

ACCOUNTING



Hoffman

· **David P. Hoffman** has joined Acuitas Inc. as a shareholder and managing director in the firm's litigation services group. Hoffman was previously a partner with Ernst & Young LLP.

· **Brett Weal** has been named a principal in CohnReznick's commercial real estate and renewable energy industry practices in Atlanta.

ARCHITECTURE

· **Woody Giles** has been named an associate at Tunnell-Spangler-Walsh & Associates.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

· Taylor English Duma LLP firm member



Fisher

Eric Fisher has been appointed to serve a two-year term on the board of directors of the Anti-Defamation League Southeast regional office. · Georgia Public Service Commissioner **Tim Echols** has been appointed to the telecommunications

Foundation, and has been a director of American Woodmark Corp. since March 3, 2009.

CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

· The Atlanta division of Ashton Woods Homes has promoted **Joel Geniesse** to vice president of operations for the Raleigh, N.C., division. · **Ric Driggs** has been named national director of construction management and design-build



Bracewell

· Burns & McDonnell-Southeast has hired **Matt Bracewell** as senior engineer with its water practice. Bracewell was most recently employed for nine years by a regional engineering firm as a contracts engineer and project manager.



Echols

committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. · **Andrew Cogan** has been elected to the board of directors of Interface Inc. Cogan is CEO of Knoll Inc. Cogan also is president of the board of directors for the Chinati



Driggs

at Heery International Inc. He is replacing Lin Redden, who is retiring. Driggs comes to Heery from Lend Lease Corp., where he served as executive vice president and head of integrated projects – Americas.

EDUCATION

· **Jacqueline Echols** has been appointed to head dean of adult education for Georgia Piedmont Technical College. Echols has been a part of the Technical College System of Georgia, where she served as grant coordinator, since 2010. Prior to that Echols served as assistant vice president in two roles at Benedict College in Columbia, S.C., as well as director of development and evaluation at Benedict College.





Sterk

· **Claire Sterk** has been named to be the next provost, or chief academic officer, for Emory University. Sterk, Emory's senior vice provost for academic affairs, has been serving as acting provost since early November following the departure of **Earl Lewis**, who left to become president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

GENERAL BUSINESS



Freeman

· **Andrea P. Freeman** has joined Aaron's Inc. as vice president of marketing. Freeman previously served as vice president of marketing and brand management at Newell Rubbermaid Inc.



Park



Raffield

· MODA Floors & Interiors added **Jerry Park** as project consultant and **Rebecca Raffield** as marketing/purchasing coordinator.

HEALTH CARE

· **Jeffrey Korn** has been hired by DeKalb Medical as the new executive director, revenue cycle.

HOSPITALITY

· **Victoria Jones Hawkins** has been promoted to marketing communications director with the Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau.

· **Linda Murphy** has been promoted to education director with the Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau. **Maurice Odoms** was promoted to part-time sales assistant.

· **Wade Chancellor** joins Marlow's Tavern as director of training and development.

LAW

· **Jason Burk** is a new associate in the Atlanta office of Constangy, Brooks & Smith LLP. Prior to relocating to Georgia in



Burk

2005, Burk was a shareholder in a civil litigation firm in Nevada. Burk also serves as an adjunct professor for Concord Law School of Kaplan University.



Gaynor

· **Darren E. Gaynor** has been elected to partnership with Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs LLP. Gaynor is a member of the firm's litigation practice group.



Eden

· **Thomas Eden** has joined Constangy, Brooks & Smith LLP as a partner in the firm's new West Point, Ga., office.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS



Cole

· **DeRetta Cole** has been promoted to vice president of human resources technology and operations for Turner Broadcasting System Inc. Cole joined TBS in 2008 as part of the corporate human resources team. Previously, Cole was diversity director for Ernst & Young LLP.

· **Jamey Nugent**, formerly CEO for Summit Group, is now its vice chairman. **David Kirkland**, former vice president of client services overseeing the Coca-Cola business, has been promoted to group president of the Atlanta office. **Danon Middleton** has been promoted to vice president of merchandising and program accounts. **Cari Miller** joins the company as vice president of strategy and planning. **Denis Harper**, group president in the Silver Spring, Md., office, has been promoted to CEO.

· **Brooke Wilson** has joined Freebairn & Co. as senior vice president of strategy and content.

NONPROFIT BUSINESS

· **Kristen Delaney** has been hired as director of marketing and communications for the High

Museum of Art. Delaney was previously director of marketing and public relations for The Fox Theatre.



Balais

Leadership DeKalb has named **Maria Balais** as its new executive director, succeeding **Caroline Moise**, who has served as interim executive director since July 2012. Before joining Leadership DeKalb, Balais managed her own consulting firm. Prior to consulting, she managed the ING Corporate Foundation and led community relations at Troutman Sanders LLP.

REAL ESTATE

Dianne Kaufman will serve as the neighborhood sales manager at Riverbrooke in South Forsyth for Acadia Homes & Neighborhoods. Kaufman has worked in acquisitions and development of commercial office buildings and multitenant properties and most recently worked in the single-family home market.

Michael J. Maher has joined Keller Williams Realty, The Rawls Group as a senior leader-director of productivity. Maher is the author of "The Seven Levels of Communication: Go from Relationships to Referrals."

Maribel Padra joined Weichert, Realtors

- Preferred with more than nine years of real estate sales experience.

Tana Brewster has joined PalmerHouse Properties as associate broker and office manager for the Alpharetta office.

Pat Gilroy has joined Wilcher Properties in the roles of Realtor and investor specialist. Gilroy is the founder of RPG Holdings.

The following sales associate have joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage: Buckhead, **Jackie McGovern**; Roswell office, **Rachelle Beamer** and **Caren Acheson**; Midtown office, **Patrick Jones**; South Gwinnett office, **Natalyn Hamilton**; Sandy Springs office, **Sherissa Gates Warren** and **Jessica Houghton**; 400 North/Lake Lanier office, **Kelly Meinhardt**; Johns Creek office, **Chris May**; Dunwoody office, **Terri Gouldman**; and Alpharetta office, **Claire Love**.

Carmen Ramos has joined Boxer Property as a leasing representative. **Traci Porto** joins the company as a property manager.

SPORTS BUSINESS

The Atlanta Falcons have promoted **Lionel Vital** to director of player personnel. Vital is a 23-year veteran in scouting and player personnel. In 2012, he served as the Falcons associate director of player personnel after spending the previous four seasons as the club's assistant director of player personnel.

TECHNOLOGY



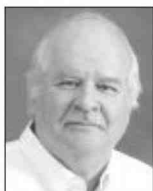
Kirkus



Albert



Slocum



Lockman

Apogee Interactive has promoted **Randy Kirkus** to vice president of client and Web services. **Jim Albert** is now the vice president of IT and software development. **Kevin Slocum** is IT manager. **Dan Lockman** is director of client solutions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Mark Newton,

program director of the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management program at Gwinnett Technical College, has been honored by the Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau as a 2012 Friend of Tourism. Newton was one of five hospitality professionals honored with the designation at the GCVB's Annual Tourism Awards.

Attorney **Timothy S. Perry** has been selected as one of Georgia's Top Rated Lawyers by Martindale-Hubbell and American Lawyer Media. Perry is a member of the business services group with **Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada PLLC**.



Weiss

Warner, Bates McGough & McGinnis attorney **Traci Weiss** has been named a "Top 40 Family Lawyer Under 40" in Georgia by the American Society of Legal Advocates.

Apogee awarded The Wayne Smith Award to **Alfred Xavier**. The Dick & Ann Niess Award for Outstanding Business and Community Service went to **Patti Rioux**.

The Leadership Georgia Class of 2013 includes: **Christopher Cummiskey**, commissioner of economic development, state of Georgia; **Marcus Downs**, director

Medical Association of Georgia; **Richard Henn Jr.**, partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP; **Scott Hilton**, vice president and senior client manager, Bank of America; **Ranse Partin**, partner, Conley Griggs Partin LLP; **Michael Patrick**, private wealth adviser, Goldman Sachs & Co.; **Tyrone Rachal**, interim managing director, redevelopment, Invest Atlanta; **Eugene Richardson**, regional manager-state government affairs, Koch Companies Public Sector LLC; **Edward Tate**, state director and general counsel, U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson; and **Angel Touwsma**, director, Taste of Atlanta.

· Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP's Antitrust Team has been named one of the top antitrust practices in the world as selected by Global Competition Review. **Connie Robinson**, firm partner who co-chairs Kilpatrick Townsend's Antitrust Team with partner **Peter Boyle**, is also an entrant in the prestigious International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers & Economists 2013.

· **Brian Byars**, founder and partner of Advanced Retirement Planning, was recently named to Georgia Trend Magazine's "40 Under 40" list, honoring top professionals across the state.

· **Matthew Hirsch** has been named to the Top 20 Under 40 by Engineering News-Record. Hirsch serves as vice president of Primus Builders Inc.



· Marriott named **Hotel Equities** the winner of the Marriott "Spirit to Serve Award for Community Service" at the Marriott Owners Conference. The award recognizes the company's values as expressed through employee volunteerism plus in-kind and cash donations that support the company's and Marriott's community service initiatives. Hotel Equities President and CEO **Fred Cerrone** accepted the award from **Arne Sorenson**, Marriott International president and CEO.



· Jeff Abbott, vice president of global alliances and channels for Infor Global Solutions, will serve as this year's Metro Atlanta Corporate Walk Chairman for the Georgia chapter of **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** annual Light The Night Walks to be held in Cumming in September and Atlanta in October. Abbott is replacing 2012 corporate chairman **Jonathan Colehower**, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for Manhattan Associates. Colehower led the 2012 Light the Night Executive Committee in raising \$1.5 million for the organization's North Metro and Atlanta regions. Shown, from left, are **Jeff Abbott**, **Kelly Dolan**, executive director for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Georgia chapter, and Jonathan Colehower.