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## Eleven Chamberlain Hrdlicka Lawyers Named 2019 Georgia Super Lawyers, Rising Stars

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Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry is pleased to announce the inclusion of eleven of its Atlanta attorneys among Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2019.

Shareholders David D. Aughtry, Stephanie Friese (Aron), Annette A. Idalski, Thomas E. Jones, Jr., Seth R. Price, Scott M. Ratchick and Hale E. Sheppard are recognized as Georgia Super Lawyers. In addition, shareholders John Hackney, Peter Hall and Erica L. Opitz and senior counsel Christine Norstadt were named as “Georgia Rising Stars” by the publication.

Aughtry co-chairs the firm's tax practice. A renowned tax attorney, he focuses his practice on civil and criminal tax litigation. He earned his bachelor's degree from the Citadel, and both his master's degree in accounting and his law degree from the University of South Carolina. He also holds a master's in taxation from Emory University.

Friese (Aron) practices in real estate and is involved in many different aspects of commercial real estate transactions, from acquisition of land, to leasing, construction, financing, and disposition. Stephanie has also handled many types of real estate litigation and dispute resolution, including foreclosures, dispossessories (evictions), and federal enforcement actions. 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 practices 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 focuses his practice on construction law involving 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.

Ratchick practices in the areas of complex commercial, franchise and securities litigation, and shareholder and business disputes. He holds an undergraduate degree from Tulane University and a law degree from St. John's University School of Law.

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Sheppard is a partner in the firm's tax controversy practice, helping businesses with tax disputes and compliance projects, particularly those involving international issues. He earned his bachelor's, master's and law degree from the University of Kansas. 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.

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 a law degree from University of Georgia.

Hall focuses his practice on labor and employment law, with an emphasis on litigation matters. He holds an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and a law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

Norstadt focuses her practice on real estate and counsels owners, managers and users of office, retail and industrial properties, apartments and land in all aspects of commercial real estate. Most frequently Christine's representation involves acquisitions, dispositions, financing, and leasing; she also has experience with real estate litigation matters such as quiet title proceedings, lease enforcement litigation, post-foreclosure litigation, as well as federal collections litigation for the FDIC. She earned her undergraduate degree from Georgia Tech and her law degree from Emory University 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 School of Law.

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Chamberlain Hrdlicka is a diversified business law firm with offices in Atlanta, Houston, Philadelphia and San Antonio. The firm represents both public and private companies, as well as individuals and family-owned businesses across the nation. The firm offers counsel in tax planning and tax controversy, corporate, securities and finance, employment law and employee benefits, energy law, estate planning and administration, intellectual property, international and immigration law, commercial and business litigation, real estate and construction law.

