

# Local Lawyers Virgil L. Adams and John T. McGoldrick, Jr.

## Admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers

Two Macon lawyers—Mr. Virgil L. Adams, a partner at Adams, Jordan & Herrington, P.C., and Mr. John T. McGoldrick, Jr., a partner at Martin Snow, LLP—have been recently inducted as Fellows in the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America.

The induction ceremony took place before an audience of 900 during the 2017 Annual Meeting of the College in Montréal, Québec.

Founded in 1950, the College comprises the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only, and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers of diverse backgrounds, who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of fifteen years of trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

Membership in the College cannot exceed 1% of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,800 members in the United States and Canada, including active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows, and Honorary Fellows. The College maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice through education and public statements on independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of law, access to justice, and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.



Attorney Adams is a native of Macon, Georgia, and graduated *summa cum laude* from Albany State University in 1977, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. After college, he was admitted to the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University, where he received his Juris Doctor in 1980.

Following his graduation from Mercer, and upon admission to the State Bar of Georgia, Mr. Adams became Assistant District Attorney for the Macon Judicial Circuit, assigned to the Trial Division. Upon leaving the District Attorney's Office at the end of 1987, he entered the private practice of law with the law firm of Mathis, Sands, Jordan & Adams. Since 2014, the law firm has been known as Adams, Jordan & Herrington, P.C. and maintains offices in both Macon and Milledgeville.

Adams, Jordan & Herrington, P.C., primarily engages in personal injury litigation representing persons who have suffered serious injuries. Attorney Adams has successfully handled cases involving serious injury on behalf of victims of negligence resulting from motor vehicle accidents, medical malpractice, nursing home abuse, defective products, and other catastrophic events. He also served as County Attorney for the former Bibb County government for many years and still represents a number of elected officials in the consolidated government. Attorney Adams is a member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and in 2014 was recognized by the State Bar of Georgia for 30 years of dedicated service to the legal profession.

Mr. McGoldrick is a native of Macon, Georgia, and graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Georgia in 1974, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia in 1977, where he graduated *cum laude* and served as a member of the Georgia Law Review. Mr. McGoldrick began his legal career with Martin, Snow, Grant & Napier (now Martin Snow, LLP) upon his admission to the State Bar of Georgia in 1977.

He formerly served as a trustee and board chairman of Mount de Sales Academy in Macon and as a director and president of Family Advancement Ministries. He currently serves as a director of the Dorothy V. & N. Logan Lewis Foundation.



Martin Snow, LLP, is a full-service law firm that operates two offices in Macon. Mr. McGoldrick specializes in commercial litigation and in the representation of creditors in insolvency proceedings.