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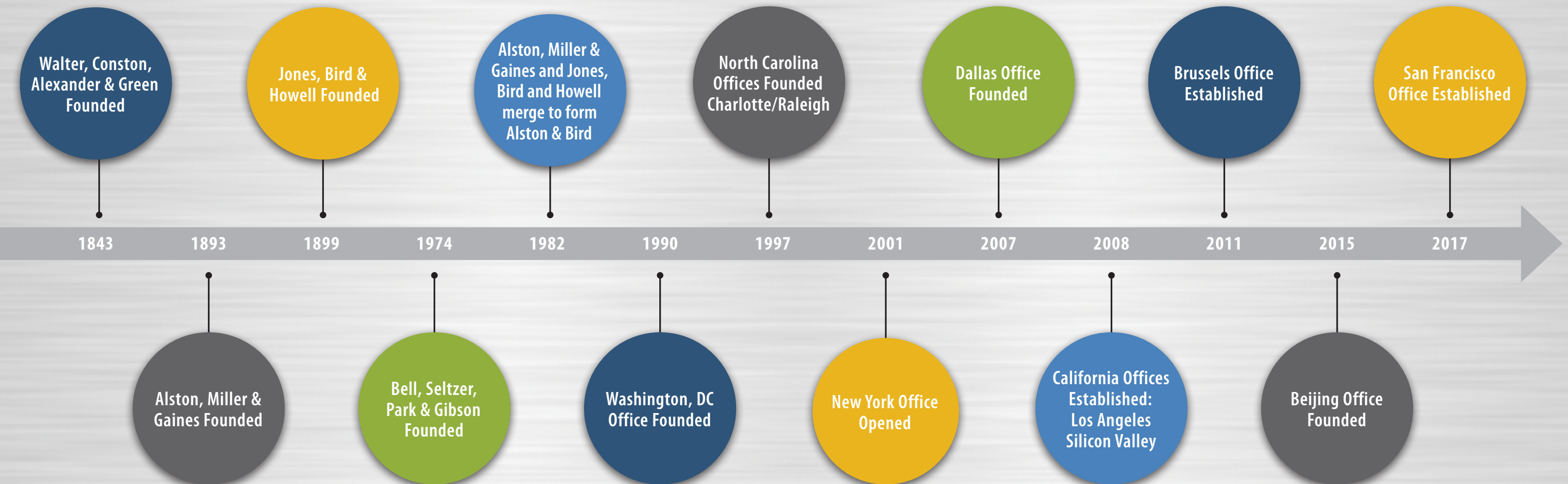


Dear Friends,

As 2019 has begun, it is my hope that you will take a few minutes to reflect and take a stroll down memory lane with us. Alston & Bird celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2018, and with this bulletin we share some history, fun facts, personal insights and pictures of A&Bers past and present.

Rachael Loper, Maggie Janke, and I hope you enjoy this newsletter as much as we enjoyed creating it.

Liz Price





PROUST QUESTIONNAIRE

For this special edition of the Alumni Newsletter, we asked some of our longstanding partners from each office to partake in the Proust Questionnaire and answer a handful of questions. We hope you enjoy getting to know them a little better ... lots of wannabe rock stars in the firm!



BERNARD TAYLOR
Products Liability, Atlanta

What is the trait you most deplore in others?

Deplore may be too strong of a description for my view of this trait, but I am frequently disappointed when I observe folks failing to take the time to listen carefully before arriving at a conclusion regarding the validity of others' opinions.

Which living person do you most admire?

I am going to cheat on this one because he just recently passed away. I most admire the life of the physicist and cosmologist, Stephen Hawking. His very existence is a wonderful example of refusing to allow profound and devastating adversity to prevent the exploration of the full and vast potential of life.

When and where were you happiest?

Any opportunity and location where all of my children and I can spend time together.

Where would you most like to live?

On a beautiful white sand beach facing a brilliantly blue expanse of water.



RICH WILLIS
Financial Services & Products, Brussels

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

A good, complex, and difficult M&A transaction just closed earlier that day. It's the Friday before Christmas and, with my deal closed, I have peace of mind. At home and my wife Kelly and our four daughters, Sonria, Poppy, Maya, and Dali, are having a movie night (perhaps *Elf* or *Polar Express*) — all of us on the couch. A St. Bernardus 12 ale in hand.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Travel. I think I tend toward relative frugality by nature but more prepared to open up the wallet to spend on experiences, particularly travel. Likely my biggest indulgence if not necessarily extravagance.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Musical, whether instrument or song. To be clear, I may indeed have this talent and simply have not yet cultivated it properly — there still is time.

Who are your favorite writers?

Steinbeck, Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald. (It appears I enjoyed my high school reading syllabus and wish to return.)



HELEN SU
IP Litigation, Beijing

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Healthy family

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Too soft

What is your current state of mind?

Happy

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

Sorry

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

Grandmother

Which talent would you most like to have?

Fly

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

Taller

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Running the nonprofit organization to promote filial piety (i.e., respecting the elder) since 2007

What is your favorite occupation?

Lawyer

What do you most value in your friends?

Support

What is your motto?

Positive, proactive, and persistent



DARREN HAUCK
Corporate Transactions & Securities, Dallas

What is your greatest extravagance?

Travel!

Who are your favorite writers?

Ernest Hemingway; Cormac McCarthy

Who is your hero of fiction?

Robert Jordan (from *For Whom the Bell Tolls*)

Who are your heroes in real life?

My father (Bruce) and my wife (Kerri). Both of them serve as significant primary caregivers for family members with disabilities. They aren't saints, and they have good days and bad days, but their love, sacrifice, and devotion to family is heroic.

How would you like to die?

Since I don't want to die, I'll chose the macho death from *Despicable Me 2* – "He died in the most macho way possible; he rode a shark with 250 pounds of dynamite strapped to his chest into the mouth of an active volcano." [Just a joke of course]



ANDY HOWARD
Construction & Government Contracts, Los Angeles

On what occasion do you lie?

When I sleep

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

My golf handicap



Where would you most like to live?

In the present

What do you most value in friends?

Loyalty

What is that you most dislike?

Wheatgrass

How would you like to die?

I wouldn't like to at all.



NICKI CARLSEN
Environment, Land Use & Natural Resources, Los Angeles

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

It's a "mosaic" or it's "unclear."

Which talent would you most like to have?

To be a singer in a rock 'n' roll band.

What is your most treasured possession?

The piano, the congas, and my mother's charm bracelet, each of which has its own kind of noisy.

What is your motto?

Be useful.



SHANELL CRAMER
Finance, New York

What is your greatest extravagance?

Flying first class. When you have to fly all the time, you need to upgrade so you don't go insane!

Which talent would you most like to have?

Creative writer. I admire those who write well and come up with amazing stories that grasp you with short phrases and dialogue that sounds like music. Often I read something, even a short article or opinion piece, and wish I could have written that!

Where would you most like to live?

NYC. I am lucky to live in the city I grew up dreaming about. The lights, the noise, the parks, the art – I simply love it.

What is your most treasured possession?

A Jordache jeans teddy bear that my late grandmother bought me when I was 4. Yes, it is still wearing original Jordache jeans!

What do you most value in your friends?

Loyalty. Knowing that person will be by your side and support you no matter what.

Who are your favorite writers?

Isabel Allende – her writing is beautiful and her characters grab at your heart (and English is her second language – it makes me so jealous!).



ASHLEY MENSER
Federal & International Tax, Raleigh

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

I can't define it exactly, but I'm fairly certain it involves Tuscany, wine, and no email access.

On what occasion do you lie?

When my son asks me if Santa is real. I'm desperately trying to sneak one more Christmas with the magic of Santa in before he figures it out!

When and where were you happiest?

I can't pick between taking my son to Disney World for the first time, traveling to Bermuda with my husband, and traveling to Tuscany with my mom and my sister. All very different trips, equal happiness.



If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

I would love to be a great cook. I've tried hard to learn but have come to the conclusion that my signature dish is takeout.



TED HOLLIFIELD
Corporate Transactions & Securities, Silicon Valley

What is your greatest fear?

Snakes

What is your greatest extravagance?

Apple products

Which talent would you most like to have?

A good singing voice

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Maintaining friendships since grade school

Where would you most like to live?

Hawaii



RYAN KOPPELMAN
IP Litigation, Silicon Valley

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

"Pretty cool."

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

Susana, and my daughters Isabella, Eliza, and Valentina.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Starting NBA talent.

If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

A Tesla Model 3 Performance.

Who is your hero of fiction?

Han Solo.

Who are your heroes in real life?

My dad, my high school history teacher, my college philosophy professor, and Frank Smith from Alston & Bird.



DENNIS GARRIS
Corporate Transactions & Securities, Washington, D.C.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Spending quality time with my wife and children.

What is your greatest fear?

Not being able to see my wife and children again.

What is the trait you most deplore in others?

Thoughtlessness.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My wife who is my best friend and whom I've known since the first grade.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Playing guitar and singing in a rock band.

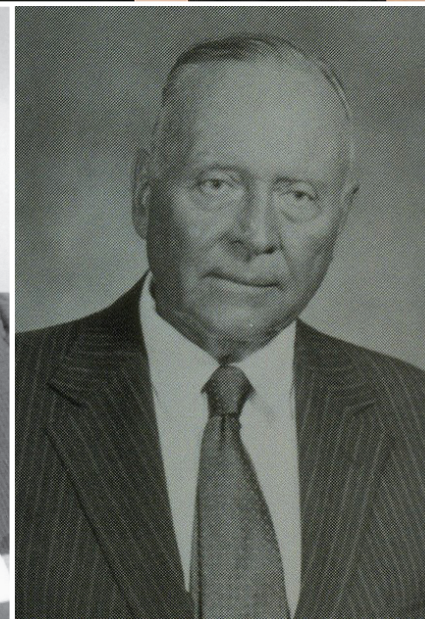
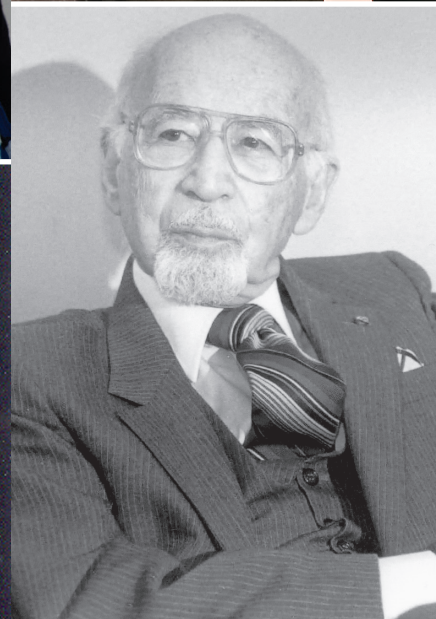
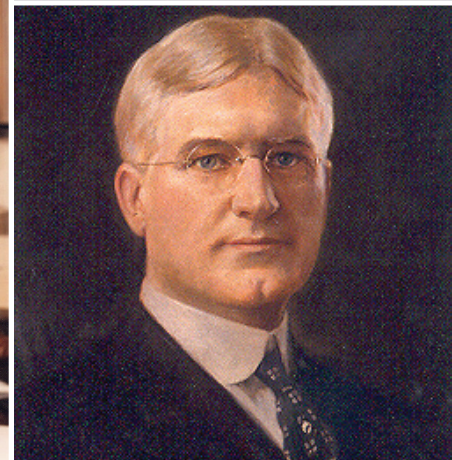
What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Building my family of three children through adoption.



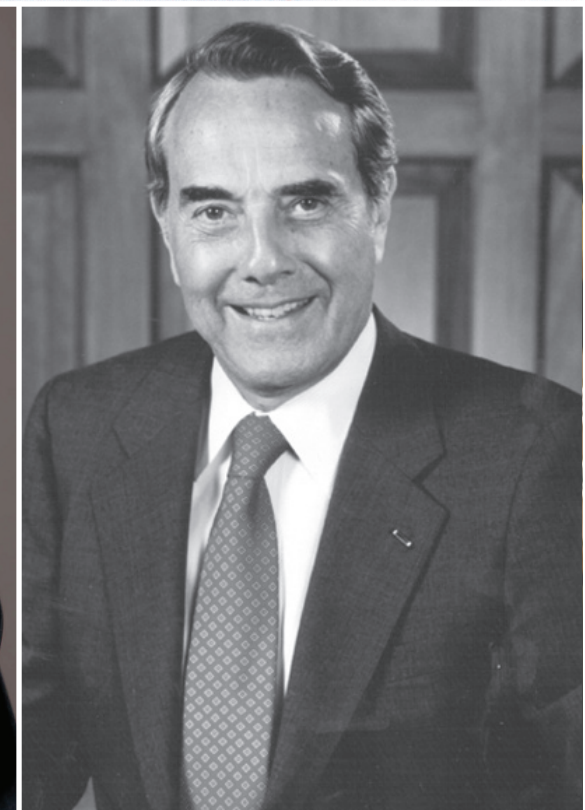
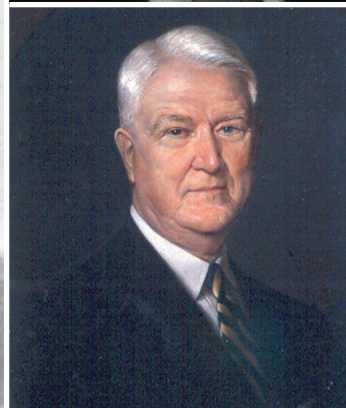
MEMORIES

A Stroll Down Memory Lane



Pictured (left to right): Bobby Jones Sr.; Neil Williams, Richard Hays, Ben Johnson; Karol Mason; Mary Gill; and Robert Alston.

Pictured (left to right): Bernard Taylor, Liz Price, Jane Thorpe; Betty Ellerin; F.M. (Buster) Bird; Otto Walter; Henry Miller; and Hon. Leah Ward Sears.



Pictured (left to right): Bobby Jones; Alex Gaines; Richard Hays, Phillip Alston, Sr.; Arthur Howell; Pinney Allen; Greg McClintock, Steve Weston, Sharon Rubalcava, Mark Rochefort, BJ Kerwin and Ward Benshoof; and Anne Rampacek.

Pictured (left to right): Todd McClelland, Jim Harvey, Greg Gronholm, Jim Stokes, Glenn Patton, Makila Sands, Adam Biegel; Paul Bell; Phillip Alston, Jr.; Hon. Joyce Bihary; Senator Bob Dole; and Hon. Orinda Evans.

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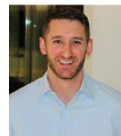
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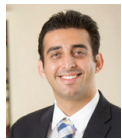
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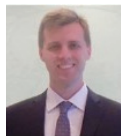
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Heather Bell Adams, Litigation & Trial Practice, 2017: Heather's debut novel, *Maranatha Road* (Vandalia Press 2017), won the gold medal for the Southeast region in the 2018 Independent Publisher Book Awards.

Kacy Brake, Litigation & Trial Practice, 2016: Kacy's family welcomed baby girl Alliston McCaffrey Brake on November 6, 2018, to join big brother Wyatt.

Mike Brown, Litigation & Trial Practice, 2018: In January, Mike's nomination to serve as a U.S. District Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia was confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Craig Carpenito, Litigation & Trial Practice, 2018: Craig became the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey in January, responsible for overseeing all federal criminal prosecutions and the litigation of all civil matters in New Jersey.

Chris Carr, Litigation, 2001: Chris was elected as the Attorney General of Georgia November 6, 2018. He previously served as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Paul Cash, Corporate Transactions & Securities, 2005: Paul became the General Counsel for Wyndham Hotels & Resorts on June 1, 2018.

Stephanie Clausen, IP Litigation, 2014: Stephanie and her husband, Ryan, welcomed baby girl Siena Mei in September 2018. Additionally, Stephanie has been promoted to Managing Patent Counsel at Newell Brands, effective January 2019.

Carl Cofer, Real Estate, 1968: Carl opened the Pigeon Mountain Grill in Chickamauga, Georgia. He also became a cattle baron, sourcing his own grass-fed beef to supply the restaurant.

Marty Elgison, IP Litigation, 2011: Marty is the President and co-founder of the Bobby Jones Golf Course Foundation, which redeveloped the Bobby Jones Golf Course and opened in Atlanta

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in November 2018. The site as a nine-hole reversible course and is being billed as one of the most innovative golf courses in the world.

Kamal Jafarnia, Financial Services & Products, 2014: Kamal joined Artivist in October as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer.

Nick Lynton, Litigation & Trial Practice, 2014: Nick is the Assistant General Counsel at Cardlytics, which went public in February 2018.

Jason Mayberry, Products Liability, 2010: Jason was promoted to Doosan Corporation's Deputy General Counsel.

Kurt Osenbaugh, Litigation & Trial Practice, 2015: Since retiring, Kurt has kept busy by taking writing and improv classes (recommends the latter for trial lawyers). He and his family moved up the street to a house overlooking the Rose Bowl.

Byung J. "BJay" Pak, Litigation & Trial Practice, 2002: BJay was nominated and confirmed to be the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia in 2017. He is the chief law enforcement official in the Northern District of Georgia.

Bharath Parthasarathy, Health Care, 2007: Bharath, Deputy General Counsel at Georgia State University, was recognized as one of the 25 most influential Asian-Americans in Georgia by the *Georgia Asian Times*.

Herschel Patel, Finance, 2015: Herschel relocated from Charlotte to Chicago earlier this year to start a new job with Wells Fargo Securities.

Blair Perkins, Finance, 2018: Blair is now a commercial insurance broker, specializing in energy and construction accounts with Risk Transfer Partners.

Dara Redler, Litigation & Trial Practice, 1993: Dara was recently appointed general counsel of Tilray Inc., a cannabis production company, and will be based out of their Toronto office.

Jason Shyung, Litigation & Trial Practice, 2015: Jason recently transitioned into a new role at Southwest Airlines, joining their Corporate Transactions team, where he works on a large variety of matters for the company.

Sage Sigler, Bankruptcy, 2018: Sage joined the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia on March 29, 2018. Bankruptcy partner Will Sugden spoke at her investiture, and Alston & Bird hosted a reception to celebrate in August 2018.

Stephanie Smith, Finance, 2010: Stephanie recently joined MAP Energy as VP and Deputy General Counsel. MAP Energy is a leading investor in the development of renewable energy projects and has funded more than 10,000 megawatts of operating wind and solar generating capacity across the U.S.

Lynn Thorneburg, Corporate, 2002: Lynn was named Thorlo Inc.'s CEO in March 2018.



We want to hear from you. Share what's new with your fellow alumni.
New job or title? Relocation? Family news? Let [Maggie Janke](#) know.

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