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2020 GEORGIA SUPER LAWYERS, RISING STARS**

ATLANTA, Feb. 18, 2020 – Chamberlain Hrdlicka is pleased to announce the inclusion of 10 of its Atlanta attorneys among Super Lawyers for 2020. Shareholders [David D. Aughtry](#), [Stephanie Friese Aron](#), [Annette A. Idalski](#), [Thomas E. Jones, Jr.](#), [Seth R. Price](#) and [Hale E. Sheppard](#) are recognized as Georgia Super Lawyers. In addition, shareholders [John W. Hackney](#), [Erica L. Opitz](#), [Christopher A. Steele](#) and associate [Barclay R. Taylor](#) were named as “Georgia Rising Stars” by the publication. The complete list of honorees is available today and can be found [here](#).

Super Lawyers, part of Thomson Reuters, is a rating service of attorneys from more than 70 practice areas. Those recognized have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Only five percent of lawyers in Georgia are selected as Super Lawyers. Sections are determined by independent, attorney-led research and peer evaluations. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement, including verdicts/settlements, transactions, special licenses and pro bono service.

Aughtry co-chairs Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s tax practice. A renowned tax attorney, he counsels clients involved in civil and criminal tax litigation. He earned his undergraduate degree from the Citadel, and both his graduate degree in accounting and his law degree from the University of South Carolina. He also holds a Master of Laws in taxation from Emory University School of Law.

Friese focuses her practice on commercial real estate transactions including acquisition of land, leasing, construction, financing and disposition. She earned her undergraduate degree from Stetson University and her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Idalski chairs the firm’s employment and labor group, focusing on litigation and counseling. She earned her undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University and her law degree from St. Mary’s University School of Law.

Jones focuses his practice in the areas of business law and trust and estates. He holds an undergraduate degree from Emory University and a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law.

Price is a construction lawyer who guides clients through the resolution of complex contract disputes. He earned his undergraduate degree from Trinity College and his law degree from The National Law Center of George Washington University.

Sheppard is a partner in Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s tax controversy practice, helping businesses with tax disputes and compliance projects, particularly those involving international issues. He earned his undergraduate, graduate and law degrees from the University of Kansas School of Law. He also earned a Master of Laws in taxation from the Universidad de Chile and a Master of Laws in taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Hackney focuses on tax controversy and litigation, advising clients on a range of tax issues including captive insurance and accounting method issues. He earned his undergraduate degree from University of Virginia and his law degree from University of Georgia School of Law.

Opitz assist clients with corporate governance, commercial contract, mergers and acquisitions and privately-held securities matters. She earned her undergraduate degree from Binghamton University and her law degree from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law.

Steele is a member of Chamberlain Hrdlicka's trusts and estates practice, serving as a trusted advisor to individuals, families and business owners. He earned his undergraduate degree from Georgia State University and his law degree from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law. He also earned a Master of Laws in taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Taylor focuses on individual and corporate taxpayers in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and his law degree from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law. He also earned a Master of Laws in taxation from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

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