



**Georgia Defense  
Lawyers Association**  
Advancing the Civil Defense Bar®

## **Peter Muller Takes the Helm as 49<sup>th</sup> GDLA President**

### **New GDLA Officers & Board Elected**

Peter D. Muller, managing partner of the Savannah office of Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson, was sworn in as 49<sup>th</sup> president of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association during its Annual Meeting held June 9-12, 2016, at the Omni Amelia Island. Cobb Superior Court Judge C. LaTain Kell, Sr., conducted the swearing-in ceremony. Below are the officers and directors also elected during the business meeting.

A native Savannahian, Peter has been defending a variety of lawsuits throughout Southeast Georgia for almost 30 years, including premises liability, trucking accidents, construction liability, professional liability, catastrophic injuries, and EEOC claims. Peter has extensive experience at the appellate and trial levels, and in mediation.

#### **OFFICERS**

- President: Peter D. Muller - Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson, Savannah
- President-elect: Sarah B. (Sally) Akins - Ellis Painter Ratterree & Adams, Savannah
- Treasurer: Hall F. McKinley, III - Drew Eckl & Farnham, Atlanta
- Secretary: Craig C. Avery - Cowsert & Avery, Athens

**Executive Committee** - includes the officers above and three most recent past presidents:

- Immediate Past President: Matthew G. Moffett - Gray Rust  
St. Amand Moffett & Brieske, Atlanta
- Past President 2014-2015: Kirby G. Mason - HunterMaclean, Savannah
- Past President 2013-2014: Theodore (Ted) Freeman - Freeman Mathis & Gary, Atlanta

#### **VICE PRESIDENTS**

- David N. Nelson - Chambless Higdon Richardson Katz & Griggs, Macon
- Jeffrey S. Ward - Drew Eckl & Farnham, Brunswick
- James D. "Dart" Meadows - Balch & Bingham, Atlanta
- Pamela Lee - Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers, Atlanta

#### **DIRECTORS**

##### **Northern District**

- Martin A. (Marty) Levinson (2017) - Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young, Atlanta
- Wayne S. Melnick (2018) - Freeman Mathis & Gary, Atlanta
- William T. (Bill) Casey, Jr. (2019) - Hicks Casey & Morton, Marietta

##### **Middle District**

- Jason D. Lewis (2017) - Chambless Higdon Richardson Katz & Griggs, Macon
- Jason C. Logan (2018) - Constangy Brooks Smith & Prophete, Macon
- C. Jason Willcox (2019) - Moore Clarke DuVall & Rodgers, Albany

##### **Southern District**

- James W. Purcell (2017) - Fulcher Hagler, Augusta
- George R. Hall (2018) - Hull Barrett, Augusta
- James S.V. Weston (2019) - Trotter Jones, Augusta

##### **State-at-Large (one-year terms)**

- Ashley Rice - Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiestand & Prout, Atlanta
- Candis Jones - Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett & Brieske, Atlanta
- Erica L. Morton - Hicks Casey & Morton, Marietta