alabama Executive Committee, culminating in 2017-18 as Chapter Chair. In 2018, she won the AILA Advocacy Award for her work against SB 452 in Georgia.

Tracie is also involved with Caminar Latino and the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN). She is licensed to practice law in Georgia and is a 2009 graduate of the Georgia State University College of Law.

Randy Kessler

Randy Kessler is the founding partner of Kessler & Solomiany Family Law Attorneys, a 30 person family law firm in Atlanta and is the author of many family law books including *Divorce: Protect Yourself, Your Kids and Your Future* (www.divorceprotect.com), *The GA Library of Family Law Forms* and *How to Mediate a Divorce*. He teaches Family Law Litigation at Emory School of Law and is the former Chair of the Family Law Sections of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia.

Mr. Kessler has 30 years of experience in domestic relations and family law matters including divorce, custody, paternity, prenuptial agreements and child support. He has lectured often for groups such as the ABA, AAML, AICPA, NACVA, IAAR, NFLPA, NBPA and many other local and non-local bar associations and groups in over twenty states and six different countries. Mr. Kessler is the Editor Emeritus of the *Family Law Review* for the State Bar of Georgia.

He is a LinkedIn “Influencer” with over 380,000 followers and often appears as a contributor for national media such as Fox News, CNN, NBC and others. He is a graduate of Brandeis University and Emory University School of Law.

Maddy Martin

Maddy Martin is the head of marketing and partnerships for Smith.ai, which provides law firm communication services, including their virtual receptionist & intake service, live web chat, and Keypad cloud phone system. She has spent the last decade growing tech startups from New York to California, and has expertise in digital marketing, small business communications, lead conversion, email marketing, SEO, and event marketing. Maddy can be reached at maddy@smith.ai.

Johathan Merjuste

Jonathan Merjuste is a Sales Representative at Prevail. He has over 6 years in Sales experience, but over 12 years in Customer Service. He has been in numerous different sales avenues, from financial to construction rental to his most recent, case management software sales. He has a passion for connecting with others, which has allowed his careers to flourish and he is always looking for new and exciting challenges and networking experiences. His educational background includes both his Bachelors and Masters in Business from Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts.

Jennifer Mock

Jennifer Mock is a graduate of Georgia Southern University College of Business and the University of Georgia School of Law. Jennifer maintains a general practice in Statesboro, Georgia with a focus in the areas of real estate and probate law as well as child support, divorce, and juvenile law. She is a member of the local Exchange Club, Professional Women of Statesboro, and the Bulloch County Bar Association. Jennifer is also a licensed Georgia Real Estate Agent, and she is extensively involved with the State Bar of Georgia in which she has held numerous leadership positions including serving as President of the Young Lawyers Division. She resides in Bulloch County with her husband, Jared, and their three daughters.

Michael Leo Monahan, Director
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Mike Monahan is the director of the Pro Bono Resource Center of the State Bar of Georgia. In addition to providing pro bono support to programs, Mike is the staff liaison to the State Bar of Georgia Access to Justice Committee and the State Bar of Georgia Military and Veterans Pro Bono Committee. He is a member of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, a former advisor to the Supreme Court of Georgia Civil Justice Committee, board member of Lawyers for Equal Justice, a law practice incubator, and a board member of Good Thinking Atlanta, Inc.

Mike is a former project director and managing attorney of the Farmworker Division of Georgia Legal Services Program. He is the recipient of the Pro Bono Professional of the Year Award from the National Association of Pro Bono Professionals, the Georgia Clients Council Veda McKnight Technology Award, the Georgia Microenterprise Network Builder Award and Wheeling Jesuit University Distinguished Alumni Award and Hall of Honor Inductee.

In addition to his J.D. from the West Virginia University College of Law, he holds a B.A in Spanish from Wheeling *Jesuit* University, an M.A. in Latin American Literature and Linguistics from West Virginia University and post-graduate work in Romance Languages and Literature at the University of Pittsburgh.

You can find Mike here: https://twitter.com/ProBono_GA.

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Judge Shondeana Crews Morris

Judge Shondeana Crews Morris was initially appointed to the DeKalb County State Court – Traffic Division by Governor Nathan Deal and took office on July 30, 2015. In 2016, she was elected by the citizens of DeKalb County to a subsequent four-year term.

A graduate of Lakeside High School in DeKalb County, Judge Morris earned a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from The University of Georgia and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Albany State University. She graduated from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 1997 and was admitted to the Georgia Bar that same year.

After graduating law school, Judge Morris served as an Assistant Solicitor in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1999, she joined the Fulton County Office of the District Attorney and was promoted to Deputy District Attorney. As Deputy District Attorney, Judge Morris provided leadership to the Public Integrity Unit, where she worked to ensure public trust in local government and law enforcement; the Crimes Against Women and Children Unit, where she worked to protect families and children; and the Community Prosecution Unit, where she worked with communities and criminal justice partners to provide safe neighborhoods. In recognition of her outstanding trial expertise, Judge Morris received the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation Trial Advocacy Award in 2009.

Judge Morris is involved with many professional, civic, and religious organizations. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the American Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, the DeKalb Bar Association, the Atlanta Bar Association, the Gate City Bar Association, and the Lawyers Club of Georgia. She serves on the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Georgia, the Judicial Review Committee for the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, and the Board of Directors for the Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section.

An alumnus of Leadership DeKalb, Judge Morris is an Executive Board Member of the Day League (formerly DeKalb Rape Crisis Center), International Women's House, a non-profit domestic violence shelter, and a member of Atlanta Lions Club. Committed to the development of young people, she is a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board for Atlanta Technical College and frequently serves as a mentor and speaker on topics ranging from law and ethics to mental and physical wellness.

In 2016, the Georgia House of Representatives passed House Resolution 1271, recognizing Judge Morris "for her tireless contributions to the State of Georgia," and August 28, 2015 was designated "Shondeana Crews Morris Appreciation Day" by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Judge Morris also received the South Fulton Outstanding Citizenship Award (2014) and was acknowledged by Women Looking Ahead News Magazine as one of "Georgia's Most Powerful and Influential Attorneys" (2011) and by the Daily Report legal news publication as "On the Rise – A Dozen Rising Stars" (2009).

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated honored Judge Morris in 2016 with both the Pota E. Coston Trailblazer Award and the Pinnacle Leadership Award for her dedication to public service given to the community.

Judge Morris is married to attorney Joe Morris, III. They are the proud parents of two young children and are foster parents under Georgia Division of Family and Children Services.

Amy Nerenberg

Amy Nerenberg, a Chicago-area native, obtained both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Michigan. After receiving a Doctor of Law degree from Emory University in 1993, she practiced in Jonesboro and Atlanta until coming to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in February 1999. Ms. Nerenberg held the position of Supervisory Motions Attorney until May 2010, when she assumed the position of Chief Deputy Clerk.

BILL NESMITH – BIO

- Deputy General Counsel for the State Bar of Georgia, serving as Bar Counsel; married to Beth and has a daughter, Dallas who is a senior at Georgia Southern University.
- Graduate of Mercer University with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University.
- Served on the Investigative Panel for the State Disciplinary Board for the State Bar of Georgia for 7 years. He was Chairman of the Investigative Panel before leaving the Panel to work for the State Bar as Deputy General Counsel.
- As Bar Counsel, Bill is staff liaison to several State Bar of Georgia committees and serves as Bar Counsel to the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee and the State Bar of Georgia in various legal matters, including Bar rules and bylaws changes, litigation, and appeals involving the State Bar of Georgia. Bill serves as Parliamentarian for the State Bar of Georgia.
- Prior to coming to the Bar, Bill was a county attorney in 2 counties; city attorney in 3 cities and represented several other governmental

authorities, including the largest E-911 Authority in Georgia. Bill practiced mainly local government law, but also maintained a general practice as well.

- Bill is formerly the County Attorney Section Chairman for the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and served as the only lawyer member of the joint ACCG and GMA Local Option Sales Tax Task Force.
- He was formerly a municipal court judge in 8 cities and remains the city municipal court judge in Ideal Georgia, making him the only Ideal judge in Georgia.
- He has been teaching Business Law and the Legal Environment of Business, at Georgia Southwestern for the School of Business Administration for 15 years and has been teaching at the college level since 1999.
- Bill teaches for the Institute for Continuing Judicial Education in Athens and teaches CLE courses in ethics for the State Bar of Georgia.



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Darren Penn is a trial lawyer who handles a wide variety of tort and business litigation in state and federal courts across the United States. His practice ranges from extensive products liability, trucking and auto collisions, wrongful death, medical malpractice and aviation to business tort, entertainment and intellectual property cases.

Darren began his career in 1994 as a trial lawyer for the State Farm Insurance Companies, the largest auto, property, and casualty insurer in the world. He handled cases involving automobile wrecks, premises liability, intentional torts, fire claims, theft claims, homeowner's claims, insurance bad faith, and coverage disputes. While at State Farm, he tried well over a hundred bench and jury trials as lead counsel.

After leaving State Farm in 1997, Darren was a founding member of Penn & Pate LLP where he built a successful trial practice exclusively representing plaintiffs in a variety of personal injury and business tort litigation. His extensive experience with the insurance industry was pivotal in the development of a highly successful practice, and, in 2000, Darren merged his practice into the firm that became known as Scherffius, Ballard Still & Ayres LLP.

After five great years with that firm, Darren along with 2 other partners formed Harris Penn Lowry LLP (HPL) in 2006 where the firm successfully litigated and secured more than \$750 million in verdicts and settlements, secured seven No. 1 verdicts in Georgia, achieved more eight-figure verdicts than any other firm in the state over the 10 years the firm was in practice and was the only firm to be inducted twice into the *Daily Report's* "Georgia Verdicts Hall of Fame."

Most recently, Darren formed his latest adventure in the practice of law, Penn Law LLC. Founded on his passion for representing injured persons against formidable opponents as well as his determination to take complex cases to trial and win, Darren has one goal in mind with the formation of Penn Law: to make a difference in the lives of his clients. Always taking a creative and passionate approach to his cases, Darren gives each one his very best and that effort is reflected in his results. Over the years, he has attained hundreds of favorable verdicts for his clients, influenced critical changes in safety regulations, legislation, and manufacturing and business practices in this country, which have positively impacted the lives of countless families, consumers, and business owners.

Darren is past President of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA), a member of the Board and past Chair of the Georgia State Bar's General Practice & Trial Law Section – known as "Georgia's Largest Law Firm," the past Chair of the Civil Justice PAC of Georgia where he still serves on the Board, served several years as Legislative Chair or Co-Chair for GTLA, is a long-time member of GTLA's Executive Committee, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and served as Co-Chair of the popular Auto Torts Seminar for more than 10 years.



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He is a member of State Bar of Georgia, the Atlanta Bar Association, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Lawyers Club of Atlanta, the American Association for Justice, American Bar Association, Southern Trial Lawyers Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, AIEG, and Gridiron.

Darren is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, is consistently named to the peer-nominated Super Lawyers list of distinguished practitioners in Georgia, and is a frequent speaker at CLE seminars on topics related to trial tactics, products liability, insurance, business torts, auto and trucking cases, medical malpractice, false claim and qui tam cases, subrogation and liens.

An avid Georgia Bulldogs fan, Darren is a “Double Dawg” having earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Georgia where he served as Executive Articles Editor of the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law* and participated in the Moot Court.

Darren lives in Atlanta with his wife, four children, and four dogs. When not working, he can most often be found cheering his kids on at any number of sporting events, coaching NYO football, or participating in school activities.

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Tabitha Ponder

Tabitha Ponder is the founder and managing partner of The Ponder Law Group. Leading with excellence, enthusiasm and a focus on results, she is a senior legal practitioner and legal consultant with demonstrated experience in working with senior leadership teams in legal firms to grow their business.

She began her career at Clyatt, Clyatt & Golden, a well-respected defense litigation firm where she served as a supervising associate focused on workers' compensation, personal injury and wrongful death matters. She then moved to a public defender role for the Tift Circuit working as a felony trial attorney and chief intake attorney responsible for the misdemeanor division with extensive trial experience and a caseload of over 200+ a year. Her career highlights in public defense included working closely with the court system in the implementation of a joint project between the court, District Attorney's office and the Public Defender's office establishing a "fast-track" and fair system for calendaring cases.

In 2004 Tabitha established The Ponder Law Group (formerly Ponder-Solomon Law Group), a litigation practice with offices in Atlanta and Valdosta that has dealt with a wide variety of cases from real estate law, product liability defense and automobile accident personal injury cases. The Ponder Law Group has also been utilized in residential and commercial purchases, real estate and refinance closings and complex real estate litigation. Tabitha is also a Contract Attorney serving the Access to Justice Committee of the Judicial Council of Georgia, and was appointed to the Cobb County Superior Court as a Special Master in 2017.

With a keen analytical mind, excellent communication skills and an insightful and engaging personality, Tabitha's leadership strengths lie in the efficient management of all aspects of her legal practice and consulting services - focused on making sure that her clients have a senior executive focused on their business and service needs.

Tabitha provides legal consultation to lawyers and law firms guiding them on their set-up and/or business growth requirements by providing high value legal consultation services. Drawing from her own experience in running a successful firm, she's especially skilled at creating innovative solutions to problems and setting up systems to bring in new clients. She also works on providing unique ideas to help efficiently manage your firm and present it in a professional manner, helping lawyers and their firms to better serve their clients and file fewer appeals.

Tabitha discovered her passion for law while taking the Honors Apprenticeship Program at the University of Florida School of Law. She went on to pursue a B.S. of Psychology at Albany State University and sat her bar at the Mercer University School of Law where she was the recipient of the Certified Legal Writing Program.

Tabitha is focused on building strong partnerships and in delivering long-term benefits to the clients she serves. Tabitha brings determination and commitment to her calling and her

immense practical experience enables her to provide strategic thinking and proven solutions tailored to your specific legal and consulting needs, small or large.

Shanna Pothier is a Mediator, Trainer and Consultant, who specializes in assisting attorneys and other legal professionals advance their careers to best support their clients and the families of Georgia. Shanna began her legal career more than a decade ago. During that time, Shanna has steadfastly pursued knowledge, best practices, efficiency and service of others.

Utilizing her passion for empowering others and desire for exceptional quality legal support to be available to the community, Shanna founded Family Law Solutions, Inc. to provide mediation services and further the practical education available to those wanting to learn family law in Georgia. Shanna has been honored to assist hundreds of attorneys in advancing their practice and enjoys the fulfillment of seeing others grow.

Nalini Prasad

Nalini Prasad has worked alongside Seth Price -- Managing Partner of Price Benowitz, LLP and Founder of BluShark Digital -- to create a digital marketing agency focused on helping small law firms build their business and stand out online. Nalini frequently speaks to legal audiences across the country on the intersection of utilizing best practices of trending SEO techniques and generating quality leads online. Nalini also shares tips on creative ways to leverage traditional offline marketing efforts to increase a firm's online presence. As Chief Strategy Officer at BluShark Digital, Nalini designs and implements cutting-edge strategies that build brands and work to increase quality leads online for clients through four fundamental aspects of digital marketing - content creation, link-building, and technical and local SEO.

LaKeisha R. Randall, Esq. is an associate at Bendin, Sumrall & Ladner in Atlanta, GA. There, she specializes in complex civil litigation and concentrates in Medical Malpractice, General Liability, and Pharmaceutical Law. An Atlanta native, LaKeisha is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and the District of Columbia.

Before joining BSL, LaKeisha was an In House Trial Attorney for State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. And, before going in house, she was the Senior Judicial Law Clerk/Staff Attorney for the City of Atlanta. In that capacity, she was the only legal advisor to the 10 trial judges of the bench and its senior judges.

Ms. Randall earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, *cum laude* from Georgia State University where she focused on African American Studies and Women's Studies. She earned her *Juris Doctor* from North Carolina Central University School of Law. There, she won Best Oral Argument & Best Overall Performance as a member of the Moot Court Board, served on the Student Bar Association, and founded the Pro Bono Council. **Rounding out her legal studies, she studied Comparative Biotechnology, Bioethics, Pharmaceutical law and Biodiversity abroad at Universidad de Costa Rica.**

LaKeisha has earned a reputation as a steadfast leader! She was the inaugural 2014 Young Lawyers Division Chair of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys and served three terms on its Executive Board.

She was 1 of 4 nationally selected for a two-year litigation fellowship through the ABA Section of Litigation and subsequently led the Section's Minority Trial Lawyers Committee for the last two years.

Second to diversity and trial practice, Ms. Randall is passionate about wellness and serves locally and nationally. Within the State Bar of Georgia, she has received presidential appointments onto the Attorney Wellness Taskforce since its inception. And, **through the ABA, LaKeisha was recently awarded the 2018 Progress Award from the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs for her "outstanding contributions and sustained commitment to maintain the integrity of the legal profession and to enhance the quality of life for lawyers."** LaKeisha was presidentially appointed as 1 of the 10 national Commissioners and was the youngest lawyer during her terms.

Finally, LaKeisha has been a leader within the ABA Young Lawyers Division since she began practice in 2012. She has led its Membership Board, was selected as only 1 of 16 national Scholars in 2015, led the division's #Fit2Practice initiative (2016-2017)—a national program that encourages wellness, mental agility and fortitude within the profession, served as Vice Director of the National Conference Team.

- **2015: Selected as a Top 40 Under 40 by the National Black Lawyers Association**
- **2015: Graduate of the State Bar of Georgia's Leadership Academy**

- **2016: Top 40 Under 40 Alumni by North Carolina Central University**
- **2016: Inaugural recipient of State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division Star of the Quarter—1 of 3 young lawyers honored for civic and professional service**
- **2018 & 2017: Honored as “Who’s Who in Black Atlanta” and featured in *Atlanta Tribune Magazine*.**
- **2018: *Progress Award*, ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs**

Ms. Randall regularly teaches CLE’s and programs on litigation, wellness, and leadership. And, in 2015 she was an author and editor of an ABA Section of Litigation Publication entitled Her Story, which is a collection of essays written by prominent women litigators from across the country.

Outside of the profession, she attributes her balance to prayer, yoga, meditation, boxing, and traveling. She is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and the Lamar Inn of Court.

Scott Reid

Scott Reid is the National Director of Cyber Insurance for Gallagher Affinity Insurance Services and also serves as the current Director of Risk Management for the American Cyber and Data Security Alliance and the Membership Director for the National Association of Professional Agents. Scott graduated from Indiana University and is recognized as an innovator in the Cyber Insurance market. Throughout his career, Scott has worked to raise awareness across multiple industries regarding the persistent and ever-increasing threat of cyber liability exposures and promoting the significance of carrying Cyber Insurance as an integral part of a comprehensive cyber and data breach protection plan.

Melody Z. Richardson
Biography

Melody is a founding member of Richardson Bloom & Lines LLC (formerly known as Pachman Richardson, LLC), where she practices exclusively family law. Melody is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Melody served as a board member of the Family Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association from 2002-2009, when she served as the Chair of that Section. Melody is the current president of the Charles Longstreet Weltner Family Law Inn of Court. Melody chaired several committees involved in community service projects and received numerous awards for those projects. In 2016, the Superior Court of Fulton County named an award for her, and made her the first recipient of that award for her work to promote justice. She also received a Distinguished Service Award from the Atlanta Bar Association in 2016 for her work with the Equal Justice in Law Enforcement committee, and in 2015, received the Atlanta Bar Association's Professionalism Award for her work with Therrell High School students. Additionally, Melody received the Atlanta Bar Association's Community Service Award in 2009 for spearheading a playground build at Perkerson Elementary School in Southwest Atlanta, the Atlanta Bar Association's Achievement Award for her work as the Co-Chair the Atlanta Bar Association's Celebrating Service Committee and the Law Day Committee, and the Atlanta Bar Association's Family First Award in 2013 for her extraordinary service and contributions to the families of Atlanta. She is an acknowledged leader in her field, having been selected for inclusion as a Georgia Super Lawyer each year since 2007, one of Georgia's Top 50 Women Lawyers every year since 2009, and as one of Georgia's Top 100 Lawyers several years.

Swalitha Richardson, Esq.
Biography

Swalitha Richardson is a Research Attorney with Fastcase, Inc. in Washington, D.C. She has several years of litigation experience in employment, healthcare, long-term care, and personal injury. Ms. Richardson earned her LL.M in 2018 at American University Washington College of Law. She also earned her J.D. in 2004 from Regent University and her B.S. in 2001 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Ms. Richardson is admitted to the Illinois bar.



TIFFANY WILLIAMS ROBERTS

Movement Building Counsel

Tiffany Williams Roberts joined SCHR in April 2018 as the Community Engagement & Movement Building Counsel. Tiffany Roberts is a civil rights and criminal defense attorney in Atlanta. She has practiced criminal defense since 2008, first as a public defender with the Atlanta Judicial Circuit Public Defender and later as a solo practitioner beginning in 2011. As a public defender, Tiffany represented hundreds of indigent clients facing felony prosecution and graduated from the Gideon's Promise trial advocacy training program. She expanded her private practice to include civil rights litigation for victims of police abuse.

A significant portion of Tiffany's practice is dedicated to pro bono representation of activists and organizers. She has been recognized by the Atlanta NAACP, DeKalb Lawyers Association and Southern Center for Human rights for movement lawyering and social justice activism.

Tiffany has volunteered with organizations promoting justice, fairness and equity in the criminal justice system for her entire legal career. A community organizer, she co-founded police accountability organization Building Locally to Organize for Community Safety (BLOCS) in 2008 to promote a holistic approach to public safety. BLOCS successfully advocated for legislative improvements to the Atlanta Citizen Review Board along with other critical local policy changes. In 2015, Tiffany co-founded Lawyers United for a New Atlanta (LUNA) in response to calls for criminal justice reforms in Atlanta courtrooms. She is also a founding member of the Atlanta chapter of the global Black Lives Matter network, which first convened in 2015. Tiffany was featured as a critic's choice for one of four Best Citizen Activists by Creative Loafing Atlanta that same year.

In addition to working with grassroots organizations, Tiffany is extensively involved in government reform efforts. In 2010, she was appointed to sit on the search committee for the selection of the Atlanta's police chief. Her appointment was based on her leadership role in BLOCS. Her civic engagement continued in 2013 as she served on an Atlanta City Council working group to evaluate legislation to address the equitable treatment of sex workers in the city limits. Tiffany joined the Atlanta Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Program (PAD) Design Team in 2017 and continues her work with PAD as a member of its Advisory Board. PAD enables law enforcement to refer community members to social services in lieu of arrest. Tiffany is a member of Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms' Progressive Agenda Working Group (PAWG), which is responsible for populating and convening commissions focusing on four key social justice issues: criminal justice reform, housing affordability, homelessness and workforce development. Tiffany is co-chair of the PAWG Criminal Justice Reform Commission and sits on Mayor Bottoms' Transition Team Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee. Her work with PAWG in coalition with several attorneys and community organizations was critical to securing bail reform within Mayor Bottoms' first month in office. As chairperson of the Ebenezer Baptist Church Social Justice Ministry, Tiffany works to build bridges between grassroots social justice organizations, the legal community and faith-based institutions.

Tiffany is Deputy Director of the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism (NIFTEP) and Adjunct Professor of Law at the Georgia State University College of Law. Since 2011, Tiffany has co-taught Fundamentals of Law Practice, an experiential course that aims to prepare law students for small firm practice through live-client representation, fieldwork and doctrinal instruction. Through her position with NIFTEP, Tiffany plans international workshops, conferences and symposia dedicated to helping practitioners and academics find innovative ways to teach ethics and professionalism to law students.

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- Five Star Wealth Manager, 2009 & 2012, as seen in *Atlanta Magazine*
- AV Rated Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- Georgia Super Lawyer six years in Estate Planning & Probate
- Georgia Legal Elite seven years in Taxes, Estates, & Trusts
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He currently lives in Redmond, WA with his wife Carrie.

Charity Scott, JD, MSCM, is the Catherine C. Henson Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law. She was the founding Director of the Center for Law, Health & Society, whose health law program has been consistently ranked in the top ten by *U.S. News & World Report*. Scott has taught courses on health law and policy, bioethics, tort law, and ADR (negotiation and mediation) and publishes on these topics. A member of the American Law Institute, Scott has served on the Governing Council of the ABA Health Law Section, and as past Chair of the Health Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. She has been instrumental in developing the mindfulness and wellness programs at Georgia State Law. She graduated from Stanford University (AB), Harvard Law School (JD), and Kennesaw State University (MSCM).

BIOGRAPHY of TIFFANY MICHELLE SIMMONS

Tiffany M. Simmons is an attorney and managing partner at Simmons Law, a law firm in Atlanta, Georgia, which focuses on criminal defense, business law/civil litigation, and entertainment. She represents high profile clients, businesses, and the everyday citizen and is dedicated to being a relentless advocate for her community.

Attorney Simmons has worked on high profile cases such as:

- Lead counsel for Christopher LeDay, the man arrested on his job after posting the Alton Sterling police shooting video on social media.
- Co-counsel in the successful secured acquittals in the trial (and multiple re-trials) of Lula Smart and the Quitman 12 (a group of minority political activists unfairly accused of voter fraud in the Brooks County, Georgia election) in 2013.
- Co-counsel on litigation team for a case that appeared on CNBC's "American Greed", a weekly, true crime television documentary series.

A distinguished leader in her community, Simmons has served as a board member to several organizations with a mission to provide greater access to healthcare and resources for the welfare and education of children. In 2014, Attorney Simmons instituted the "Simmons Law Memorial Scholarship," an academic scholarship for the benefit of students attending college. On Sundays in Atlanta, Tiffany serves dinners to the homeless, provides them with clothes and toiletries. Additionally, Tiffany serves as a Non-Governmental Observer in May, 2016 for the American Bar Association (ABA) at the United States Military Commissions in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As a Georgia Delegate for the ABA, Tiffany spoke in support of law enforcement wearing body cameras when interacting with civilians.

Simmons was most recently named by The American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys the "Top Ten Best Criminal Female Lawyers" in Georgia. Tiffany earned the Martindale-Hubbell Client Distinction Award from 2013-2016 and selected by *Attorney At Law Magazine* "Attorneys to Watch" in 2015. In 2015, she was the recipient of the *Rising in Community Excellence Award* (RICE award) for her philanthropic efforts in the community. She is the Co-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee Solo/Small Firm section of the AMA, and currently serves as the 2016-2018 Chair of the Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Alumni Association.

Simmons' likeable personality and passionate advocacy has landed her to be featured on media programs, including CNN's *HLN After Dark*, as well as talk and syndicated radio shows. Simmons is a published author and currently has a new e-book, "Create Your Law Business For This Generation". She is also a speaker, pushing her series, "More Than Just A Pretty Face", to empower women - young and old - to be freed from labels and perspectives that keep them from realizing their dreams.

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Todd Stanton

While working as an account executive for a technology company before law school, Todd Stanton saw firsthand the amount of time and energy business owners spend dealing with employee, administrative, and regulatory issues. Frustrated with these unproductive distractions from his boss's core business, Todd decided to enter employment law so he could help employers develop and implement the policies, procedures, and safeguards necessary to help avoid these sorts of diversions. Todd's goal was, and still is, to allow business owners, executives, and managers to focus passion and time on growing their businesses, not navigating red tape and babysitting disgruntled employees.

Building upon his experience with the reputable firms of Fisher & Phillips and Bryan Cave (formerly Powell Goldstein), and demonstrating the same entrepreneurial drive he admires in his clients, Todd founded Stanton Law LLC in Atlanta, Georgia in 2011. Seeking to combine the quality of large firm representation with the flexibility, responsiveness, and cost-effectiveness of a nimbler shop, Todd's practice remains dedicated to the employer side of the employer-employee relationship. From onboarding new talent and assisting with the development of workable job descriptions, personnel policies, and compensation plans, to guiding clients through sticky disciplinary, performance, and leave issues, to executing respectful and amicable separations, Todd provides practical bottom line-oriented legal advice to small and medium-sized employers.

Bulldog100_logoAs legal counsel, Todd is focused on helping companies avert employment-related issues without sacrificing managerial efficiency. In most instances, a proactive approach to employment issues can prevent months of disruptive headaches down the road. When the inevitable disputes do arise, however, his litigation experience allows his clients to consider all available options to efficiently resolve the problem. He regularly represents employers in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies such as labor departments, equal opportunity and human rights commissions, and employee safety administrations. He handles all manner of discrimination and harassment claims, as well as wage-and-hour disputes. While he sometimes has to take an adversarial approach, he prides himself on being able to focus on a solution that is the best and most efficient option for his clients. It is this type of dedication that led to him being tapped as one of Georgia's 2013 and 2014 Legal Elite by Georgia Trend magazine and included on The University of Georgia Alumni Association Bulldog 100 for 2016, 2017, and 2018. Stanton Law is also honored to have been recognized as one of the top 100 fastest growing law firms by the Law Firm 500 for the past three years.

When not working to represent the needs of employers, Todd enjoys hiking, landscaping, photography, and golf. He played NCAA baseball while at Washington & Lee University and his love of the game inspired him to coach the next generation of ball players. Two of his players are former Major Leaguers, while several others have gone on to play college or professional ball. He's active in the Georgia Bar Association's Lawyers Assistance Program and serves as counsel for Buckhead Baseball, Inc. Todd is also

member of the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of DeKalb County. Todd also speaks with groups and organizations on a variety of employment law topics.

Todd lives in the Atlanta neighborhood of Morningside with his wife, Ashley, their two sons, Parker and Griffin, and their rescue setter-collie mix, Hattie. "I take great pride in being able to provide counsel to employers and help them achieve practical solutions to what are often very personal, and potentially expensive, problems. I feel very lucky to be where I am right now, doing work I believe in. I really have a pretty good gig."

Education

B.S., with Honors, Washington & Lee University

J.D., University of Georgia School of Law

Bar & Court Admissions

Georgia

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Colorado

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Awards

2017 100 Fastest Growing Law Firms by The Law Firm 500

2016 and 2017 UGA Alumni Association's Bulldog 100

2013 and 2014 Georgia's Legal Elite designation by Georgia Trend magazine

Travis Townsend, Jr.

Travis is a founding Partner at Townsend Lockett and the Leader of its business and transactional law practices. Mr. Townsend's practice includes servicing businesses and supporting their growth through the facilitation of financing, asset acquisition and relationship management. Travis' clientele consists of publicly traded companies, privately-held corporations, government authorities and municipalities, joint ventures as well as sole proprietors. During his many years of providing business legal services Travis has mastered the art of contract negotiation and drafting, and has an intimate knowledge of the nuances of building excellent agreements that are in the best interests of his clients.

Travis focuses his work on assisting privately-held businesses raise capital through the offer and sale of securities in compliance with the Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC") and applicable state laws. Travis also centers his practice around helping mid-sized and small companies, and entrepreneurial individuals buy and sell businesses. As counsel to my financial institution clients Travis provides support in developing well-protected lending arrangements, drafting security agreements and collateralizing outstanding monies.

Travis' service objectives are simple: 1) hear out client's needs and goals, 2) work intelligently and tirelessly to meet those needs and goals, and 3) provide an additional business benefit to clients that may not have been requested but improves their bottom line without additional charge.

Earl “Chip” Trefry, Jr.

Earl “Chip” Trefry, Jr. is President and CEO of Member Benefits located in Jacksonville, FL. Member Benefits administers the Florida Bar Member Benefits Insurance & Retirement Programs as well as other Association Programs Nationwide. Chip has been in the insurance and financial services industry for over 40 years. He is a graduate from the University of Florida with a B.S. in Business Administration and received his Chartered Life Underwriter® (CLU®) designation from The American College. He is a member of many trade associations and has been asked to speak at numerous events and has been asked to write articles for many industry-recognized publications, such as The Florida Association Insurance & Financial Advisor Journal.

James L. Walker, Jr.

James L. Walker, Jr. serves as managing partner of Walker and Associates, LLP, a leading general service law firm in Greater Atlanta, originally started in Connecticut. The many facets of Mr. Walker's practice include tax, non-profits, entertainment law, television contracts, litigation, business law, intellectual property and corporate law. Whether a client is involved in books, recording contracts, or mergers and acquisitions, Walker has developed the legal expertise to close the deal. Walker has advised over 100s of corporations, churches and non-profits in the past 20 years, from small start-ups to larger ones.

Walker's practice consists of the representation of corporations, on-air radio/TV talent, musicians, artists, filmmakers, athletes and real estate. Walker's client list over the past 20 plus years has included the 25,000 member First Baptist Church of Glenarden in D.C., the Travelers Rest mega church in Atlanta, Eagles Nest Church in Roswell, Cornerstone Church in Connecticut, The Mount Moriah Church of New York and several non-profits, including New Beginnings Family Academy, The Store House Food Pantry 501c(3), The Joshua House (Transitional Housing for Men) and the Judah House (halfway-house for women, based in Hartford).

Not only has Walker represented organizations, his legal career has led him to advise on occasion Academy Award winning actor/ recording artist Jamie Foxx, Director Bill Duke, BET star Dr. Bobby Jones, award winning writer/producer/arranger Donald Lawrence, WNBA star Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, Grammy Award Winner Hezekiah Walker, ESPN's Mark Gray, CNN's Soledad O'Brien, Grammy Award Winner Yolanda Adams, and the phenomenal international minister Dr. Jackie McCullough (among others). Recently, Walker handled the negotiations for journalist and scholar Dr. Barbara Reynolds to write the autobiography of Coretta Scott King released January 2017; Walker also hosted noted author and scholar Randall Robinson at Yale University. Walker handled the HarperCollins book deal for multi-platinum rapper/actor DMX. Attorney Walker represented The Source and Black Elegance magazines, to add to his credits.

Walker has also negotiated contracts and legal matters with various networks and television outlets, including BET, TVOne, VH-1, ABC, A&E/Lifetime, CBS and many other entertainment outlets. His ministry and non-profit clients, among others, have appeared in various television series, reality shows, dramas and other television and film specials. He has represented the production company, the L.L.C., the writer or the producer in a number of series on air and helped many clients move from television to real estate to books to corporations and other ancillary brands. He has guided clients on understanding the implications of the tax code in real estate purchases, assets sales, business acquisitions and the recent unloading of 4 FireHouse Sub restaurants in the Alpharetta area.

Walker's invaluable knowledge of the music industry was the ideal platform from which to launch his book venture. He penned the semi-Bible of Urban Music, This Business of Urban Music, an informative source of literature for anyone pursuing a career in music. This Business of Urban Music currently selling well throughout the country.

Walker also holds a law degree from Howard University; he taught entertainment law at the University Of Hartford's Hart School of Music, and at the UCONN Law School. In the past, Walker has served as a business panelist and workshop instructor at various schools including Yale Law School, Harvard Law School, UCONN, Boston College School of Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law at TSU and George Washington University. He is also a guest commentator for Court TV's Prime Time Justice, CBS NEWS, BET's Nightly News, CNN and Walker has appeared on the television show, Power of Attorney.

Above all, Walker, age 49, has four children and reside in the Greater Atlanta, Metropolitan area.

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Lee was first in her class at Vanderbilt University, and was an honors graduate of Harvard Law School. After clerking on the U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, she began practice in Atlanta.

Lee has been practicing more than 20 years, and in that time has worked on matters in 20 different states.

In polling of 24,000 Georgia lawyers, Lee Wallace was named one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Georgia. She has been named a "Georgia SuperLawyer" every year since the poll began, and has repeatedly been named one of the top 50 female lawyers and one of the top 10 product liability lawyers in Georgia. Lee also has been asked to serve on the Blue Ribbon panel that evaluates lawyers for the SuperLawyer award. Georgia Trend magazine has named Lee Wallace one of Georgia's "Legal Elite."

Lee chaired the Product Liability Section of the Georgia State Bar. She has edited a book on medical negligence and published numerous articles on plaintiffs' personal injury issues.

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Don joined Principal in 1986, after graduating from Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska, and has held many leadership roles at Principal. He holds multiple industry designations and FINRA Securities Registrations 7, 66, 24, and 51. He is a Past Board Member of the Atlanta National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA), and a current member of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU). Don is a four-time qualifier of Principal Financial Group's Management Achievement Round Table (MART) 2012-2017. t18072607q4



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Megan has always done things her own way, and her legal career has been no different. After a Federal clerkship and New York BigLaw career, she transitioned to supporting attorneys facing difficult professional times. She found her passion and never looked back.

She believes that her mission to support lawyers can be fulfilled in countless innovative ways, and she is constantly striving to develop new tools to make defending and avoiding State Bar complaints easier and less costly. To that end, she created *The Playbook: The California Bar Discipline System Practice Guide*, a digital product for self-represented lawyers facing discipline. She also podcasts on issues related to legal ethics, and she offers assistance to self-represented lawyers to guide them through the discipline process.

Megan speaks at legal conferences around the country. In 2018, she is presenting at ABA Techshow, the California Lawyers Association Annual Meeting, Continuing Education of the Bar's Basics Conference, Clio Cloud Conference, and the State Bar of Georgia Solo and Small Firm Institute.

Megan earned her J.D. at age 21 from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 1999, graduating Order of the Coif. After clerking for the Honorable Evan J. Wallach at the U.S. Court of International Trade in New York, she went on to practice securities litigation at three top firms in the New York area.

In 2007, Megan returned to California. In 2009, she began working with members of the California State Bar who were facing disciplinary action. She has provided full scope representation and associated counsel assistance at all stages of the disciplinary process.

In 2011, Megan's family temporarily relocated to Sydney, Australia for her husband's employment with a Big Four accounting firm. She worked remotely for her US clients from Australia, handling all client matters using technology, including document sharing and video conferencing. In mid-2012, her family returned stateside, settling in Atlanta, Georgia. She continues to use technology to support her virtual practice, primarily serving clients in California.

Megan is admitted to practice before the state courts in California, New York, New Jersey and Georgia; Federal District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of California, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey; the United States Courts of Appeals for the 9th and 11th Circuits; and the United States Supreme Court.