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At issue was the ability to allow future transit through Hulseley Yard (bottom of photo).

# Deal clears path for \$80M Beltline project

BY AMY WENK AND DOUGLAS SAMS  
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An agreement has been reached to allow a big new mixed-use project to proceed on the **Atlanta Beltline** while preserving future transit options along a rapidly developing area of the Eastside Trail.

Discussions have been ongoing for weeks over a proposed \$80 million mixed-use project at 670 DeKalb Ave. in Inman Park. **North American Properties** and **Vantage Realty Partners** are planning a 4.4-acre

development that would include about 350 apartment units and 25,000 square feet of retail and loft office space.

An extension of the Eastside Trail that's now under construction runs through the project site. In recent weeks, community activists were up in arms because they believed the proposed alignment of the Eastside Trail would prohibit future transit under DeKalb Avenue and through Hulseley

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### COVER STORY



## A SOLUTION FOR OUR CLOGGED HIGHWAYS?

New type of toll lanes could be the start of something big for metro Atlanta

STORY BY Dave Williams, 16A



Georgia State will seek licensing deals, says GSU's James Weyhenmeyer.

## GEORGIA STATE BULKS UP ITS BIOMEDICAL MUSCLE

BY URVAKSH KARKARIA AND ELLIE HENSLEY  
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**Georgia State University** is planning a \$35 million biomedical research center that would focus on treating and preventing deadly epidemics such as Ebola and Zika.

The nearly 55,000-square-foot building – part of the university's downtown research campus – will house a Biosafety Level (BSL) 3/4 research facility equipped to handle the most dangerous viruses.

It would be the only university-based Level BSL-4 research facility in the Southeast and one of 13 operational or planned facilities around the country, noted **James Weyhenmeyer**, Georgia State's vice president of research and economic development.

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### LAW & ACCOUNTING



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## WHO'S WHO

## LAW

## DAVID A. DIAL

Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial LLC  
Partner



**Career highlights:** Dial is the managing partner of the recently awarded Litigation Department of the Year, Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial. For 33 years he has represented clients in a variety of civil litigation matters including construction law, commercial litigation other than construction, product liability, and catastrophic tort. As a founding member of the firm he continues to lead the nationally recognized Construction Litigation Practice.

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## LAW

## JONATHAN E. EADY

Arnall Golden Gregory LLP  
Managing Partner



**Career highlights:** Eady is Arnall Golden Gregory's managing partner and formerly led the firm's real estate practice for many years. He maintains an active practice counseling business and real estate clients in connection with various types of financing, investment, acquisition, development and operational matters. Eady's practice also includes representing clients in all aspects of the real estate development process.

[www.agg.com](http://www.agg.com)

## LAW

## DAISY HURST FLOYD

Mercer University School of Law  
Dean and University Professor of Law and Ethical Formation



**Career highlights:** Floyd came to Mercer in July 2004 from Texas Tech University School of Law, where she served as professor of law and associate dean for academic affairs. At Mercer, she served as dean from 2004 to 2010 and returned to that position in 2014. She teaches legal ethics, evidence, and civil procedure, and her research explores ways in which higher education shapes the ethical formation of students and professionals.

[www.law.mercer.edu](http://www.law.mercer.edu)

## ACCOUNTING

## SHELLEY GIBERSON

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC US)  
Managing Partner, Atlanta



**Career highlights:** Giberson is PwC's market managing partner for greater Atlanta, which includes Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. She is responsible for leading a team of more than 1,800 professionals to drive PwC's high quality, innovative business solutions across consulting, accounting and tax services. Giberson served as the greater Atlanta market tax leader since 2012, leading the market's tax practice to strong growth and profitability.

[www.pwc.com](http://www.pwc.com)

## ACCOUNTING

## MARCUS G. DOWLING

Moore Stephens Tiller LLC  
Managing partner



**Career highlights:** Dowling joined the firm in 1982. In 1990, he was admitted as a partner and was elected to serve as managing partner in 2009. In addition to managing the firm, Dowling provides assurance and advisory services to clients, including pooled investment entities, distribution concerns, nonprofits and high net worth individuals. Dowling has served on the board of directors of the Georgia Society of CPAs and the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

[www.mstiller.com](http://www.mstiller.com)

## ACCOUNTING

## JEFFREY A. EISCHEID

Bennett Thrasher LLP  
Managing Partner



**Career highlights:** Eischeid serves as managing partner of Bennett Thrasher, leading partners and associates in implementing the firm's strategic plans. He has extensive experience in advising closely-held businesses and the families that own them. His major areas of expertise include income tax planning, estate tax planning and personal financial planning. Eischeid is a member of the Georgia Society of CPAs, the AICPA and the Atlanta Estate Planning Council.

[www.btcpa.net](http://www.btcpa.net)

## LAW

## STEPHEN FORTE

Smith, Gambrell & Russell LLP  
Managing partner; Chairman, Executive Committee



**Career highlights:** During Forte's tenure as managing partner, Smith, Gambrell & Russell has expanded its presence and client base nationally and internationally by opening five offices outside Atlanta, including those in Austin, Texas, Washington, D.C., New York City, Jacksonville, Fla., and Frankfurt. Forte also maintains a full-time litigation practice and has been recognized and noted as a trial lawyer in Best Lawyers in America.

[www.sgrlaw.com](http://www.sgrlaw.com)

## ACCOUNTING

## RANDY GOLD

AGH  
President and Chairman



**Career highlights:** Gold is responsible for creating the vision and strategy to help shape AGH's long-term goals while maintaining the entrepreneurial, free thinking, trusting environment that has contributed to AGH's recognition as one of the fastest growing accounting firms in the country and a best place to work. Gold has more than two decades of experience representing real estate owners and developers with portfolio assets ranging from \$50 million to \$5 billion.

[www.aghllc.com](http://www.aghllc.com)

## LAW

## SARA L. DOYLE

Court of Appeals of Georgia  
Chief Judge



**Career highlights:** Doyle was elected to the Georgia Court of Appeals in December 2008 and took office on Jan. 1, 2009. In 2014, she was elected to her second six-year term and on July 1, 2015 became the court's chief judge, a position she will hold for two years. Doyle is involved in many professional, civic and religious organizations. She is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia, the American Bar Association, and the Atlanta Bar Association.

[www.gaappeals.us](http://www.gaappeals.us)

## LAW

## MARTIN L. ELLIN

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation Inc.  
Executive Director



**Career highlights:** Ellin is the executive director of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, a private nonprofit that provides civil pro bono opportunities to Atlanta's lawyers. Among other programs, AVL directs two legal clinics: the Saturday Lawyer Program, which helps low-income Atlantans with housing issues and wage claims, and the Safe Families Office, the state's only courthouse-based, lawyer-staffed walk-in clinic for victims of intimate partner violence.

[www.avlf.org](http://www.avlf.org)

## LAW

## CREIGHTON FROMMER

Association of Corporate Counsel, Georgia Chapter  
President



**Career highlights:** A native of Atlanta, Frommer currently serves as president of the Association of Corporate Counsel, Georgia chapter. ACC Georgia serves the in-house legal community through educational programs, public service opportunities and professional relationships. Frommer is senior intellectual property counsel at RELX Group and has served as chair of the GSU Corporate IP Roundtable.

[www.acc.com/chapters/georgia](http://www.acc.com/chapters/georgia)

## LAW

## STEVE GOTTLIEB

Atlanta Legal Aid Society Inc.  
Executive Director



**Career highlights:** Upon graduating from law school in 1969, Gottlieb joined Atlanta Legal Aid Society Inc. (ALAS) as a staff attorney, becoming deputy director in 1976, then moving into his current executive director role in 1979. During Gottlieb's tenure, ALAS has expanded its advocacy programs to ensure the rights of low-income persons facing family, housing and health law issues. Gottlieb is responsible for the organization's 120 employees and budget of over \$9 million.

[www.atlantalegalaid.org](http://www.atlantalegalaid.org)

## LAW

## ERICH N. DURLACHER

Burr & Forman LLP  
Managing partner, Atlanta Office



**Career highlights:** Durlacher has been a partner with Burr & Forman since 2006 and has served as managing partner of the firm's Atlanta office since 2008. In 2016, Durlacher was named Burr's practice group management partner. Additionally, he has been a member of the firm's executive committee since 2009. Durlacher maintains a full-time practice assisting companies, banks and other financial institutions in the resolution of complex commercial issues.

[www.burr.com](http://www.burr.com)

## ACCOUNTING

## BOB FISHMAN

NCR Corp.  
Executive Vice President, CFO and Chief Accounting Officer



**Career highlights:** Fishman has been with NCR for more than 20 years and has held a number of financial positions, including corporate controller, assistant controller, vice president corporate planning, CFO of Payment Solutions, director of mergers and acquisitions, and director of EMEA planning and pricing. Prior to joining NCR, Fishman spent seven years with Price Waterhouse in Toronto, England, and Germany. Fishman is a Chartered Accountant from Canada and a CPA.

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## ACCOUNTING

## JEFF FUCITO

Mauldin & Jenkins LLC (M&J)  
Partner in charge, Atlanta office



**Career highlights:** Fucito is partner in charge of the Atlanta office and served as immediate past chairman on the firm's executive committee. He also serves on the firm's leadership career and development committee and is responsible for the not-for-profit practice. His experience includes audit, health-care reimbursement, and tax preparation for individuals and corporations.

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## LAW

## ERNEST LAMONT GREER

Greenberg Traurig LLP  
Co-President



**Career highlights:** Greer is a trial attorney whose accomplishments have been recognized by many industry publications and organizations including the National Bar Association (Sankofa Award), Best Lawyers in America, Chambers & Partners USA, Georgia Super Lawyers (Top 100 lawyers), and Georgia Trend's "Legal Elite". At Greenberg Traurig, Greer serves as a co-president of the firm, co-chairman of the firm's U.S. strategic committee and is a member of the firm's executive committee.

[www.gtlaw.com](http://www.gtlaw.com)