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## A Message from Savannah Bar Association President Richard Sanders

As summer draws to a close, we look forward to the Savannah Bar Association's new calendar year starting in September. I wanted to take a moment to welcome everyone to 2023-2024 and to tell you how excited I am for SBA's 107th year!

Your board of directors and executive committee members are working hard to ensure this SBA year is successful. Any success we enjoy is predicated on the hard work done in years past. In that spirit, I would be remiss if I didn't give one more thanks to Past-President Paul Johnson and all past presidents I have had the pleasure of serving under at SBA. Our members enjoy the many benefits SBA offers through their leadership and dedication. I've been handed the keys to a well-oiled machine. With the help of my fellow board members, I trust and hope that we'll hand over those keys with things in better shape than ever.

SBA membership renewal emails/invoices will follow in the next few days. If possible, please renew your membership online at [Savannahbar.org](https://Savannahbar.org). Paying online will renew your membership immediately. Brad Stevens, our treasurer, will process renewal payments not made online. The SBA calendar of events is also attached below and on the website.

SBA's first luncheon of the year will be held at SGC on September 21, 2023, and I hope to see you there.

I've thanked our past presidents and members of the board, but really, what makes the SBA is its members. *On behalf of the entire SBA board and executive committee, we thank you for your continued support.* The 107th year of the Savannah Bar Association will not disappoint!

Richard Sanders  
SBA President

**SBA Bar Calendar 2023–2024**

*SBA Members will be notified by email regarding details & instructions  
on how to register for each SBA luncheon & social event*

<b>September 15, 2023</b>		<b><u><a href="#">SBA Annual Membership Renewal Due</a></u></b> <i>Grace period until September 30</i>
<b>September 21, 2023</b>		Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
<b>October 19, 2023</b>		SBA Bar-B-Que from 6:00—8:00 p.m. <i>Location TBA</i>
<b>November 02, 2023</b>		Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
<b>December 14, 2023</b>		SBA Oyster Roast from 6:00—8:00 p.m. <i>Location TBA</i>
<b>January 19, 2024</b>		HOT TOPICS Seminar Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
<b>February 15, 2024</b>		Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
<b>March 14, 2024</b>		Bar Luncheon—12 noon @ SGC
<b>April 19, 2024</b>		The SBA Admiral Harvey Weitz 2024 Boat Ride
<b>May 02, 2024</b>		SBA Law Day Luncheon & Annual SBA Meeting—12 noon @ SGC
<b>June 13, 2024</b>		SBA Annual Cocktail Party from 6:00—8:00 p.m. <i>Location TBA</i>

*Please note: The SBA Bar Calendar may be subject to change*

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## A Message from Young Lawyers Division President Alec Chappell

With the 2023-24 bar year upon us, I'd like to welcome all current and future members of the Savannah Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. If you're not yet a member of the organization, you should be: we offer monthly networking and community service opportunities. Our networking events are always a fun time; they include our September kickoff happy hour, an October trolley ride, a December holiday party, a January trivia competition, a May alumni happy hour, and a June charity golf tournament to raise funds for The Mediation Center's Guardian Ad Litem Program.

This year I hope to emphasize community service even more than usual. Last May, four YLD members spoke about our profession to high school students at Savannah Early College, and we intend to continue that program. Every month, the local food bank, America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, prepares 1,400 brown bags of food for the elderly, and YLD members are encouraged to attend. The State Bar's YLD is planning a statewide Keep Georgia Beautiful Day to pick up trash on October 28, 2023, as well as a statewide Build a Better Georgia Day in connection with Habitat for Humanity in Spring 2024.

One major new responsibility for the Savannah YLD will be running the Regional and District levels of the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition in February and March 2024. The YLD thanks Craig Call of Scheer, Montgomery & Call, P.C. for his dedicated service coordinating the competition in recent years, but it's time for the YLD to step up and take over the program as contemplated by the State Bar of Georgia. If you know of a local high school that's in need of an attorney coach, please contact me.

Already we've hit the ground running. On September 12, we held our first Executive Board meeting of the bar year and elected the following officers and committee chairs:

President (and *Citation* Newsletter Editor): T. Alec Chappell  
President-Elect: Gary M. Tiller  
Treasurer: Burt Anthony Burton  
Secretary: Amber Robinson  
Membership Co-Chairs: Jake Saas and Laney Ivey  
Social Chair: Sophia Karnegis  
Sponsorship Co-Chairs: Amelia C. Stevens and Ben T. Tuten  
Community Outreach Chair: Gregory L. Finch  
Philanthropy Chair: Gary J. McGinty  
Mock Trial Chair: Harrison Pratt  
Logistics Chair: Madison E. Immel  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Lucas Earl and W. Chase Arrington



Alec Chappell



Future executive board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at Oliver Maner at 5:30 p.m., and all YLD members are welcome to attend. Additionally, we held our September kickoff happy hour at Congress Street Social Club on September 14, and the turnout exceeded our wildest expectations. Stay tuned for more information about our trolley ride, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 26.

The State Bar's Office of Bar Admissions expects that results of the July 2023 bar exam will be released on October 13. As per usual, the Savannah YLD will organize a mass swearing-in of new attorneys at the Superior Court of Chatham County in late October or early November. Stay tuned for an email from the Savannah Bar Association regarding the swearing-in.

New members, and current members who need to renew their dues, should complete the new member/renewal form below. If you're already on our list serv, you should receive that same form in an email shortly.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Savannah Bar Association for their support, YLD Past President Nicole L. Pope for leaving the organization in a strong position, the entire YLD Executive Board for making all these events possible, and our wonderful members for making it all worthwhile. I look forward to another successful year.

Thomas Alec Chappell  
President of the Savannah Bar Association's  
Young Lawyers Division  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of Georgia  
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## THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION OF THE SAVANNAH BAR ASSOCIATION

### NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL FORM 2023-2024

#### WHAT IS THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION (YLD)?

The Savannah YLD is part of the Savannah Bar Association, and any local attorney under the age of 35, or who has been admitted to practice less than 5 years, is invited to join. Local attorneys who are waiting on Georgia Bar Exam results are also invited to join. The YLD hosts many social activities and service projects throughout the year. Upcoming events include monthly happy hours, the October haunted trolley ride, the December holiday party, and the June charity golf tournament.

#### HOW DOES THE YLD SERVE THE COMMUNITY?

The YLD participates in many service projects during the year including judging the Georgia High School Mock Trial Competition, speaking to high school students, and volunteering at America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia.

#### WHAT CAN THE YLD DO FOR YOU?

The YLD provides many opportunities for young lawyers to:

- Socialize and network with other young lawyers
- Meet and work with members of the "Big Bar" (the Savannah Bar Association)
- Learn more about the community through service projects
- Get involved with the State YLD

#### HOW DO I JOIN?

Complete and return the form below with your check to Jake Saas at the address below. If you have any questions, please contact Jake at 912-233-9700 or [jsaas@ellispainter.com](mailto:jsaas@ellispainter.com).

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR ARE:

**\$60.00 for private sector**

**\$30.00 for public sector, including judicial law clerks**

Please complete and return this portion with your check made payable to **Savannah Bar Association - YLD** to:

Savannah Young Lawyers Division c/o Jake Saas  
PO Box 9946  
Savannah, GA 31412

Alternatively, you can hand-deliver your envelope to the firm Ellis Painter at 7 East Congress Street, Second Floor, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## Bouhan Falligant Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Three Partners Honored with “Lawyer of the Year”

Bouhan Falligant is pleased to announce 15 of its attorneys were recently selected for inclusion in the 2024 Best Lawyers in America. The designation honors those who have been selected by their peers for outstanding achievements in their respective practice areas

The Bouhan Falligant attorneys selected for the *Best Lawyers in America* designation include:

Todd M. Baiad

- Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Rob Brannen

- Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law
- Corporate Law
- Real Estate Law

Dolly Chisholm

- Corporate Law
- Elder Law
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts and Estates

J. Daniel Falligant

- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Real Estate Law

Leamon R. Holliday

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law
- Economic Development Law
- Education Law
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants

Kathleen Horne

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Law

Carlton E. Joyce

- Aviation Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Transportation Law

Dennis B. Keene

- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Transportation Law

John G. Lientz

- Banking and Finance Law
- Real Estate Law

Heather Lundy

- Real Estate Law

Melanie L. Marks

- Real Estate Law
- Trusts and Estates

Harris G. Martin

- Real Estate Law

John D. Northup

- Real Estate Law

Margaret W. S. Puccini

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Gregory G. Sewell

- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

Three of the firms' partners have been recognized as *Lawyer of the Year*. The *Lawyer of the Year* selections are:

- Todd M. Baiad - Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Leamon R. Holliday - Litigation - Real Estate
- Carlton E. Joyce - Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants

In addition, three attorneys have been recognized as *Ones to Watch*. The three selected are:

- Lucas D. Bradley: Product Liability Litigation - Defendants; Real Estate Law, Transportation Law
- Jordan Dillard: Health Care Law
- Gregory Finch: Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants; Product Liability Litigation-Defendants; Transportation Law



*Best Lawyers* is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. A listing in *Best Lawyers* is widely regarded by both clients and legal professionals as a significant honor, conferred on a lawyer by his or her peers. For more than three decades, *Best Lawyers* lists have earned the respect of the profession, the media, and the public, as the most reliable, unbiased source of legal referrals anywhere.





## Best Lawyers List Honors 25 Attorneys From Savannah's Oliver Maner

25 attorneys are recognized as top lawyers in the country, as voted by fellow legal professionals and esteemed legal publication.

Oliver Maner, one of Savannah, Georgia's most prominent law firms, bolstered its reputation with the recent announcement by Best Lawyers, an esteemed peer-review publication in the legal field. Best Lawyers has named 18 Oliver Maner lawyers to its 2023 Best Lawyers in America list and seven to its 2023 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch list. This recognition is a significant honor, highly regarded by both clients and legal experts, bestowed on a lawyer by fellow professionals.

"We are honored by the recognition from Best Lawyers. We strive to exhibit professionalism, and an unwavering dedication to our clients. We are proud to acknowledge those deserving of this accolade," said Patrick T. O'Connor, Managing Partner of Oliver Maner.

The Best Lawyers rating system is based entirely on peer review. The process is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical area and legal practice area. Best Lawyers employs a sophisticated, conscientious, rational and transparent survey process designed to elicit meaningful and substantive evaluations of the quality of legal services. Nominees are submitted by anyone except the nominee, the information is peer reviewed and feedback is analyzed. If selected and all eligibility requirements are met, the results are published in print and online.

### The Best Lawyers in America (2024 Edition)

Patrick T. O'Connor (1997)

- Bet-the-Company Litigation
- Civil Rights Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Litigation - Municipal
- Mediation
- Municipal Law

Lee A. Summerford (2003)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law
- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates

Timothy D. Roberts (2010)

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Real Estate

Patricia Tanzer Paul (2012)

- Employment Law - Individuals
- Workers' Compensation Law - Employers

Andrew M. Wilkes (2013)

- Family Law
- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Benjamin Perkins (2023)

- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs

T. Lawrence Evans (2023)

- Litigation - Construction

James P. Gerard (2013)

- Litigation - Construction
- Real Estate Law

Bryan A. Schivera (2023)

- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates

William P. Franklin, Jr. (1997)

- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants





I. Gregory Hodges (2003)

- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

William J. Hunter (2012)

- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

R. Benjamin Lingle (2024)

- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Paul H. Threlkeld (2023)

- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

George T. Major, Jr. (2023)

- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs
- Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs

David Herschel Dickey (1989)

- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates

Douglas J. Giorgio III (2013)

- Tax Law
- Trusts and Estates

Robert W. Schivera (2005)

- Trusts and Estates

**The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch (2024 Edition) - Savannah, GA**

David Bobo Mullens III (2021)

- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Irving William Drought III (2021)

- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

William C. Phillips (2024)

- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

Jacob D. Massee (2024)

- Municipal Law
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Amelia C. Stevens (2024)

- Municipal Law

Victoria Nease (2024)

- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

Ryan Beasley (2023)

- Tax Law

\*\*The year in parenthesis is the first edition year the lawyer was recognized in the Best Lawyers list for any practice area.



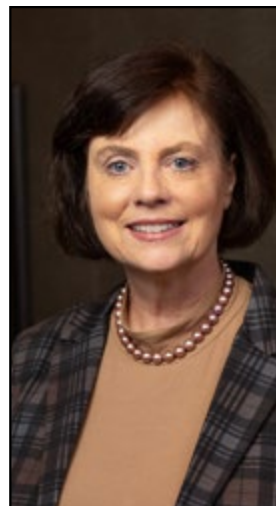
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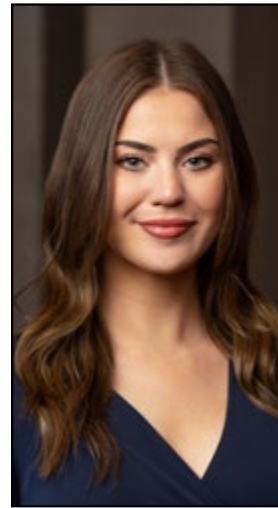
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## 27 HunterMaclean Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024

HunterMaclean, a leading law firm with offices in Savannah and St. Simons Island, is pleased to announce that 27 attorneys from the firm were recently selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024.

*Best Lawyers* is an annual publication that recognizes attorneys for exemplary achievements in their areas of practice. Attorneys are selected through peer-review surveys that have been completed by thousands of leading lawyers who confidentially evaluate their peers.

The HunterMaclean attorneys selected for *Best Lawyers* in 2024 are:

- Saunders Aldridge – Commercial Litigation
- David M. Burkoff – Commercial Litigation
- Thomas S. Cullen – Corporate Law
- T. Mills Fleming – Health Care Law, Immigration Law
- Allan C. Galis – Litigation - Insurance, Litigation - Real Estate, Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Bradley M. Harmon – Litigation - Construction
- Edward O. Henneman, Jr. – Real Estate Law
- Wade W. Herring, II – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- John M. Hewson, III – Corporate Law
- Christopher R. Jordan – Railroad Law
- Randall A. Jordan – Railroad Law



- Shawn A. Kachmar – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment, Employee Benefits Law
- Sarah H. Lamar – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management
- Nicholas J. Laybourn – Litigation - Construction, Commercial Litigation
- Frank S. Macgill – Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Kirby G. Mason – Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Diana J. P. McKenzie – Information Technology Law
- Colin A. McRae – Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Christopher W. Phillips – Construction Law, Litigation - Construction, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants
- David F. Sipple – Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Joseph F. Strength – Real Estate Law
- Ron D. Talley – Environmental Law, Real Estate Law
- Harold B. Yellin – Corporate Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
- Arnold C. Young – Insurance Law, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Attorneys recognized as “Ones to Watch” are earlier in their career and have typically been in practice for five to nine years. These individuals are also selected by peer review and recognized for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. HunterMaclean attorneys recognized in this category include:

- William J. Gallagher, III – Corporate Law
- Gracie G. Shepherd – Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law
- Joshua S. Yellin – Environmental Law, Government Relations Practice

Five HunterMaclean attorneys were also recognized in this year’s publication as “Lawyer of the YYear,” which includes a single lawyer in each practice area and geographic location

- Sarah H. Lamar – Employment Law - Management
- Frank S. Macgill – Trusts and Estates
- Christopher W. Phillips – Litigation - Construction
- David F. Sipple – Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Harold B. Yellin – Real Estate Law

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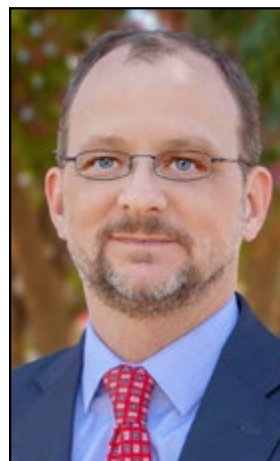
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Sarah H. Lamar



Nicholas J.  
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Frank S. Macgill





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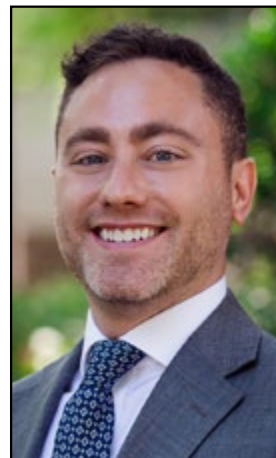
Arnold C. Young



William J.  
Gallagher, III



Gracie G.  
Shepherd



Joshua S. Yellin



## WSWGS attorneys selected for 2024 edition of Best Lawyers

William W. Shearouse, Jr., Stephen F. Greenberg, Mark T. Shawe,  
Malcolm Mackenzie, III, Edwin Byck, William G. Glass, Helen Hester,  
Christine T. McDonnell, Julianne G. Glisson, George Milmine and Stuart Halpern selected.

Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shawe attorneys William W. Shearouse, Jr., Stephen F. Greenberg, Mark T. Shawe, Malcolm Mackenzie, III, Edwin Byck, William G. Glass, Helen Hester, Christine T. McDonnell, Julianne G. Glisson, George P. Milmine, II, and Stuart Halpern have been peer-selected to be included in the 2024 edition of Best Lawyers.

Best Lawyers is the only purely peer-review guide to the legal profession, and attorneys named to Best Lawyers lists were recognized by their peers in the legal industry for their professional excellence in 145 practice areas. Best Lawyers is the most visible peer-ranking in the legal industry, partnering with local, regional, and national publications across the globe.

Mr. Shearouse is listed in the practice areas of Litigation – Land Use and Zone, Municipal Law and Real Estate Law. He practices primarily in the areas of commercial and residential real estate transactions, land development and general business. He assists clients with acquisitions, planning, development, operation, leasing, and sales of real property. He also serves as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Savannah, and has served as Judge Pro-Term of the Savannah-Chatham County Recorder's Court.

Mr. Greenberg is listed in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debts Right/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Real Estate Law. His practice consists of a combination of real estate, business estate, and creditor bankruptcy work, and he effectively and successfully represents business concerns, lenders and individuals. Mr. Greenberg's practice in the areas of commercial and residential real estate transactions, general business estate, and creditor bankruptcy representation is based on fundamental principles such as providing personal attention to each of his clients, being attentive to details and responding promptly to his clients.

Mr. Shawe is listed in the areas of Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law and Trusts and Estates. He practices law in the areas of general business, corporate law and entity formations, residential and commercial real estate, transactional law, condominium formation and conversions, estate planning and probate, real property foreclosures, mechanics and materialmen's liens. Mr. Shawe has earned an "AV" Preeminent rating from Martindale Hubbell Law Directory and has been peer selected as one of "Georgia's Top Lawyers."

Mr. Mackenzie is listed in the practice areas of Criminal Defense: White Collar, Litigation – Municipal and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants. Mr. Mackenzie is a trial lawyer with nearly 30 years of experience handling a wide array of civil matters, including personal injury, wrongful death, workers' compensation, employment and business litigation and white collar criminal defense. He has represented corporations, insurers and municipal governments as well as individuals. He is also a neutral (mediator) registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.



Mr. Byck is listed in the areas of Real Estate Law. He specializes in commercial real estate law with an emphasis on small business lending for business clients. Mr. Byck is one of only a handful of attorneys in the Southeast Georgia area who is designated as a 504 Closing Attorney by the U.S. Small Business Administration and is a member of the regional liaison committee for the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (NAGGL) and an affiliate member of the National Association of Development Companies (NADCO).

Mr. Glass is listed in the areas of Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Law, Litigation – Land Use and Zoning, Litigation – Real Estate and Real Estate Law. He practices in commercial and residential real estate finance, acquisitions, development and leasing, business transactions and administration, and civil litigation.

Ms. Hester is listed in the areas of Commercial Real Estate, Construction Law, Litigation – Real Estate and Real Estate Law. She focuses her practice in the areas of commercial and residential real estate, real estate litigation, complex business litigation, commercial litigation, and construction litigation. She was selected as a Rising Star in the area of Real Estate Law by Georgia Super Lawyers in 2017 and 2018.

Ms. McDonnell is listed in the area of Real Estate Law. Her practice concentration includes residential and commercial real estate, creditor bankruptcy, general business, corporate formation, probate, and estate planning.

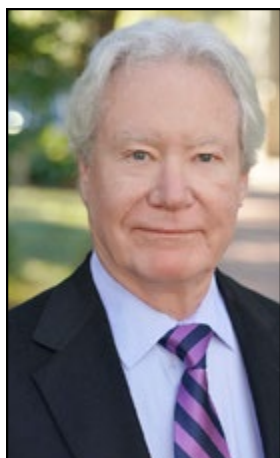
Ms. Glisson is listed in the areas of Family Law, Litigation – Trusts and Estates and Trusts and Estates. Her practice includes litigating both complex civil and criminal cases of a wide variety in State and Federal Courts, including trial work and litigation for the City of Savannah. She also practiced in the area of Family law for 20 years and remains an active advocate helping victims of domestic violence; her current practice areas encompass probate, including last wills & testaments, trust, and managing estates and related litigation, criminal defense and juvenile law.

Mr. Milmine is listed in the areas of Corporate Law, Litigation – Construction and Real Estate Law. His focused on corporate litigation, contract law and real estate law. Mr. Milmine has represented a diverse array of construction-related businesses during his career, including residential and commercial construction contractors and subcontractors, suppliers, land developers, landowners, and sureties. He has considerable experience in employment law, including the preparation and enforcement of restrictive covenants, as well as in commercial and residential real estate transactions.

Mr. Halpern is listed in the areas of Real Estate Law and Trusts and Estates. He practices primarily in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, development and leasing, business transactions and administration, estate planning and probate, municipal law and civil litigation. Stuart has broad experience in real estate matters and is actively involved in residential and commercial closings, and he has often served as counsel to the City of Savannah for municipal eminent domain work and other real estate matters.

Please go to [www.wswgs.com](http://www.wswgs.com) to learn more about Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg and Shawe, LLP.





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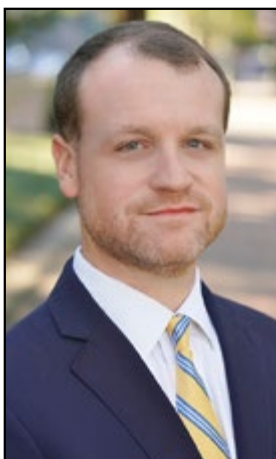
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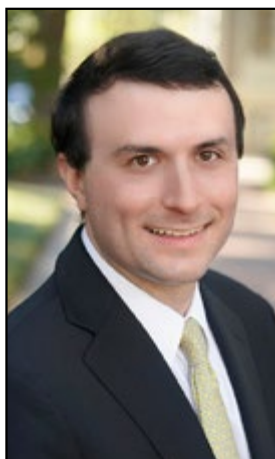
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Stuart Halpern



## Klyne Weaver Joins Phillips, Carson, & Phillips

Savannah local Klyne Weaver is an associate trial attorney of Phillips, Carson, & Phillips focusing her practice on personal injury, wills and trusts, and criminal defense.

Receiving her Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2023, Klyne graduated cum laude. During her tenor at UGA Law, Klyne competed in national mock trial competitions as a member of UGA Law Mock Trial Team and she served as Vice President of the Student Chapter of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. Dedicated to defending against both misdemeanor and felony criminal charges, she clerked for both the Western Circuit Public Defender Office and Charleston County Public Defender Office.



Klyne Weaver

Klyne attended the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs, where she double majored in Political Science and Criminal Justice, graduating magna cum laude in 2020. She was a member of Sky Dawgs Skydiving Club and a sister in Gamma Sig service sorority, volunteering to give back to her community.

Klyne was raised in Brunswick, Georgia and enjoys kayaking Lazaretto Creek, crafting coffees, and traveling.

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## DeVetter Law Announces New Hire in Savannah

We are delighted to announce a new addition to our team at DeVetter Law Firm. Please join us in welcoming Mara Block, our new Associate Attorney, who joined our team on July 31, 2023. We are confident that Mara will be a vital asset to our firm and will provide exceptional legal expertise and support to all our clients.

Mara brings with her 17 years of legal experience and a strong dedication to helping individuals with their legal needs. She is an experienced attorney with a Juris Doctor from Chicago-Kent College of Law and has a strong background in public interest law. This was demonstrated in her service as the Director of Legal Aid's Tenant Landlord Assistance Coalition (TLAC) project as well as a Senior Attorney at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Her expertise extends to various areas of law, including probate and criminal records relief.



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*This article is the fourth in a series on famous lawyers and their pro bono work.*

## Giants of Law Who Did Cases Pro Bono

### Part IV: Other Famous American Lawyers Doing Pro Bono

By Sarah J. Anderson

Last month, we wrapped our look at the pro bono work done by our lawyer-presidents. In this installment, we look at other great American lawyers who have done pro bono work throughout the history of our country.



*I would die to preserve the law upon a solid foundation; but take away liberty, and the foundation is destroyed.*

-- Alexander Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804, 1st Secretary of the Treasury of the United States) was admitted to the New York bar in 1782. After leaving government service, he had an extensive law practice. He was the first American lawyer known for performing pro bono work on a regular basis. His dedication to pro bono may have been from his experiences growing up in poverty in the West Indies. Whatever the reason, he was known for representing indigent clients from the growing slums of New York City in both civil and criminal court.<sup>[1]</sup>



*My luxury is investing my surplus effort . . . to the pleasure of taking up a problem and solving, or helping to solve it, for the people without receiving compensation.*

-- Louis Brandeis

Louis Brandeis (1856-1941, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States) is considered one of the most famous pro bono lawyers in American history. He, like Hamilton, made pro bono work a regular part of his law practice. He did so much pro bono public interest work that he became known as “the People’s Lawyer”. In one of his most famous cases, *Muller v Oregon*, 208 US 412 (1908), he developed a brief arguing the negative impact of long work hours on women. This style of legal brief focused on facts and figures instead of precedents and legal doctrines to persuade the court to rule in favor of good public policy. “Brandeis briefs” are often seen in cases defending labor legislation.<sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Alexander Hamilton, *Pro Bono Lawyer*, Russell Fowler, TBA Law Blog, Oct 1, 2014. Available at <https://www.tba.org/?pg=Articles&b-lAction=showEntry&blogEntry=18961#:~:text=So%20let%20us%20take%20a%20brief%20look%20at,cases%E2%80%9D%20or%20%E2%80%9Ccause%20lawyering%E2%80%9D%20or%20%E2%80%9Chigh%20profile%20litigation.%E2%80%9D>. Last accessed July 11, 2023. Alexander Hamilton as Attorney, David R. Papke, Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog, Mar. 20, 2017. Available at <https://law.marquette.edu/facultyblog/2017/03/alexander-hamilton-as-attorney/>. Last accessed July 11, 2023. *The Courtroom Where It Happened: Hamilton as a Lawyer*, Randy Maniloff, The American Law Institute, Oct. 10, 2016, <https://ali.org/news/articles/courtroom-where-it-happened-hamilton-lawyer/>. Last accessed July 11, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> The brief had two pages of legal precedents and over 100 pages of medical studies, industry reports, and reports from government agencies. *Re-envisioning Models for Pro Bono Lawyering: Some Historical Reflections*, Susan D. Carle, American Univ. J. of Gender, Social Policy & Law, Vol. 9, no. 1 (2001): 81-96. Although the brief is named after Justice Brandeis, Josephine Goldmark of the Na-





*You can only protect your liberties in this work by protecting the other man's freedom.*

-- Clarence Darrow

Clarence Darrow (1857-1938) is probably the most famous criminal defense lawyer in American history. He was a controversial figure, who often represented unpopular clients and causes, often for free. His most famous pro bono case was the “Scopes Monkey Trial” (Tennessee v John Thomas Scopes (1925)). High school science teacher John Scopes was arrested for violating a state law that prohibited the teaching of evolution. Darrow agreed to represent Scopes pro bono after he learned that his nemesis, William Jennings Bryan, was the prosecuting attorney. What seemed like a simply case of whether Scopes had violated the law became a national sensation when the nation’s two most famous lawyers entered into it. The case also became a test case on the First Amendment and whether the Tennessee law was constitutional. <sup>[3]</sup>



*A lawyer will gain large satisfaction when he or she is not simply a fee-charging artisan, but a contributor to the public good.*

-- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States) was a pro bono litigator for the ACLU during the 1970s, specializing in gender-discrimination lawsuits. She was the founding counsel for the ACLU’s Women’s Rights Project. Her more famous pro bono cases included *Moritz v Commissioner*, 469 F.2d 466 (10th Cir. 1972), in which she successfully argued before the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals that an IRS tax deduction that allowed women and formerly married men to deduct the costs of caregivers discriminated against single men who could not take the deduction, and *Reed v. Reed*, 404 US 71 (1971), in which she argued against a gender-based statute that preferred men over women as executors for an estate. It was the first gender-based statute to be found unconstitutional under the equal protection clause. <sup>[4]</sup>

tional Consumers League did much of the research and is often credited with drafting much of the brief. Revisiting the “*Brandeis Brief*”, Bruce W. Dearstyne, Law and History Review, available at <https://lawandhistoryreview.org/article/bruce-w-dearstyne-revisiting-the-brandeis-brief/#:~:text=Brandeis%20developed%20the%20brief%20at%20the%20request%20of,for%20the%20document%20and%20aided%20in%20its%20preparation.>, last visited July 12, 2023. *Muller v. Oregon*, Wikipedia, available at [Muller v. Oregon - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muller_v._Oregon), last accessed July 12, 2023. *The Legacy of Louis D. Brandeis*, Melvin I. Urofsky, 13 The J. Of Appellate Practice and Process, 189, 192 (2012). Louis Brandeis: Pro Bono Lawyer, Russell Fowler, TBA Law Blog, Oct 1, 2017. Available at <https://www.tba.org/?p=Articles&blAction=showEntry&blogEntry=29075#:~:text=Brandeis%E2%80%99s%20immense%20financial%20achievement%20allowed%20him%20to%20give,that%20many%20of%20his%20contemporaries%20viewed%20as%20eccentric.%E2%80%9D> last accessed July 12, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100. The ACLU hoped to appeal the case to the US Supreme Court, but the state supreme court overturned the conviction on a technicality. However, the Butler Act was never enforced again and similar laws in 22 other states were defeated within a few years of the Scopes trial. *State of Tennessee v Scopes*, ACLU, available at <https://www.aclu.org/documents/state-tennessee-v-scopes>, last accessed July 12, 2023. *Clarence Darrow, Famous Defense Attorney and Crusader for Justice*, Robert McNamara, June 25, 2019. Available at <https://www.thoughtco.com/clarence-darrow-4687299>, last accessed July 12, 2023. *Scopes Trial*, History.com Editors, March 27, 2023. Available at <https://www.history.com/topics/roaring-twenties/scopes-trial>, last accessed July 12, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, United States jurist, Britannica. Available at <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ruth-Bader-Ginsburg>, last accessed July 13, 2023. *In Pursuit of the Public Good: Lawyers who Care*, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Remarks on April 9, 2001 as part of the Joseph L. Rauh Lecture at the University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law. Available at [https://www.supremecourt.gov/publicinfo/speeches/sp\\_04-09-01a.html](https://www.supremecourt.gov/publicinfo/speeches/sp_04-09-01a.html), last accessed July 13, 2023. *Goodbye, old friend: Tribute to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, Brenda Feigen, Columbia Law Review, Vol. 121:RBG. Available at <https://www.columbiaalawreview.org/content/goodbye-old->





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## Red Mass To Be Held

The 13th Annual Red Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Friday, October 6, 2023, at noon. A reception will follow.

This event is open to all attorneys, judges, clerks, law students and others engaged in the legal profession. One does not need to be a member of the Guild, nor Catholic, to attend.

The Red Mass is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials. The Mass requests the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession. It is also an opportunity to remember the attorneys who have passed away since the last celebration in 2022.

Originating in Paris in 1215, the Mass is called the “Red” Mass referring to the color of the vestments worn. Red is chosen to symbolize the tongues of fire (the Holy Spirit) that descended on the 12 Apostles on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).

If you plan to attend, let Bill Broker know so the Guild may know how many to anticipate for the reception to follow. He can be contacted at [bbroker@glsp.org](mailto:bbroker@glsp.org) or 912.963.1683.



# American Board of Trial Advocates



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"A View from the Bench: Women Leading at the Appellate Level"

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Kentucky Supreme Court

Justice Sarah H. Stewart  
Alabama Supreme Court

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Georgia Court of Appeals

1:05 pm - 2:05 pm

Work-Life Balance  
Is it Possible

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SEABOTA Secretary  
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Rachel Fry, Ph.D.  
Rachel Fry Consulting

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- arguing in court
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## In Memoriam: Sonny Seiler

Frank Wilkins “Sonny” Seiler died on August 28, 2023, after an amazing 90-year life.

He was born February 20, 1933, to Frank Herman and Helen Wilkins Seiler of Savannah and spent his idyllic summers crabbing, fishing, and lifeguarding on Tybee Island. In 1955, he and fellow lifeguard, Jack Schaaf, challenged themselves to swim from Savannah to Tybee beginning the nearly 11-mile journey at the east end of River Street. Braving the tides, jellyfish, and an incoming nor’easter, the pair successfully made the 6-hour swim and arrived to a cheering crowd on the Fort Pulaski bridge.

Sonny, nicknamed Houdini by his friends; was a well-known magician and entertainer earning his pocket money performing at parties and local clubs. He graduated from Porter Military Academy (now Porter-Gaud School) in Charleston in 1950.

Seiler attended Newberry College for one year before transferring to the University of Georgia – a decision that would alter the course of his life. He holds two degrees from the University of Georgia, a BBA in Finance, and a Juris Doctor degree which he received in 1957.

Prior to attending law school, Seiler married the former Cecelia Gunn from Columbus. One football Saturday, the couple took their English bulldog, UGA, to the game where he caught the attention of Coach Wally Butts and Athletic Director Dan Magill. That event would ultimately lead to the tradition and dynasty of the Georgia mascots which is continued today by the Seiler family.

Sonny was proud to witness the Dawgs win three national championships.

While a student, Seiler was President of Sigma Chi Fraternity, the Interfraternity Council and Gridiron. He was a member of Sphinx, the Blue Key Honor Society, and a founding member of the Greek Horsemen. He lettered on the varsity men’s swim team.

In 1956, he graduated from the Advanced Officer Infantry Training School at Fort Benning having been commissioned as a second lieutenant and proudly served as an officer in the Georgia National Guard, 230th Field Artillery.

Seiler practiced law in Savannah at Bouhan, Williams and Levy, now Bouhan Falligant, specializing in civic defense and plaintiff work. He served as President of the State Bar of Georgia from 1972 – 1973.

Seiler served as a member of the University of Georgia Athletic Association Board of Directors, President of the University of Georgia National Alumni Association, member of the Board of Directors for the Georgia Student Educational Fund, Chairman of the University of Georgia School of Law Board of Visitors, member of the President’s Club, and member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia Foundation.

For eight years Seiler dedicated much of his legal expertise to defense in the trials of local antiques dealer Jim Williams, ultimately gaining his acquittal. This trial would be immortalized in John Berendt’s novel *Midnight*



Sonny Seiler



in the Garden of Good and Evil. The best-seller was later made into a movie directed by Clint Eastwood. Seiler was cast as the judge and located to Los Angeles for the filming. He is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and appeared in two other movies.

Seiler and his family are multigenerational members of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension. He was a member of the Salzburger and past president of the German Heritage Society.

A lover of history, Seiler is a former curator of the Georgia Historical Society and a board member of Bonaventure Historical Society.

Sonny enjoyed collecting poetry and inspirational thoughts. Among his possessions is a worn, dog-eared copy of the Best Loved Poems of the American People, filled with clippings of life's lessons he found and saved throughout the years.

In 2002, Seiler co-authored the book *Damn Good Dogs* with Kent Hannon, a history of the University of Georgia's mascots.

He was a member of the Savannah Golf Club, The Chatham Club, The Oglethorpe Club, and the Savannah Yacht Club.

He was immensely proud of his family and leaves behind four children – Cecelia Swann Seiler, Charles (Wendy) Seiler, Bess (Shannon) Thompson, Sara (Todd) Story, seven grandchildren: Margaret Story Bardwell (Greg), Sara Thompson McKinnon (Bryce), Anna Gibbons Story, David Tennyson Thompson, Seiler Burnette Thompson, William Gunn Story, and Cecil Wilson Seiler. He also leaves one great grandchild: Whit Bishop Bardwell.

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