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Gardner Willis, Sweat & Handelman, LLP is pleased to announce the addition of three new law school graduates. Our firm is divided into teams with varying areas of specialty. Although the entire firm is available as needed, the attorneys in each team focus their practice on specific areas of law. This concentration permits both the most productive use of attorney time and the development of comprehensive expertise. With the addition of Richard McLawhorn, Tami Peavy, and Amy Purvis, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing high quality and cost-effective representation to our clients.

Services Provided

Banking
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Business Valuation
Bankruptcy
Real Estate
Estate and Tax Planning
Employment Law
Workers' Compensation
General Litigation and Appeals
Governmental Law
Trucking Litigation
Construction Law

Richard E. McLawhorn



Richard McLawhorn was born in Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated from North Greenville University with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 2005. He then received a Master of Arts in History from the College of Charleston in 2007. He earned his Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2011 where he was awarded CALI awards in Construction Law and Litigation Drafting. Richard also served as a Senior Editor of the Alabama Law Review and volunteered as an Ombudsman for the West Alabama Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging. Richard has taken the South Carolina Bar and will sit for the Georgia Bar exam in February 2012.

Richard moved to Georgia in 2011 with his wife, Stephanie, and their daughter, Madison Clark. Richard's practice focuses on general litigation, construction litigation, and trucking defense.

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Tami J. Peavy



Tami Peavy was raised in Lumpkin, Georgia. Tami graduated from Georgia Southwestern State University with honors in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in History and a minor in Sociology.

She earned her Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville, Tennessee in 2011 with a concentration in advocacy and dispute resolution. She competed as a member the National Environmental Law Moot Court team. Tami sat for the Georgia Bar Exam in July 2011.

After graduating from law school, Tami and her fiancé, Patrick, returned to South Georgia. Tami's practice is primarily focused on defending employers against workers' compensation claims. tami.peavy@gwsh-law.com

Amy L. Purvis



Amy Purvis was born in Douglas, Georgia. Amy graduated magna cum laude from Valdosta State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2008. She was Community Service Chairman for Phi Mu Sorority and was a member of the university's Judicial Board.

Amy received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law in 2011. While at Georgia Law, Amy was a member of the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law and Vice President of Events for Dean's Ambassadors. Amy sat for the Georgia Bar exam in July 2011.

Upon completion of law school, Amy returned to South Georgia and is now involved in the Young Lawyers Division of Albany, Georgia, Emerge Albany, and the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. Her passion for community service and leadership are sure to make a difference in the Albany community.

Amy's practice is composed primarily of the representation of financial institutions, formation of new businesses, and general business litigation and transactions.

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This announcement was prepared by Sherman Willis who is the Managing Partner of Gardner, Willis, Sweat & Handelman, LLP. His service areas include business, banking, local government, real estate and family wealth transfer. If you have questions, or there is any way we can serve you, please contact Sherman. All inquiries are held in strictest confidence. You may contact Sherman by phone at 229-883-2441 or through his e-mail address: sherman.willis@gwsh-law.com.

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