

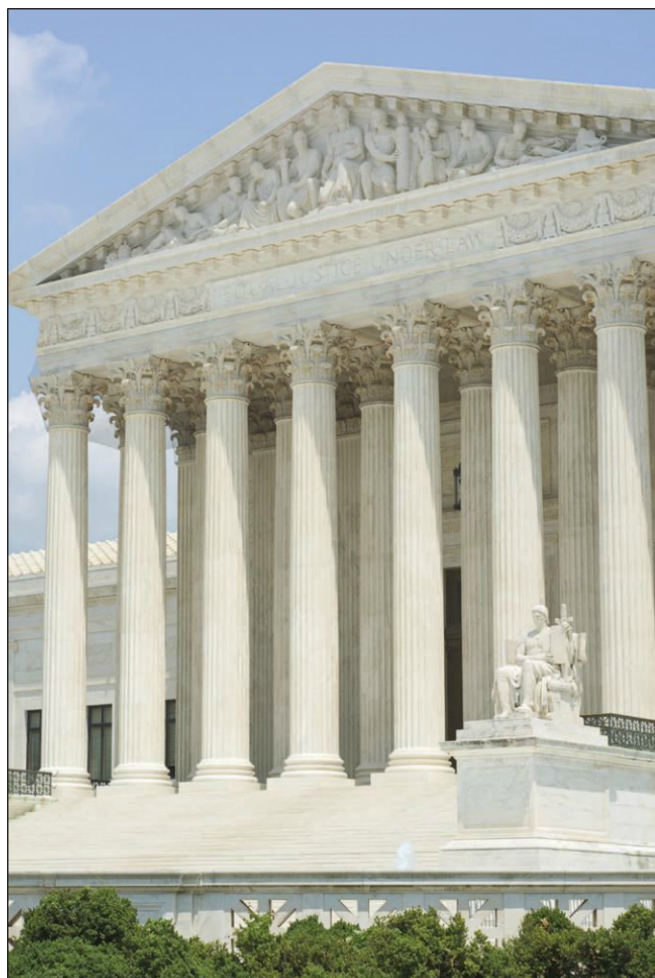
# Sections Co-Sponsor SCOTUS Swearing-In

by Derrick W. Stanley

**O**n Monday, Jan. 26, a group of 43 attorneys who are licensed to practice in Georgia were admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Constitutional Law Section, chaired by Charles L. Ruffin, and the Appellate Practice Section, chaired by Bryan Tyson, co-sponsored this swearing-in ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The morning started with a 7:15 a.m. gathering in the lobby of the host hotel, the Liaison Capitol Hill DC. After checking in, the eager attorneys and guests boarded buses headed toward the Supreme Court. The drizzling rain was not a deterrent as the group disembarked for a short walk to the front of the Court. After an organized procession through security, the Georgia attorneys were inside, waiting to be escorted to the East Conference Room, just outside of the Courtroom.

While in the conference room, Ruffin, immediate past president of the State Bar and current chair of the Constitutional Law Section, took time to speak with the participants during this exciting occasion while the Clerk of the Court came into the room to provide a run-down of the event, as there were several groups participating in the ceremony. In addition to our members, there was a large group from the Judge Advocates General Office and the Vermont Law School. Coincidentally, Kimberly Ann Sturm, past chair of the Environmental Law Section, was being sworn in with that group.




U.S. Supreme Court building.

After all the groups were seated, each movant read a list of applicants to Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. and affirmed that each possessed the necessary qualifications

to be sworn in to the Court. The clerk then read the oath of admission and the session was adjourned. The justices in attendance were: Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice Antonin Scalia and Associate Justice Clarence Thomas.

The Georgia contingent then returned to the conference room. Shortly thereafter, Justice Thomas came and addressed the group. He took questions from the audience and was very open and candid in his responses. He next greeted each person in the room individually and spent time talking to them and posing for a picture. His generosity of time was the icing on the cake for the participants. After each person had the opportunity to visit with the justice, the group exited the building by way of the gift shop, enabling each an opportunity to seal their day with a memento from the Court.

Some participants then returned home, while others braved the snow and ice to see the sights of Washington. All-in-all, this event became a major highlight in the life and careers of 43 Georgia lawyers. 



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Section leaders getting sworn in to the Supreme Court pose with Charles L. Ruffin, who served as movant for the group. (Left to right) Georgia Kay Lord, past chair of the Labor and Employment Law section; Cynthia Cooley Smith, past chair of the Appellate Practice Section; Andrew Crain, past chair of the Intellectual Property Law Section; William John Camp, past chair of the Military/Veterans Law Section; Charles L. Ruffin; and Darren Summerville, chair-elect of the Appellate Practice Section.



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Members of the State Bar of Georgia in the East Conference Room of the Supreme Court of the United States prior to the swearing-in ceremony.

## Congratulations to the following State Bar of Georgia members recently sworn-in to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Markus F. Boenig  
William J. Camp  
Joshua Campbell  
Carrie Lynn Christie  
Hon. Michael C. Clark  
Jennifer Cooper  
Norman Andrew Crain  
Sarah E. Crossman-  
Sullivan  
Jeffrey R. Davis  
David S. DeLugas  
Paul Dietrick  
Sean Michael Ditzel  
John David Doverspike Sr.  
Joy Cheryl Green-Armstrong

Nancy Colleen Greenwood  
Carolyn Hall  
David Hungeling  
Amy Ihrig  
David V. Johnson  
Jennifer M. Kerby  
Brandee Kowalzyk  
Georgia K. Lord  
Carl B. McGehee Jr.  
Jennifer L. McGehee  
Robert Mulholland  
Tracy Myers  
Mark Stephen Robinson  
Shana M. Rooks  
Ana Rountree

Mason Rountree  
Christina Smith  
C. Deen Strickland  
Daniel Studstill  
Haynesworth M. Studstill  
Justin D. Studstill  
Julia Sullivan  
Richard W. Summers  
James Summerville  
Michael Wayne Tarleton  
John E. Taylor  
Nancy Weiss  
Maricia D. Bennekin  
Woodham  
Tingkang Xia