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## Twelve Chamberlain Hrdlicka Lawyers Named among 2021 Georgia Super Lawyers, Rising Stars

### Super Lawyers names Chamberlain Hrdlicka attorneys as 2021 Georgia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

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Chamberlain Hrdlicka is pleased to announce that 12 of its Atlanta attorneys have been named to the 2021 Super Lawyers list for Georgia. Shareholders David D. Aughtry, Stephanie Friese Aron, Annette A. Idalski, Thomas E. Jones, Jr., Seth R. Price and Hale E. Sheppard were selected as "Georgia Super Lawyers." In addition, shareholders Erica L. Opitz, Christopher A. Steele, senior counsel Joan M. McCallum and associates Nicolas Bohorquez, John C. Guin and Barclay R. Taylor were selected as "Georgia Rising Stars" by the publication.

Super Lawyers selects attorneys using a patented multiphase selection process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with independent research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement.

### Stephanie Friese Aron

Friese advises clients on commercial real estate transactions including acquisition of land, leasing, construction, financing and disposition. She handles many types of real estate litigation and dispute resolutions, including foreclosures, evictions and federal enforcement actions. Friese earned her undergraduate degree from Stetson University and her law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law.

### David D. Aughtry

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.

### Nicolas Bohorquez

Bohorquez advises, negotiates and drafts real estate agreements for property development and operations, including easement agreements, lease agreements, estoppel certificates and construction contracts. He also guides clients in the approval process for land use matters. Bohorquez has collaborated with government officials to achieve strategic land use and zoning objectives. He earned his undergraduate degree from Kennesaw State University and his law degree from Mercer University

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### **John C. Guin**

Guin advises businesses, officers, directors and shareholders in complex construction and business disputes, including cases involving claims for breach of contract, fraud and breach of fiduciary duty. He also represents owners, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers in matters involving delay and impact damages, design defects, bond claims, and related issues. Guin earned his undergraduate degree from Sewanee: The University of the South and his law degree from University of Alabama School of Law.

### **Annette A. Idalski**

Idalski chairs the firm's labor and employment group. She has a national reputation for her representation of employers against federal and state wage and hour collective actions. She often serves as lead defense counsel in "bet the company" class and complex litigation involving wage and hour, discrimination and non-competition/employee raiding litigation. Idalski earned her undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University and her law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law.

### **Thomas E. Jones, Jr.**

Jones counsels banks and other public companies, successful private businesses in a broad range of industries, and individuals and their families in the areas of business law and trust and estates. Jones has more than 40 years of experience counseling successful businesses and high net worth individuals. He earned his undergraduate degree from Emory University and his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review.

### **Joan M. McCallum**

McCallum counsels clients on general corporate compliance, corporate governance, securities offerings and complex business transactions including strategic acquisitions, divestitures and mergers and represents borrowers and lenders in commercial loan transactions. She also has extensive experience in labor and employment and commercial litigation. McCallum earned her undergraduate degree from Berry College and her law degree from Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law.

### **Erica L. Opitz**

Opitz assists clients with corporate governance, commercial contract, mergers and acquisitions and privately held securities matters. She represents clients in a variety of industries, including moving and storage, merchant services, certified public accounting, investment management, manufacturing and building supply distribution industries. She earned her undergraduate degree from Binghamton University and her law degree from Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law.

### **Seth R. Price**

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Price is a construction lawyer who guides clients through the resolution of complex contract disputes in state and federal courts and through arbitration. He additionally advises clients on contract terms and provisions, assists in contract negotiations, and provides guidance on dispute avoidance strategy. Price earned his undergraduate degree from Trinity College and his law degree from The National Law Center of George Washington University.

### **Hale E. Sheppard**

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 both the Universidad de Chile and the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

### **Christopher A. Steele**

Steele is a member of Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Trusts and Estates Practice Group, where he advises individuals, families and business owners. He handles matters including tax and estate planning, asset protection planning and the administration of complex trusts and estates. Steele earned his undergraduate degree from Georgia State University, his law degree from Mercer University School of Law and his Master of Laws in taxation from the University of Florida.

### **Barclay R. Taylor**

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 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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