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*Thank you* for your help in making this past year a huge success for the College of Law. With your support, Georgia State Law raised more than \$3.2 million and achieved an alumni participation rate of 19 percent.



Your support enables us to fulfill our mission of providing an excellent, affordable and distinctive legal education to a diverse student body, and promoting legal scholarship and service that enriches the legal profession and communities we serve. Your generosity helps shape our future and allows us to continue to grow and serve.

The scholarship recipients featured in this report exemplify how your donations help fulfill our mission. Kevin Coleman (J.D./M.B.A. '15), an associate at Troutman Sanders and class representative on the Law Alumni Council, said receiving an Atlanta Law School Fellowship Scholarship was the deciding factor in leaving his full-time job to enroll in law school. "I wanted to live up to what they perceived me to be. It was an inspiration," Coleman said.

Similarly, receiving the Ben and Stella Johnson Law Scholarship relieved Min Ji Kim (B.A. '15, J.D. '18) of the constant concern and stress she had about paying for law school. "I no longer have to make the difficult decision between an extra shift at work or spending that precious time studying. This scholarship allows me to pursue my dream," she said.

Many of our donors also become mentors to the students who receive their scholarships. Such is the case with Cathy Henson (J.D. '89) and Michelle Namer (M.A.T. '11, J.D. '17). "She is obviously interested in the students she supports. She's a terrific resource," Namer said of Henson.

We appreciate alumni support and giving, in whatever form it takes, because it allows us to continue growing and providing our students with more opportunities and a quality education. Your support through gifts and time keeps you connected to our community. And, a stronger legal community helps create a better world for all Georgians.

We appreciate that you, our alumni, see the value in our mission and are proud that you are also a part of our community. My sincerest thanks and gratitude to all who invest in our future and stand shoulder to shoulder with our students.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven J. Kaminshine".

Steven J. Kaminshine  
Dean and Professor of Law

## *A quiet foundation makes a loud impact*

**KEVIN COLEMAN (J.D./M.B.A. '15)** was just the kind of person for whom the Atlanta Law School Fellowship Scholarship was created.

With years of full-time employment in business to business sales, he wanted to start a second career as an attorney. The sticking point was that full-time job.

"I was married, and it was a big decision to quit a job that was providing income in order to start spending money," said Coleman, a Morehouse College graduate.

He was "on the fence," but receiving the scholarship made his decision. It also motivated him to do well.

"They give you that scholarship before you even take one class," said Coleman, an associate in the corporate section of Troutman Sanders, where he works in mergers and acquisitions. "I wanted to live up to what they perceived me to be. It was an inspiration, to say the least."

The Atlanta Law School Foundation formed in 1994 when the Atlanta Law School closed. The school's assets were sold and invested in scholarships for students at law schools in metro Atlanta who demonstrated need and high academic achievement. Resources were concentrated exclusively at Georgia State Law about seven years ago.

"Atlanta Law School was for night students and it gave people who had to work, had families and limited resources the opportunity to study law and become lawyers," said trustee David Flint, who taught there and served on the board.

Awarding scholarships is done carefully. The foundation selects students who need funds to attend law school, who had good grades in college and who did well on the LSAT. Also, consideration is given to students who, like Coleman, are older than the traditional. Many recipients also enter law school with undergraduate school debt.

Because the scholarships are renewable each semester, trustees receive a copy of the recipient's grades. "We evaluate whether the student is really doing well," said Harvey Moskowitz, foundation administrator and trustee.

To date, Georgia State Law has graduated 103 scholarship recipients and has seven attending in 2016. The total amount the foundation has given for these scholarships: \$3,388,214.32.

Flint and Moskowitz believe the money is well spent with Georgia State Law and are impressed with the faculty, administration and the quality of the students.

"Georgia State is one of the best law schools in the country," Flint said.

Moskowitz concurs. "Everybody who has been in our program has graduated and passed the bar. It's a fine teaching institution."

The third trustee, attorney Lew Hanson, also was a trustee with the Atlanta Law School. The three take pride in helping the students.

"I feel really good that these students can get the scholarship and go into practice without having to worry about law school debt," said Moskowitz, who attended the Atlanta Law School on the GI Bill.

**"I wanted to live up to what they perceived me to be. It was an inspiration." —Coleman**

Flint, a graduate of Emory University School of Law's night program, worked at Georgia Power Co. and two law firms throughout his academic career. "I felt I could do this to help people in the same situation," he said.

Coleman couldn't be more grateful. "Those generous folks at the Atlanta Law School Foundation paid for my entire three years of law school," he said, pointing out that donors never know quite how they are shaping someone's life.

This gratitude has kept him involved in the law school. As class representative on the Law Alumni Council, he encourages classmates to donate to and volunteer at the law school. He also serves on the career services committee.

"I am literally doing something that is a 180-degree turnaround from what I was doing five years ago," Coleman said. "I may not have been doing this had I not received the Atlanta Law School Fellowship Scholarship."

Atlanta Law School Foundation trustee David Flint (left) with Kevin Coleman (J.D./M.B.A. '15), who received the foundation's scholarship.



# *Scholarship sharpens focus on academics*

**BEING OFFERED THE** Catherine C. Henson Law Scholarship “sealed the deal” for Michelle Namer (M.A.T. ’11, J.D. ’17).

She was excited about her law school acceptance until reality hit. “I was concerned about my finances being in order so I could give my all to law school,” Namer said. “With the scholarship, I could focus on law school.”

Namer earned a degree in biology from Georgia Institute of Technology, a master of arts in teaching from Georgia State, and has taught high school science. As graduation approaches, she is considering intellectual property and patents, criminal defense or farming and land use. Each correlates with her scientific background and her interest in litigation, developed through working part time with a solo practitioner.

While appreciating the scholarship, Namer cherishes her relationship with the donor. Cathy Henson’s (J.D. ’89) high profile at the school made Namer hesitant to approach her at first. But, doing so was like sealing another deal.

“She is one of the easiest people to talk to,” Namer said. “She is approachable and obviously invested in the students she supports. She’s a terrific resource.”

Henson expressed interest in Namer’s plans, offered input and helped her network.

Namer recalled Henson’s advice about an obligation pressuring Namer. “She said, ‘Your time is precious. Don’t do anything you feel you have to do. Do what feels valuable and natural to you.’ That helped so much going from school into career building,” Namer said.

Henson laughingly calls herself a professional volunteer. She has been a teacher, practiced tax law, served on the state board of education, is an adjunct law professor at Georgia State and operates a nonprofit online resource for parents of public school students. Her philanthropy started with a relatively small gift, leading to the 2001 scholarship establishment. So far, there has been 146 recipients.

“When I began law school, I had a 6-month-old child,” Henson said. “My need was for flexibility of night or day classes. I encountered a lot of students working full-time or part-time jobs. Law school is stressful enough without adding the stressors of a job. The scholarship was to relieve students capable of attending

law school, but whose financial pressures often interfered with their ability to succeed.”

Henson scholars share a “certain gratitude” that she finds touching. “They all have interesting stories; none have a sense of entitlement,” she said.

She is available to any scholars needing to discuss such things as classes, professors, career plans or navigating the system.

**“I was concerned about my finances being in order so I could give my all to law school. With the scholarship, I could focus on law school.” —Namer**

Henson knows the system well, having seen “all parts of the elephant.” She has served on the college’s Board of Visitors, and the Georgia State foundation and athletics boards, serves on the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies board, and is an alumna whose “baby” is now a Ph.D. student.

Seeing how much Henson puts into Georgia State inspires Namer, who intends to do likewise. Over the years, Henson’s heard similar messages from her scholarship recipients.

Another theme she’s heard is one of relief. “One guy told me receiving my scholarship enabled him to get a good night’s sleep because he wasn’t lying awake worrying about how to pay bills,” she said.

A third common, and unexpected, message has been that the scholarship gives recipients a vote of confidence because someone believes in them.

With her support extending beyond scholarships and professorships, Henson firmly believes in what the law school offers.

Scholarship donor Cathy Henson (J.D. '89) (left) and recipient Michelle Namer (M.A.T. '11, J.D. '17) meet for coffee and catch up at Georgia State Law.



## *Boxes of cabbages exchanged for pursuing dream*

**THE BOXES OF CABBAGE** and upended ice bucket serving as her study station at the restaurant quickly became an actual desk when Min Ji Kim (B.A. '15, J.D. '18) received the Ben and Stella Johnson Law Scholarship.

"I've never known the luxury of freely pursuing education," said Kim, who emigrated with her family from South Korea in the '90s. "This scholarship allows me to pursue my dream."

While seeking a bachelor of arts in public and political communications at Georgia State, Kim worked mostly in food service, studying in the kitchen between shifts, often taking a semester off to work to finance the next.

"The financial burden I felt was enormous," she said. "I cannot remember a time when money was not a constant source of concern and stress."

Kim graduated *summa cum laude*—debt free. Her acceptance to law school meant again poring over budgets.

"When I received this scholarship I was overcome with relief," Kim said. "Through this generosity, I no longer have to make the difficult decision between an extra shift at work or spending that precious time studying."

Most days, Kim is at the law school from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for classes, study and activities.

Kim, who wants to go into litigation, is naturally drawn to debate skills—abstract thinking, preparation, copious reading and the search to understand.

"It's encouraging to be surrounded by so many intelligent and driven people who are all determined to learn and succeed," Kim said. "It's a perpetual curiosity where you're always reaching and challenging yourself. That's the environment I find at the law school."

Interacting with Kim means a great deal to Ben Johnson III, son of the college's founding dean who funded the scholarship. Following a 35-year tenure as professor and dean of Emory's law school, Georgia State Law's founding dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr., started the college in 1982. A Depression-era Georgia State student, he credited the university with setting his career's direction: the significance of motivation, effective use of time and incremental power of persistency.

Noting that the scholarship name reflects his mother's involvement in his father's career, Johnson III proudly represents his parents' achievements through their scholarship. He always offers his help to recipients. Kim accepted.

"We've had extensive email conversations about job possibilities," Johnson III said. "But she made it absolutely clear she was not expecting any help in getting a job."

He looks forward to seeing her next year when she becomes a summer associate, secured without his help, at Alston & Bird, where he has invested his career.

He treasures one email from Kim.

**"Through this generosity, I no longer have to make the difficult decision between an extra shift at work or spending that precious time studying."** —Kim

"I consider the scholarship as an investment," wrote Kim. "Your father had no idea who I was, but through his scholarship, he showed me he had faith in me, my abilities and my future. Every semester when I see my tuition reduced to a more manageable amount because of his scholarship, I am humbled and inspired. I reach out to you so that you and your family know I am working hard to make that investment worthwhile."

"I just thought that was a lovely email," Johnson III said.

Ben Johnson III (left) has become an adviser to Min Ji Kim (B.A. '15, J.D. '18), a recipient of the Ben and Stella Johnson Law Scholarship. The scholarship is named in memory of Johnson's father, Georgia State Law's founding dean, Ben F. Johnson Jr., and mother, Stella Johnson.



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### 118 percent:

Increase in the number of scholarship  
recipients since 2011

## 2001

**Participation rate:** 13%  
**Funds raised:** \$4,125

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Kalin M. Light  
Brittany L. Mariglano  
Matthew T. McNally  
Joseph M. Murray  
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H. Jill Wasserman

## 2002

**Class agents:**  
Stephanie A. Everett  
Joshua G. Schiffer  
Brian H. Sumrall  
**Participation rate:** 23%  
**Funds raised:** \$7,150

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Misty M. Speake  
David A. Stevens  
Brian H. Sumrall  
Beaury A. Talley  
Douglas H. Tozzi  
Kathryn H. Wade

## 2003

**Class agents:**  
Alice W. Limehouse (Regional  
Representative for Decatur)  
Jerri Nims-Rooker (President,  
Law Alumni Council)  
**Participation rate:** 14%  
**Funds raised:** \$6,545

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Michael J. O'Hagan  
Sekou E. Richen

## 2004

*Class agent:*  
Brian C. McCarthy  
*Participation rate:* 20%  
*Funds raised:* \$9,145

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Leslie W. Uddin  
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## 2005

*Class agents:*  
Elizabeth B. Ames  
Ramsey A. Knowles  
*Participation rate:* 45%  
*Funds raised:* \$14,085

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Highest Participation Class Award:  
Class of 2005

Most Funds Raised Class Award:  
Class of 2000

Most Improved Participation Class Award:  
Class of 2004

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Nicole C. Spearman  
William R. Still  
Susan D. Sudman  
Rachel E. Sullivan  
Brandon R. Taylor  
Lynley R. Teras  
Russell S. Timm  
Esther Vayman  
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Laura A. Verduci  
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Gretchen W. Woods  
Nathan E. Woody  
Emily R. Yost

Rebecca E. Strickland  
David P. Taylor  
Brian A. Teras  
Matthew D. Walker  
Sarah A. Whalin

## 2007

*Class agents:*  
Mazie Lynn Causey  
Matthew S. Kaynard  
*Participation rate:* 15%  
*Funds raised:* \$12,713

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## 2008

*Class agents:*  
Shelley A. Momo  
Eric M. Teusink  
*Participation rate:* 18%  
*Funds raised:* \$5,512

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Brian T. Mohs  
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Charles E. Solley  
Jonathan E. St. Clair  
John A. Sugg  
Matthew S. Swope  
Drew C. Timmons

## 2009

**Class agents:**  
J. Chris Chitty  
Kevin L. Mitchell (Regional Representative for North Georgia)  
C. Noelle Whitmire  
Participation rate: 16%  
Funds raised: \$5,482

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Karisa M. Kopaczewski  
Lauren R. Mack  
Kevin L. Mitchell  
Eileen F. O'Neill  
Peter A. Rivner  
Jennifer M. Sammons  
Jennifer M. Smith  
Amy Velasquez

## 2010

#### Class agents:

Kimberly S. Hermann  
Jennifer S. Ivey  
Sweta Patel  
Participation rate: 15%  
Funds raised: \$14,430

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Alexis N. Simpson  
Christopher B. Staten  
Ellenor J. Stone  
Elizabeth R. Uribe  
Gregory R. Valley  
Chiaman Wang

## 2011

#### Class agents:

Maria J. Batres  
Braxton K. Davis  
Participation rate: 16%  
Funds raised: \$2,390

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Braxton K. Davis

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Stephanie A. Stewart  
Edward J. Tarver Jr.  
Warren J. Thomas  
Courtney M. Veal  
Patrick A. Wheaton  
Cynthia J. Yarbrough

## 2012

#### Class agents:

Jeffrey S. Connelly  
Brett A. Switzer (Secretary, Law Alumni Council)  
Participation rate: 24%  
Funds raised: \$23,058

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Jarrad R. White  
Harrison J. Woodworth

## 2013

#### Class agents:

Ramona A. Condell  
Scott G. DeLay  
David H. Emadi  
Lauren Smith  
Participation rate: 18%  
Funds raised: \$12,609

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Michael P. Williams

## 2014

**Class agents:**  
Michelli Rivera  
Robert A. Watts  
Participation rate: 18%  
Funds raised: \$3,218

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Robert A. Watts

## 2015

**Class agents:**  
Allison C. Averbuch  
Kevin Coleman  
J. Eric Gregory  
Anamaria Hazard  
Participation rate: 24%  
Funds raised: \$2,252

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## 2016 Law Firm Challenge results

With tremendous support from the firm agents at 41 participating companies, organizations and firms and 410 participating alumni, Georgia State Law's Law Firm Challenge had a 69 percent participation rate and raised more than \$317,000. In addition, 13 companies and firms achieved 100 percent alumni participation and 14 companies and firms increased their overall fundraising totals from 2015.

### GROUP 1 (3 to 6 alumni)

Andrew, Merritt, Reilly & Smith  
 Firm agent: Emily Yost (J.D. '05)  
 Alumni participation: 100%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$175

Burr Forman  
 Firm agent: Jefferson Holt (J.D. '13)  
 Alumni participation: 60%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$325

Constangy Brooks Smith & Prophete  
 (Most Valuable Firm recipient)  
 Firm agent: Steven Hopkins (J.D. '05)  
 Alumni participation: 100%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$1,100

Fulton County District Attorney's Office  
 Firm agent: William Arnold (J.D. '14)  
 Alumni participation: 17%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$50

Gomel Davis & Watson  
 Firm agent: J. Chris Chitty (J.D. '09)  
 Alumni participation: 100%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$888

Gregory, Doyle, Calhoun & Rogers  
 Firm agent: Jeffrey Gaba (J.D. '86)  
 Alumni participation: 100%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$275

KPMG  
 Firm agent: Scott Hilsen (J.D. '93)  
 Alumni funds raised: \$0

### The Manely Firm

Firm agent: Michael Manely (J.D. '89)  
 Alumni participation: 100%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$175

PriceWaterhouse Coopers  
 Company agent: Kelly Smith (J.D. '95)  
 Alumni participation: 33%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$3,160

Strickland, Brockington, Lewis  
 Firm agent: Jonathan Poole (J.D. '05)  
 Alumni participation: 67%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$1,250

Thomas Horstemeyer  
 Firm agent: Eric Maurer (J.D. '98)  
 Alumni participation: 60%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$450

Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiesand & Prout  
 Firm agent: Alex Salzillo (J.D. '13)  
 Alumni Fund raised: \$0

Warner, Bates, McGough, McGinnis & Portnoy  
 Firm agent: Elinor Hitt (J.D. '07)  
 Alumni participation: 33%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$50

### GROUP 2 (7 or 8 alumni)

Coca-Cola Co.  
 Company agent: Lynne O'Brien (J.D. '94)  
 Alumni participation: 25%  
 Alumni funds raised: \$1,000

## 2016 Law Firm Campaign's Most Valuable Firm Recognition

**Division 1:** Constangy Brooks Smith & Prophete, Steven Hopkins (J.D. '05)

**Division 2:** Littler Mendelson, Dan Turner (J.D. '95)

**Division 3:** Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, Joe Delgado (J.D. '96)

**Division 4:** Hall Booth Smith, Nicole Hair (J.D. '07) and Trey Reese (J.D. '97)

### Cox Communications

*Company agent: Mark Padilla (J.D. '91)*  
Alumni participation: 43%  
Alumni funds raised: \$400

### Fisher & Phillips

*Firm agent: C.R. Wright (J.D. '93)*  
Alumni participation: 100%  
Alumni funds raised: \$252,350

### Georgia Pacific Corp.

*Company agent: Noshay Collins Canelo (J.D. '05)*  
Alumni participation: 38%  
Alumni funds raised: \$800

### Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young

*Firm agent: Catherine McCormack (J.D. '03)*  
Alumni participation: 14%  
Alumni funds raised: \$100

### Littler Mendelson

(Most Valuable Firm recipient)  
*Firm agent: Dan Turner (J.D. '95)*  
Alumni participation: 100%  
Alumni funds raised: \$2,555

### Morgan & Morgan

*Firm agents:*  
Andrew Hagenbush (J.D. '11)  
Madeleine Simmons (J.D. '11)  
Alumni participation: 100%  
Alumni funds raised: \$750

### Sutherland

*Firm agent: Chris Chan (J.D. '98)*  
Alumni participation: 86%  
Alumni funds raised: \$1,335

### Turner

*Company agent: C. D'Ree Cooper (J.D. '01)*  
Alumni participation: 50%  
Alumni funds raised: \$1,350

### Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial

*Firm agent: \*H. Dee DeBardeleben (J.D. '07)*  
Alumni participation: 14%  
Alumni funds raised: \$50

### GROUP 3 (9 to 19 alumni)

Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz  
(Most Valuable Firm recipient)  
*Firm agent: Joseph Delgado (J.D. '96)*  
Alumni participation: 100%  
Alumni funds raised: \$2,815

### Baker Hostetler

*Firm agents:*  
Greg Fosheim (J.D. '14)  
Laurice Lambert (J.D. '10)  
Alumni participation: 92%  
Alumni funds raised: \$7,963

### Bryan Cave

*Firm agents:*  
Kimberly Civins (J.D. '01)  
Adwoa Seymour (J.D. '06)  
Alumni participation: 100%  
Alumni funds raised: \$1,840

### Cobb County District Attorney's Office

*Firm agents:*  
Charles Boring (J.D. '00)  
Julianne Peterson (J.D. '14)  
Alumni participation: 100%  
Alumni funds raised: \$255

### Ernst & Young

*Company agents:*  
Mark Mesler (J.D. '87)  
Eileen O'Neill (J.D. '10)  
Alumni participation: 50%  
Alumni funds raised: \$500

### Greenberg Traurig

*Firm agent: Courtney Noce (J.D. '10)*  
Alumni participation: 31%  
Alumni funds raised: \$425

### Jones Day

*Firm agent: C. Noelle Whitmire (J.D. '09)*  
Alumni participation: 64%  
Alumni funds raised: \$2,243

### Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton

*Firm agent: Hillary Rightler (J.D. '10)*  
Alumni participation: 92%  
Alumni funds raised: \$1,360

### Lueder Larkin & Hunter

*Firm agent: Hillary Shawkat (J.D. '04)*  
Alumni participation: 72%  
Alumni funds raised: \$430

### Ogletree Deakins

*Firm agent: Craig Cleland (J.D. '92)*  
Alumni participation: 100%  
Alumni funds raised: \$1,540

### Seyfarth Shaw

*Firm agents:*  
Benjamin Briggs (J.D. '98)  
Rebecca Davis (J.D. '04)  
Alumni participation: 78%  
Alumni funds raised: \$520

### Taylor English

*Firm agent: Ramsey Knowles (J.D. '05)*  
Alumni participation: 77%  
Alumni funds raised: \$1,270

### Troutman Sanders

*Firm agents:*  
Kevin Coleman (J.D. '15)  
Jaime L. Theriot (J.D. '01)  
Alumni participation: 85%  
Alumni funds raised: \$715

### GROUP 4 (20 or more alumni)

#### Alston & Bird

*Firm agents:*  
Nowell Berreth (J.D. '98)  
Alison Jones (J.D. '00)  
Suzanne Roberts (J.D. '10)  
Cliff Stanford (J.D. '95)  
Alumni participation: 82%  
Alumni funds raised: \$2,920

#### Arnall, Golden, Gregory

*Firm agents:*  
Robert Dow (J.D. '92)  
Rebecca Lunceford (J.D. '12)  
Lisa Payrow (J.D. '06)  
Alumni participation: 71%  
Alumni funds raised: \$3,235

#### Hall, Booth, Smith (Most Valuable Firm recipient)

*Firm agents:*  
Nichole Hair (J.D. '07)  
Trey Reese (J.D. '97)  
Alumni participation: 100%  
Alumni funds raised: \$1,885

#### King & Spalding

*Firm agents:*  
Harold Franklin Jr. (J.D. '99)  
Anthony Tatum (J.D. '97)  
Jennifer Wheeler (J.D. '87)  
Alumni participation: 38%  
Alumni funds raised: \$17,978

#### Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers

*Firm agent: C. Blake Staten (J.D. '10)*  
Alumni participation: 77%  
Alumni funds raised: \$755

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