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Bowman & Brooke: Joel N. Smith (personal injury litigation - defendants)
Caulfield, Tigue & Arden: William L. Smith (workers compensation law - claimants)
Collins & Lacy: Stanford E. Lacy (workers' compensation law - employers)
Gray, Culbreth: (mass tort litigation/class actions - defendants)
Finkle Law Firm: Harry L. Goldberg (mediation)
Hayes Conger Phillips & Carpenter: J. Hagedorn Tigue (labor law - management)
Haysworth Smink & Boyd: William C. Boyd (mergers and acquisitions law), J. Donald Diaz Jr. (tax law), Theodore B. DuBose (public finance law), Thomas R. Gottshall (product liability litigation)
Independent: Jack B. Swartling (criminal defense: non-white-collar)
Richard A. Haupert (personal injury litigation - plaintiffs)
Janet, Ferris & Sugg: Kenneth M. Suggs (product liability litigation - plaintiffs)
Magoon, Goudelock & Conerly: Thomas E. Lydon (litigation - banking and finance)
McNair Law Firm: Michael E. Beal (litigation - bankruptcy), Ethan R. Ware (environmental law), Judith L. McMillis (banking and finance law)
Moore Taylor & Thomas: J. Mark Taylor (family law)
Nexsen Pruett: Edward G. Menzie (real estate law), Julio E. Mendoza Jr. (bankruptcy and creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law), Susan B McWilliams (litigation - labor and employment), C. Marcus Knight (corporate law), Henry W. Brown (construction law)
Oglethorpe Dinkins: Charles T. Speth II (employment law - management)
Richardson Plowden: Franklin J. Smith Jr. (litigation - construction), Leslie Cotter Jr. (legal malpractice law)
Thompson & Delgado: John D. Delgado (criminal defense - white-collar)
Todd & Johnson: W. Steven Johnson (trusts and estates)
Turner Padgett Graham & Laney: Thomas C. Salame (insurance law)