

People In The News

ARCHITECTURE

- **Peter Hepler** has joined Rule Joy Trammell + Rubio. He was previously with Perkins+Will. **Erick Schunk** joins Rule Joy Trammell + Rubio as an associate. **John Hopkins** and **Dustin Shue** join the firm as associates.
- **Don Bush** joins Lord, Aeck & Sargent Inc. as a principal.

BANKING & FINANCE

- **Tammie Sutter** joins Brookhaven Bank as vice president-credit administration and asset-based lending.

- **Nat Padgett** joins Brookhaven Bank as director of shareholder value.

- **Byron Bolton** has been hired by GE Capital Fleet Services as vice president of sales for the Atlanta area. He will be responsible for sales and business development in the region and will work to provide commercial car and truck fleet financing and fleet management services to local businesses.

- **William Moss** is the new relationship manager and vice president for PNC. Moss was most recently with SunTrust Bank in the legal specialty group.

- Greenspring Wealth Management announced the addition of two new team members and one internal promotion. **Laura Stoner** has been promoted to operations manager, while **Molly Goetz** joins the firm as a financial adviser in the private client group and **Kelly Montgomery** is the new administrative associate.

- **Cynthia Wall** joins PNC as wealth management director in Atlanta and senior vice president.

- Foundation Financial Group has promoted **Daniel Iglesia** to division general manager for the company's Atlanta Regional Sales Center.



Iglesia has been with the firm for more than seven years and this is his eighth promotion.



Carter

Private Bank of Buckhead has named **Brian Carter** vice president and compliance officer. Carter holds the certified regulatory compliance manager designation from the Institute of Certified Bankers.



Melcher

Evan Melcher has been hired by Greenspring as part of its expansion in the Georgia market.
Ron Huffman has joined United Community Bank as senior vice president, commercial relationship manager. Huffman has more than 25 years of experience in banking in metro Atlanta. In addition, he has served as the

president of the Atlanta Clemson Club and as a member of the Clemson University Alumni National Council. He has also been active in the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of the Peachtree Corners Civitan Club.

Ryan Zona has been promoted to division general manager for the Atlanta Regional Sales Center for Foundation Financial Group. Zona has been with the firm for more than four years and this is his seventh promotion.

The following have recently joined Cherry, Bekaert & Holland LLP:

David Peck, director, global tax dispute resolution; **Kartini del Prado**, international tax senior accountant; and **Max Coursey**, manager.

Neil Campbell joins Cox Enterprises Inc. as assistant vice president of financial planning and analysis.

Fifth Third Bank has promoted **Lawson Kirkland** and **Clint Park** to vice president, business bank team leads. Kirkland will be based out of the bank's headquarter location in Buckhead. Park will be based out of the Madison Place Financial Center in Kennesaw.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The United Parcel Service Inc. board of directors named **Kevin M. Warsh** a company director. Warsh was a member of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve. Previously, he served for years at the White House as President George W. Bush's special assistant for economic policy and as executive secretary of the National Economic Council. Warsh currently serves as a visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and a lecturer at its Graduate School of Business.

· Dr. **Frank Clayton** and **Sean McCloskey** have joined the board of directors for Affinity Bank.

· **Rhani Lott**, an associate at Hunton & Williams LLP, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Atlanta Council of Younger Lawyers.

· **David Scheible**, president, CEO and director of Graphic Packaging Holding Corp., has been appointed to the board of Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Scheible also serves on the board of Benchmark Electronics Inc. **Tommie Williams**, Georgia state senator, District 19, and **Greg Cohn**, founder and managing partner, Capital C LLC, also join the board.



Fort

· Southern States Regional Center has appointed **Dan C. Fort** to its board of directors. He is the founder of Walnut Creek Capital Advisors LLC.

· **Michael Flowers** was elected chair of the American Lung Association's Georgia Leadership Board. Flowers is national director of federal accounts at UCB Pharmaceuticals. **Stacy Norton**, partner at Locke Financial Services, serves as board chair-elect, and **Steve Soltis**, director, leadership communications for The Coca-Cola Co., is board secretary.

· The following have been appointed to the board of directors for Fernbank Museum of Natural History: **Bill Warren**, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, partner; **Randolph Moore III**, Alston & Bird LLP, partner; and **Caro**

Goodman Doty.

· Big Sky Associates co-founder and CEO **Hanno Ekdahl** has been named president-elect of the Atlanta chapter of the Entrepreneurs' Organization. The Atlanta chapter is part of a global community of more than 7,500 entrepreneurs worldwide, all of whom run companies that exceed \$1 million in revenue. Ekdahl, whose term begins in June, is currently serving as moderator chair for the board of directors.

· Sandy Springs Assistant City Manager **Eden Freeman** has been elected to represent the Southern region on the board of directors for the National Criminal Justice Association. Prior to joining the city, Freeman worked with the Administrative Office of the Courts of Georgia. Previously, she was with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

· **Mary Jane Willis** has been named chairwoman for KidsPeace. She has served on KidsPeace's board of directors for six years. Willis holds a number of other public

service positions, including serving as vice chairperson of the University of Delaware board of trustees; chairperson of Bayhealth Hospital Board of Advisors; vice chairperson of Hope Medical Clinic; director of the Bayhealth Hospital Board; and member of West Virginia Wesleyan Board of Trustees. Other new board members include **Mario Turco** and **John Moses**. Turco is the president of the Philadelphia Tri-State Region for Verizon Wireless. Moses has served as the CEO of Youth Services System Inc. since 2003.



Jeffares

· Southern States Regional Center has appointed Sen. **Rick Jeffares** to the board of directors. In addition to currently serving as Georgia's 17th District senator, Jeffares has been named chairman of the State Institutions and Property Committee; vice chair of the State and Local Government Operations Committee and he serves on the Government Oversight, Regulated Industries, Natural Resources and Veteran Affairs committees along with Veterans, Military and Homeland Security. Jeffares is the current vice president of the Georgia Rural Water Association and is a board member of the North Metropolitan Water District as well as a member of the Water Pollution Control Federation and the American Water Works Association. Prior to his election as a state senator, Jeffares served as the city manager for the city of Locust Grove.



Bacote

· The board of directors of the Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center has elected new officers: **Samuel W. Bacote III** succeeds Alton Myers as board chair. Bacote is a former investment banker and current chairman and CEO of the Fulton Atlanta Land Bank Authority. He has served on the board since 2002. Re-elected

as vice president was **Nova Jane McCombs**; secretary is **Marla V. Jones**; treasurer is **Pete Hayley**; **Leroy R. Johnson** will serve as parliamentarian; **Charles Robinson Jr.** continues as president and CEO of the center, which was named to the "Best Nursing Homes 2012" list by U.S. News & World Report.

- CaringWorks has appointed two new board members: **Sunil Nicholas** of SilverPop and **Allyson McCarthy** of TME Designs LLC.

CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

- **Chad McLeod** joins Balfour Beatty Construction as director of business development.

HEALTH CARE

- **Ben Merrill** has joined Trillum Springs Counseling Center as a therapist.

- **Staci Kenner** joins Cartersville Ob/Gyn Associates as a staff physician.

HOSPITALITY

- The Georgia World Congress Center has selected **Mark Adams** as director of sales. Adams joins the GWCC after working as the director of sales from the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau. Prior to his work in Athens, Adams was general manager of GES Exposition Services. Prior to being promoted to general manager, Adams served as operations manager for GES.

- Atlanta-based Hotel Equities named **Andrea Allen** general manager for the 64-room Sleep Inn & Suites in Stony Creek, Va. Allen came to Stony Creek from Concord, N.C., where she served as general manager of the Country Inn & Suites.

- Delta Air Lines Inc. has named **Tony Charaf** chief cargo officer, replacing Neel Shah, who

recently stepped down from the position. Charaf has been with the company 16 years, including four years as head of Delta Cargo. He will remain in his current position as president.

LAW

- Littler Mendleson P.C. has named **Traywick Duffie** office managing shareholder of its Atlanta office, succeeding Cameron Pierce after more than 10 years of service.

- **Timothy S. Perry** has joined **Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada PLLC**, in the firm's business services group. Perry's recent projects include the first U.S. controlled general hospital joint venture with the Chinese government and the first proposed privately managed prison project in Brazil.

- **Raegan King** has joined the firm of Graham & Penman LLP as an associate. King is a 2006 graduate of Harvard Law School and a 2012 Super Lawyers Georgia Rising Star.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

- **Bob Gunby** has been named the new sales director of DAVID Magazine. Gunby joined Southern Voice as an account representative after graduating from The University of Georgia. He was later promoted to sales director. After Southern Voice Acquired DAVID, Gunby was the sales director of both publications. He was then promoted to publisher of Southern Voice and DAVID under the previous ownership. Gunby returns to the magazine after working in the private sector for the past three years.

- Next Marketing has expanded its executive team with the promotion of **Linda Trocano** to senior vice president,

channel services, and **Seth Ferguson** to vice president, events and operations.



Griffon

- **Jaime Griffon** joined the firm of Hope-Beckhan Inc. as business development director. Griffon previously served as development director for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, where she worked in the nonprofit sector dealing primarily with fundraising and even management. Griffon also worked as the manager of special events for Camp Twin Lakes in Atlanta and as a volunteer coordinator for Monroe Harding Inc. in Nashville.

REAL ESTATE

- **Carol Akers** will serve as the new sales office hostess for Windsong Properties. She will be dividing her time between the Bel-Aire office in Powder Springs, Garden Street in Woodstock and Windsong at Seven-Hills in Dallas.

- **Brian Alcott** joins Windsong Properties as the new customer relations and warranty specialist.

- **Brian Hester** is the new project manager at Windsong at Seven Hills. Hester has nearly 20 years of experience in home repair, remodeling and new construction.

- **Cindy Homer-Baron** has been appointed director of sales for Park Springs.

- **Brian Willey** has been hired as director for Orion Real Estate Services.

- The following agents have joined Prudential Georgia Realty: **Thomas Sasco**, 85 North Office; **Ray Duvall**, 400 North

Office; **Stacy Hobson** and **Aleksandr Karanin**, Buckhead Office; **Nancy Allen, Paul Arterbury** and **Carla Ford**, Cherokee Office; **Kimberly Long**, Cobb Roswell Office; **Bonnie Cruver**, Coweta Office; **Donna Agan-Williams**, Douglasville Office; **Laura Young**, Fayetteville Office; **Gregory Preston**, Gainesville Office; **Mack Yarborough**, New Homes; **Ruth Jenny**, Northwest office; and **Ellen Stepat**, Towne Lake Office.

TECHNOLOGY

· EastCoast Diversified Corp. has added two executives to its senior management team. **Andrej Jeremic**, former brand marketing manager for Philip Morris International in Belgrade, Serbia, will take over as director of marketing and business development. **Tish Spaulding** will head the company's new social media division as managing and creative director.

ACHIEVEMENTS

· **Kim Hughes**, executive director for Sandy Springs Hospitality and Tourism, has earned the Certified Destination Management Executive designation, one of only 18 industry professionals to earn the designation this year. The CDME program is an advanced educational program designed to prepare senior Destination Marketing Organization executives and managers for increasing change and competition, and to become more effective organizational and industry leaders.

· **Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz P.C.** has been ranked among the top five in the 2013 edition of Vault Inc.'s "Best Law Firms to Work For." In its third year participating in the annual survey,

Baker Donelson achieve a ranking of No. 4 in overall Best Law Firms to Work For list. The firm also achieved a second place ranking in the categories of Transparency and Hours, and achieved rankings among the top 10 law firms nationally in six other categories: fourth in Firm Culture; fifth in Associate/Partner Relations and Formal Training; seventh in Satisfaction and Informal Training; and ninth in Pro Bono. Baker Donelson also received notable rankings for diversity, scoring ninth for Best Diversity Overall, fourth for Diversity for Women, and sixth for Diversity for Minorities. Earlier this year, the law firm was ranked No. 54 on FORTUNE magazines' "100 Best Companies to Work For" list.

· Synovus Mortgage Corp., an affiliate of Bank of North Georgia, a division of Synovus Bank, named **Maggie McMullen** and **Joe Green** to its Chairman's Elite for their sales and customer service in 2011. McMullen serves the Marietta area and has 10 years of experience in mortgage lending, specializing in jumbo loans and serving self-employed borrowers. Green, an industry veteran with 24 years of experience in Atlanta, serves the Roswell/North Fulton area, working with all types of homebuyers.

· **Dorinda Quarshie**, managing partner of the LongHorn Steakhouse in Atlanta, has been presented with Darden Restaurants' top honor, the Joe R. Lee Diamond Club Award. The award is presented annually to managing partners throughout North America who demonstrate outstanding results and achieve top financial performance in the company's previous fiscal year.

· Dr. **Cathy Harper-Hogan** has been recognized as one of the top

25 black physicians in Atlanta by Black Health Magazine. With more than 20 years dedicated to serving Georgia residents, Harper-Hogan's current work involves performing in-home visits with Medicare beneficiaries across the Atlanta region on behalf of UnitedHealthcare's HouseCalls service.

· **James Humphries IV**, an associate at Hunton & Williams LLP, has been appointed to the advisory committee of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

· **Sidney Tourial** was elected president of the Georgia Dental Association.

· Spa Noel celebrates its five-year anniversary serving the Cumming area. Founder and owner **Kathy Sewell** is a graduate of the Atlanta Institut of Esthetics.

· **Josh Schlieman**, co-founder of Alpharetta-based Sullivan & Schlieman Wealth Management LLC, has just completed Leadership North Fulton's six-month program.

· **Bruce Ailion**, of RE/MAX Greater Atlanta in Cobb County, recently was accepted as a member of the National Association of Residential Property managers, joining more than 3,000 managers from throughout the United States. Ailion has been a Realtor in metro Atlanta since 1979.

· Guardian Pharmacy LLC announced that **Fred Burke**, CEO and co-founder, received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2012 Alabama/Georgia/Tennessee Award in the "Healthcare" category.

The award recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in areas such as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Additionally, the company has been recognized as one of

Atlanta's fastest-growing private companies for five years consecutively in Atlanta Business Chronicle's Pacesetter Awards rankings and Georgia's Fast 40 Awards.

The Georgia Mining Association named **Doug Carter**, vice president of technology and business development for KaMin LLC, as the GMA "Miner of the Year." The annual Safety Award was presented to KaMin LLC, accepted by **Harlan Archer**, president of the company. BASF Corp. was awarded the top environmental honor for reclamation of mining land in the state of Georgia.

Randall Quintrell, GMA counsel, was honored as "GMA Associate of the Year." The board of directors for the GMA also presented two Lifetime Achievement Awards: **Lee Lemke**, executive vice president of the GMA was honored for his 25 years of service to the mineral industry of Georgia, and **Mike Copeland**, Tractor & Equipment Co., was also recognized for 25 years of service to the GMA board of directors.

CaringWorks' senior case manager at Hope House, **Lawrence Elder**, was selected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as a scholarship winner to attend the agency's 2012 conference in Washington, D.C.

Laura Lieberman, executive director of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County, was named the 2012 recipient of the Kathy Brock Memorial Award by the Friends of Art and Music Education of Douglas County. Each year, FAME presents the award to recognize a local education, administrator or community member who has made significant contributions to the fine arts programs of Douglas County Schools. The award was presented Aug. 1.

David Gottfried, senior research scientist at Georgia Tech, was named to the 2012 class of ACS Fellows by the American Chemical Society. A prestigious honor, the ACS Fellows Program recognizes members of ACS for outstanding achievements and contributions to science, the profession and society.

Wayne Rose, general manager of Massey Services, has been elected as the Region 4 director for the Georgia Pest Control Association.

Durand Standard, vice president and general manager of the Georgia and South Carolina operations of CenturyLink Inc. in Hinesville, Ga., was named the 2012-2013 president of the Georgia Telecommunications Association.



· The Association of Progressive Rental Organizations named **William Kenneth "Ken" Butler Jr.**, Aaron's Inc. chief operating officer, as the 2012 recipient of the Ernie Tally Lifetime Achievement Award. Butler began his career with Aaron's in January 1974. Shortly after, he was promoted to store manager – the youngest one in the company's history. He continued to work his way up through the company and was named COO in 2008. During his tenure with Aaron's, Butler influenced the evolution of the rental ownership model from weekly to monthly, resulting in Aaron's unique distinction in the industry and its standing as a leading national retailer. Shown here is Aaron's COO Ken Butler with the 2012 Ernie Tally Lifetime Achievement Award, given to him during the 2012 APRO Convention and Trade Show in Memphis, which recognizes Butler for his nearly four-decade career in the lease-to-own industry.

· **Steven Dickens** was recognized recently as the 2011 Top Producing Agent for Coldwell Banker Bullard Realty's Newnan/Coweta County office. **David Graetz** was the office's No. 2 individual producer for the year, while **Linda Scott** was No. 3. Dickens was also the No. 3 individual producer companywide for the year. Recognition of the three came at Coldwell Banker Bullard Realty's annual awards event. Five agents from Bullard's Newnan office also received recognition at the Newnan Coweta Board of Realtors' Million Dollar Club annual recognition event for their performances in 2011. **Linda Scott** is a Phoenix Member, **Steven Dickens** is an Active Life Member, and **David Gratz, Marian Hynson** and **Wendy McCleary** are Life Members of the Million Dollar Club. Shown here are top producer **Steven Dickens**, right of Coldwell Banker Bullard Realty's Newnan/Coweta County office, with Bullard official **Jim Fulton**.

