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Practice Areas

- Family Law and Divorce
- Business and Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Covenants Not to Compete
- Employment Law
- Franchise Law
- Property and Real Estate Law
- Estate Planning
- Healthcare Law
- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury and Product Liability Litigation

We are a general practice law firm located in the Perimeter Center area in North Atlanta.

Each of the Firm's lawyers have developed their own areas of concentration, and have lectured and published articles in their respective areas of expertise.

The Firm's clientele consists of professionals, executives, closely held businesses, publicly traded companies, and individuals. Our clients' needs are paramount, and we pride ourselves on giving those prompt attention. We service our clients' legal needs through a holistic approach based upon their particular financial, business or personal situation and applying the Firm's expertise across the relevant practice areas.

Founded in 1984, the Firm's success results directly from maintaining strong relationships with clients and other professionals. Being a relationship based firm, we consistently strive to provide high caliber legal services at reasonable rates.

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Representative Clients:

Addison Avenue Federal Credit Union; Adult Medicine of Marietta, P.C.; Affairs to Remember Caterers, Inc.; Ali's Cookies; AnalyticsIQ, Inc.; Budget Rent-a-Car of Atlanta; Buford-Clairmont Company, Ltd.; Catch-Air; Equitable Management Corp.; Fulton Teachers' Credit Union; Landmark Chrysler Dodge Monroe, LLC; Landmark Fiat; Legacy Ford of McDonough, Inc.; Legacy Chevrolet-Cadillac of Columbus; Legacy Hyundai; Piedmont Office Realty Trust; PRGX Global, Inc.; Precision Hose, Inc.; Renaissance Tile & Bath; Roswell Pediatric Center, P.C.; Ryan, Inc.; Sandy Springs Internal Medicine, P.C.; Sigma Analytics and Consulting, Inc.

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Keith E. Fryer

Keith E. Fryer, a founding member of Fryer, Shuster & Lester, P.C., concentrates his practice in the area of personal injury, representing clients for injuries suffered as a result of motor vehicle and truck collisions; product defects; and unsafe conditions at private and public premises. Having practiced personal injury law for over 30 years, Keith is a member of the State Bar of Georgia (Litigation Section), the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (Champion Member), American Association for Justice, and The American Bar Association.

Areas of Practice:

- Litigation
- Personal Injury

Bar Admissions

- District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Georgia Supreme Court

Education

- Washington University (B.A., 1977)
- University of Georgia (J.D., 1980)

Keith has the distinction of being on a team of lawyers who successfully represented the family of Delia Bibbs at the trial of *Bibbs v. Toyota* where a verdict was obtained in Fulton County State Court in October, 1994 for a record setting \$46.5 million in compensatory damages.

Keith has made a reputation for standing up to the insurance companies because he has never been reluctant to present his client's case to a jury. Keith has the law in his blood. His father, the late Joel J. Fryer, was a trial lawyer for over 30 years before being appointed to the Bench in Fulton County where he acted as a State Court Judge and then a Superior Court Judge for a total of 33 years before his retirement. Growing up around the Courthouse, Keith learned what it takes to effectively and successfully try a lawsuit, never backing down from the insurance company's lawyers and claims adjusters. Knowing a client's struggles during their period of recovery from a serious injury together with knowing how to best quickly and effectively handle the client's case is what keeps clients coming to Keith for help, relying on his abilities to manage their case, and trusting his judgment when the client's future is on the line.

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Michael H. Shuster

Mike grew up in New York City, but has called Atlanta home for more than 29 years. He graduated with High Honors from the University of Florida in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and then went on to law school, also at the University of Florida, and earned his Juris Doctor, with Honors, in 1987.

Mike has been practicing law for more than twenty-nine years and has numerous bar admissions including Georgia, 1987; Florida, 1988; U.S. Tax Court; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit; Georgia Court of Appeals; and Georgia Supreme Court. In addition to his bar admissions, Mike is also associated with the Atlanta Bar Association, the American Bar Association (member, sections on: corporation, banking and business law; and taxation), the State Bar of Georgia (member, sections on: corporation and banking law; and taxation), and the Florida Bar.

As a partner with Fryer, Shuster & Lester, P.C. Mike focuses his practice on business and corporate law, covering the areas of acquisitions, divestitures and mergers, business functions, employment agreements, franchise agreements, covenants not to compete, healthcare law and estate planning law.

Bar Admissions

- Georgia
- Florida
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Georgia Supreme Court

Education

- University of Florida (B.S. in Accounting with High Honors 1984; J.D. with Honors 1987)

Areas of Practice:

- Acquisitions
- Divestitures and Mergers
- Corporate Law
- Covenants Not To Compete
- Healthcare Law
- Estate Planning Law

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William R. Lester

Bill knew from his earliest years that he wanted to be a litigator. He obtained his undergraduate history degree from Tulane University, which included a period of study in London, England. Then he earned his Juris Doctor from Emory University School of Law. While in law school, Bill clerked for the late Honorable Joel J. Fryer in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

Bill began his trial practice in DeKalb County and quickly immersed himself in the community and local bar association, becoming a board member of the DeKalb Bar Association and serving in executive positions until becoming president in 1990–1991, at which time the Bar Association received numerous awards from the State Bar of Georgia. He maintains professional associations with the Atlanta, DeKalb, Cobb and Cherokee Bar Associations, the Federal Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and the Lawyers Club of Atlanta. In addition, Bill regularly serves on the State Bar of Georgia Fee Arbitration Panel.

For over thirty years, Bill has creatively and aggressively represented his clients in complex business and family law matters. In fact, Bill finds his expertise in one field to be beneficial in the other. Bill is humbled to regularly receive glowing references from clients, some of whom he has represented for the entirety of his practice. Others may be the offspring of his original clients. Virtually all of Bill's clients come from referrals from existing clients, former clients, and other attorneys and professionals in the community. Many of Bill's clients, in fact, are attorneys.

Bill was the 2013 Chair of the Women's Divorce Academy Committee of the Visions Anew Institute and is a participant in the organization's Divorce Directory.

Areas of Practice:

- Business Litigation
- Domestic Relations
- Personal Injury

Bar Admissions

- Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Georgia Supreme Court

Education

- London Polytechnic University
- Tulane University
- Emory University School of Law

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Charles I. Pollack

In more than 25 years of practice, Chuck Pollack has handled a wide variety of business transactions, and provided counsel across diverse practice areas. With an undergraduate degree in Finance, Chuck has become known as a “trusted advisor” for both his legal ability and business acumen. His clients run the gamut — restaurants, financial institutions, car dealerships, builders and individuals, just to mention a few — and represent transactions involving just a few thousand dollars to hundreds of millions.

In addition to a broad-based business law practice, a large part of Chuck’s practice is “property law,” including commercial real estate, secured lending/borrowing, asset and stock purchase transactions and intellectual property (such as trademarks). Chuck regularly provides counsel in connection with buying, selling, exchanging and property leasing transactions, and has participated in commercial real estate transactions throughout the United States and internationally.

Leveraging his transactional and business law knowledge in those situations when disputes do arise, Chuck brings to the table experience in commercial litigation (contract disputes, construction law, landlord/tenant, etc.), as well as alternative dispute resolution (mediation and arbitration).

Areas of Practice:

- Commercial Transactions
- Real Estate
- Corporate Law
- Business Litigation

Bar Admissions

- Georgia
- District of Columbia

Education

- George Washington University
- Emory University School of Law

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Jeffrey A. Powell

Jeff was born in Greeneville, Tennessee. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting (with Honors) from the University of Tennessee, where he held numerous leadership positions on campus and in his fraternity. Jeff attended Emory University School of Law where he received the American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law.

Jeff focuses his practice on business, contract, employment, construction, and general litigation matters, and represents clients across a broad spectrum of issues. Jeff understands that his clients need an attorney who not only aggressively pursues their legal positions, but also, counsels them on how to identify and effectively manage issues before they turn into expensive litigation.

Bar Admissions

- Georgia
- Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee

Education

- University of Tennessee, Knoxville (B.S., Accounting with Honors, 1991; recipient, Tennessee Society of CPA's Scholarship)
- Emory University School of Law (J.D., 1994; recipient, American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law)

Representative cases which Jeff regularly handles:

- Commercial litigation disputes, “business divorces,” insurance coverage issues, franchise disputes, breach of contract actions and business tort claims.
- Employers and employees in cases regarding non-compete, non-solicitation, non-recruitment, and non-disclosure covenants, as well as trade secret violations, including cases involving requests for immediate injunctive relief.
- Contractors and builders in filing liens, lawsuits to perfect and enforce liens, disputes regarding warranties and alleged defects in workmanship, and construction disputes.
- He represents employers and employees in connection with severance agreements, and in various employment law matters in litigation, administrative charges and investigations concerning race, age, gender, sexual harassment, retaliation and ADA claims.

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Helen Dillon Freed

A Georgia native, Helen attended Emory University for both undergraduate and graduate studies. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, from Emory in 1978, while becoming a member of the prestigious honors societies Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Alpha Theta. Helen then went on to pursue her law degree at Emory University School of Law where she graduated in 1981. Helen graduated from law school as a member of the legal-honor society Order of the Coif.

Bar Admissions

- Georgia

Education

- Emory University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1978), Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta
- Emory University School of Law (J.D. 1981), Order of the Coif

Helen is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and focuses her practice in the areas of commercial transactions, corporate law and family law.

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