

ON THE MOVE

Burr & Forman Snags New Partner; and Other 'On the Move' News

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Erin Hewitt.

Erin Hewitt has joined **Burr & Forman's** real estate and corporate and tax practices as a partner from **Thompson Hine**. She handles real estate, capital markets and corporate transactions.

"It was a great opportunity," said Hewitt, who joined Burr & Forman, a Birmingham-based firm with a large Atlanta office, on June 1. "Their business model fits well with my practice."

Hewitt declined to name clients but said her practice is nationwide. She represents commercial real estate developers, lenders, borrowers, landlords and tenants, including owners in multifamily property matters.

Hewitt spent 5½ years at Thompson Hine, and before that was in-house counsel for a publicly traded real estate investment trust, DDR Corp., for almost eight years.

Briefly

Jennifer Grippa has joined **Miles Mediation** to head its construction mediation practice. Grippa is a partner in the business litigation group at **Miller & Martin**, where she heads the firm's environmental and construction practice groups. At Miles Mediation, Grippa is a member of Team Forsling, headed by former Fulton County State Court Judge Susan Forsling, who took senior status in 2013.

Barrett & Farahany, an employment law boutique representing employees, has hired a new associate, **Taylor Bennett**, who is a former Georgia Tech football player and current member of the Georgia House of Representatives. After quarterbacking for Georgia Tech and then Louisiana Tech, Bennett played professional football for the European Football League on the Stockholm Mean Machines team in 2009.

Bennett previously had his own firm, **Bennett Law Group**, after earning a law degree from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in 2013. He was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives (D-Brookhaven) in 2015 in a special election to replace Republican Mike Jacobs, after Gov. Nathan Deal appointed Jacobs as a DeKalb County State Court judge. In his spare time, Bennett enjoys trying to teach his dog, Harry, how to sit.

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton has hired **Brooke McGuffey** as an associate for its global sourcing and technology team. McGuffey joined from health care info-tech and pharmaceutical distributor **McKesson's** technology law group in Alpharetta. She received a law degree from the University of Georgia in 2013.

Thanks to a grant from the federal Victim Legal Assistance Network program, the **Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation** has hired a full-time family law attorney, **Nilufar Abdi-Tabari**, and a social worker, **Camille Millar**, for its new Family Law Program. AVLF now can provide survivors of intimate partner violence with legal services beyond emergency 12-month temporary protective orders.

Abdi-Tabari was the legal advocate for the Partnership Against Domestic Violence in Fulton County Superior Court's Safe Families Office, which offers immediate assistance to intimate partner violence survivors. Millar, who earned an undergraduate degree in social work from Georgia State University in 2013, is a former AmeriCorps Vista volunteer.

Litigation firm **Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial** has promoted **Henry "Dee" DeBardeleben IV** to partner. DeBardeleben handles professional negligence, construction, transportation, premises, product liability and catastrophic injury litigation.

Ballard Spahr has promoted intellectual property lawyer **Kevin Hathcock** to partner, effective July 1—one of 12 partner promotions nationally for the Philadelphia-based firm. Hathcock handles patent prosecution and advises on intellectual property matters in the chemical, energy, nanotechnology and materials science fields. He has a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree from Georgia State University.

Atlanta Municipal Court Judge **Gary Jackson** is the new president of the **Council of Municipal Court Judges**. At its June meeting on St. Simons Island, the group also elected Municipal Court of Lithonia Judge Pro Hac **John Roberts** as president-elect, Stone Mountain Municipal Court Judge **LaTisha Dear** as vice president, East Point Municipal Court Judge **Rashida Oliver** as secretary, and Lovejoy Municipal Court Judge **John "Clay" Davis** as treasurer.

Chambers & Partners has named **Michael Bishop**, the general counsel for AT&T Intellectual Property Corp., its in-house **LGBT Equality Lawyer of the Year** at the group's inaugural U.S. Diversity Awards event in New York in June.

Jennifer Parrott of **Drew Eckl & Farnam**, is one of 25 lawyers nationally chosen for the 2016-2017 **TIPS Leadership Academy** run by the American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS).