

Advocacy Professors - Bios

Tracey Barbaree (Mon: 2:45)

Tracey Barbaree represents employers in all aspects of employment and civil rights litigation, with a focus on Rule 23 class actions and defending collective action claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act. She has been recognized as a Georgia “Super Lawyer” in Labor and Employment since 2008 and is listed in Chambers USA, America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

At The Ohio State University College of Law, Barbaree was a managing editor of *The Ohio State Law Review* and a member of the Order of the Coif. She also clerked for Judge Richard C. Freeman, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia and continues to rely on insights from that experience in her practice today.

Alison Burleson (Sat: 9:00)

Alison Burleson, assistant district attorney in the Morgan County District Attorney’s Office, is responsible for the prosecution of all felonies and misdemeanors for the county. A career prosecutor, Burleson previously served as the chief assistant solicitor-general of the DeKalb County Solicitor-General’s Office, as well as an assistant district attorney in the DeKalb County District Attorney’s Office.

Burleson assists with the law school’s Student Trial Lawyers Association coaching mock trial competition teams throughout the year, and she has been a frequent instructor to law enforcement and to prosecutors throughout the State.

Burleson received her B.A. in history from Agnes Scott College in 1995 and her J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law in 2000.

Alfred Drake Dixon (Wed: 2:45)

Alfred Drake Dixon is a practicing attorney in the Atlanta area specializing in criminal law. He is also a municipal court judge for the City of College Park, Georgia.

Dixon was a prosecutor for 27 years before doing defense work. He served as deputy district attorney over the trial division and the major felony/homicide unit in the Atlanta Judicial circuit. He has personally tried more than 250 jury trials, including four death penalty cases. Prior to becoming a prosecutor he was a police officer and criminal investigator while attending college and law school.

George E. Duncan (Thurs: 2:45)

George E. Duncan Jr., has maintained an active litigation practice in Atlanta for 35 years. He has specialized in representing plaintiffs and defendants in casualty and professional liability litigation, including matters involving products liability, premises liability, trucking and insurance matters. Duncan graduated from Emory College and Emory University School of Law and is a partner in the firm Dennis, Corry, Porter & Smith.

Duncan is past president of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association. He is past chair of the GDLA Trial Academy and has been an instructor at the academy for 20 years. He is past state representative to the Defense Research Institute. He has lectured frequently on subjects of trial practice, insurance coverage and professionalism.

Richard W Hendrix (Mon: 6:00)

Richard Hendrix is a partner of Finch McCranie LLP. He graduated Davidson College, cum laude, in 1974, and Emory University School of Law in 1977.

Hendrix served as an assistant district attorney for the State of Georgia, assistant public defender in South Carolina between 1977 and 1979, and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia from 1980-1985. While with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta, Hendrix specialized in white collar prosecutions. He served as associate independent counsel in the investigation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1992-1993.

Hendrix concentrates his civil practice in the representation of victims of professional, personal, and corporate negligence. The current emphasis of his practice is wrongful death, whistleblower claims and serious personal injury litigation.

In addition to his civil practice, Hendrix represents and defends businesspersons accused of or under investigation for alleged violations of federal law. As a part of his white collar defense practice, he has represented numerous corporate and professional executives in federal courts throughout the United States.

SCOTT HULSEY (Wed: 6:00)

G. Scott Hulsey is an Assistant United States Attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, where he serves as Chief of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force and Narcotics Unit. Mr. Hulsey has served as a prosecutor for more than a decade, including as a state prosecutor handling a variety of prosecutions, ranging from murder to drug cases.

Hulsey has handled numerous complex prosecutions, including Title III wire cases focused on the dismantling of Mexican cartels operating in the Atlanta area. Hulsey began his career working as an employment lawyer at the Washington, D.C. office of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, LLP. Hulsey graduated in 1994 from the Georgetown University Law Center. He received his undergraduate degree from Duke University in 1991, majoring in Political Science.

Carl Lietz (Mon: 6:00)

Carl Lietz is a partner with the Atlanta law firm of Kish & Lietz PC, where he devotes his practice to defending individuals facing federal criminal charges. After graduating from Vermont Law School in 1995, Lietz clerked for the Chief U.S. District Court Judge Sharon Lovelace Blackburn of the Northern District of Alabama, and U.S. District Court Judge Orinda D. Evans of the Northern District of Georgia.

Before forming Kish & Lietz, Lietz worked as a trial attorney at the Federal Defender Office in Atlanta. During his five-year tenure with that office, he tried a significant number of federal jury trials, litigated hundreds of evidentiary and sentencing hearings, and argued cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Since forming Kish & Lietz, he has continued to devote his career to the defense of individuals facing federal charges. Lietz is a frequent lecturer at both national and regional seminars pertaining to federal criminal law.

Barbara Marschalk (Thurs: 6:00)

Barbara A. Marschalk, partner at Drew, Eckl & Farnham, devotes her practice to defending corporations and individuals in civil litigation. Her practice areas include medical malpractice, wrongful death, nursing home litigation, personal injury defense, premises liability, and defense of other general litigation and products liability matters for nationally recognized insurers and their insureds. Marschalk received her B.A., cum laude, from the University of South Carolina in 1995. She received her J.D. from Georgia State Law in 1998.

Marschalk has given presentations for local and national organizations on a variety of topics, including defense of nursing home litigation; informed consent; and risk management. She is a committee chair for the Young Lawyers Division of the Georgia State Bar and has been active as a coach for Georgia State Law's mock trial program. In 2006, Marschalk was selected as a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star by Atlanta Magazine.

She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, American Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, Georgia Defense Lawyers Association and Lawyers Club of Atlanta.

Paul Milich (Wed: 2:45)

Paul Milich, professor of law and director of Lawyering Advocacy, teaches Evidence, Advanced Evidence, Contracts, Advocacy, and Legal History. Milich joined the faculty in 1983 after practicing with the Reed, McClure firm in Seattle where he was a trial lawyer. He earned his B.A., cum laude, from the University of California, San Diego in 1974, did graduate work in philosophy at the University of Colorado, and earned a J.D., cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1980.

Milich is the author of three books, *Georgia Rules of Evidence*, *Courtroom Handbook on Georgia Evidence* and *Trial Practice: Exercises in Witness Examination and the Rules of Evidence*, all published by West Publishing. He is a frequent lecturer at continuing education programs for judges and lawyers.

Stevan Miller (Thurs: 6:00)

Steve Miller is a partner at Drew, Eckl & Farnham. Miller has a broad range of trial experience, with particular experience handling products liability, insurance coverage and environmental cases. He has practiced law in Georgia since 1977, after graduating from the University of Virginia Law School in 1977, and is a founding partner of the firm. A frequent speaker at continuing education programs, he is past chair of the Products, General Liability and Consumer Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association and the Atlanta Claims Association.

William A. Morrison (Thurs: 2:45)

William A. Morrison, managing partner of Jones, Morrison & Womack, P.C., graduated from the Citadel in 1973, received his Master's degree from Sam Houston State University in 1977 and his law degree from Emory University School of Law in 1980.

Morrison's practice is concentrated in the area of complex civil and criminal litigation. He represents major financial institutions in the area of creditor's rights and has represented elected officials, law enforcement agents, lawyers, and individual citizens accused of serious crimes including death penalty cases.

Morrison has lectured extensively on civil topics including the enforcement of legal judgments in Georgia, the defense of Fair Debt Collection Practices Act suits and has served on the Atlanta Judicial Commission responsible for selecting candidates for the City of Atlanta Municipal Court Judgeships.

Morrison maintains memberships in the Atlanta Bar Association, Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Eleventh Circuit Historical Society, and the Federal Bar Association.

John Moss (Fri: 1:15)

John A. Moss is a partner with the firm of Steel & Moss LLP, where his practice is devoted entirely to representing plaintiffs injured in serious accidents. His practice areas include Federal Employers Liability Act, trucking, and premises liability. He has a regional practice in both state and federal courts and has handled complex civil cases throughout the United States.

Moss attended Furman University on an Army R.O.T.C. Scholarship and graduated in 1988 with a B.A. in history. He received his J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law in 1991. While in private practice, he also served in the Georgia Army National Guard as a Judge Advocate General (JAG).

Jason N. Poulos (Tues: 6:00)

Jason Poulos is the Compliance Director for Manheim, a subsidiary of Cox Enterprises, Inc., where he focuses his practice on domestic and international legal, regulatory, and commercial compliance and investigations. Previously, he was Of Counsel at the law firm Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, where, in addition to compliance and investigations, he also focused on commercial litigation. Prior to that, he spent over 10 years in-house at Georgia-Pacific, where he focused his efforts in global anti-corruption law and compliance, internal investigations, and domestic and international commercial disputes. He spent the first 5 years of his legal career at Alston + Bird, LLC, where his practice comprised commercial, securities, and ERISA fiduciary litigation.

Jason is a Master in the Bleckley Inn of Court and a member of the Atlanta Bar Association (where he serves on the board of the Corporate Counsel Section) and the Lawyers' Club of Atlanta. Jason also has performed pro bono work with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers' Foundation's One Child, One Lawyer program. Jason graduated from Georgia State University College of Law in 1997. In 1997, Jason's STLA mock trial team won the Southeastern regional tournament. Jason received a degree in accounting from GSU in 1992, after having spent over a year in Germany with a U.S. Congressional scholarship program. Jason is fluent in German.

Trent Speckhals (Tues: 2:45)

Trent Speckhals founded Speckhals Law, P.C. in 1998, devoted to representing the families of those killed and people who are severely injured. His practice areas include pharmacy and prescription errors, defective and dangerous products, electrocution, burn, drowning, deck collapse, and crash cases, as well as legal malpractice. Previously, Trent litigated at one of the Southeast's largest and oldest firms, Kilpatrick Townsend, LLP.

Trent graduated cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988. While working full time as an Account Executive and then Sales Director at AT&T, Trent attended Georgia State University's College of Law, where he was a member of Law Review and Moot Court, and graduated cum laude in 1993. He also served on the White House Advance Team for President George H.W. Bush.

Trent is a member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, American Association of Justice, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, and is an Eagle Scout. He has been recognized by Super Lawyers Magazine and has been selected to Georgia Trend's Legal Elite. Trent's article on prescription errors, "Not What the Doctor Ordered," was published in the national magazine, TRIAL. He has been interviewed about his trials and cases in numerous newspapers and news programs, including World News Tonight with Diane Sawyer, the Atlanta Journal Constitution, CBS46 News, WSB-TV, ABC News, and the Fulton County Daily Report.

Brandon Taylor (Fri: 1:15)

Brandon R. Taylor holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Florida International University, as well as a master's in public administration from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and a J.D. from Georgia State Law.

Taylor is a partner at Webb, Wade & Taylor LLC in Peachtree City, Ga. Taylor practices almost exclusively in the area of plaintiffs' medical malpractice and has handled hundreds of personal injury cases. He has tried many cases to verdict and has obtained multiple verdicts and settlements in excess of \$1 million.

In law school, he was a member of the Bleckley Inn of Court, earned the CALI Award for Litigation and was National Champion of the William Daniel National Mock Trial competition in 2004.

Christopher W. Timmons (Wed: 6:00)

Chris Timmons (also known as Dean Kelly Timmons' husband) is a senior assistant district attorney in the Public Integrity Unit of the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office. He has tried more than 50 jury trials, many as sole or chief counsel, on charges ranging from speeding to murder. He also has argued before the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court.

Prior to becoming a prosecutor, Timmons was an associate at King & Spalding in Atlanta and Taft, Stettinius & Hollister in Cincinnati. As a civil litigator, he handled business litigation, securities and products liability cases from the filing of complaints through appeals. He earned his B.A. from Miami University and his J.D. from Vanderbilt.