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**Atlanta, GA (August 23, 2016):** Carlock, Copeland & Stair, LLP recently added new attorneys to the Atlanta, Charleston and Chattanooga offices.



**Michael P. DiOrio** is an associate in our Atlanta office. Michael earned his Juris Doctor from The Catholic University of America, School of Law in 2010. Michael also graduated cum laude in 2007 from Vanderbilt with a Bachelor of Science.



**Rishi D. Pattni** is an associate in our Atlanta office. Mr. Pattni practices in the areas of insurance coverage and general liability insurance defense including, wrongful death, catastrophic injury, premises liability, motor carrier liability, and post-verdict appellate matters. Mr. Pattni began his legal career as a litigation paralegal at medium and large litigation firms in the Atlanta area. Mr. Pattni earned his Juris Doctor from the Florida Coastal School of Law in 2013. He graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. with a Bachelor of

Arts in 2004 majoring in Communications, Legal Institutions, Economics and Government. While at American, Mr. Pattni served as a legislative intern to then Georgia Congressman Johnny Isakson and participated in American University's Campaign Management Institute. Mr. Pattni was born in Nairobi, Kenya and grew up in Atlanta, attending Woodward Academy and Riverwood High School in Sandy Springs. When not practicing law, Mr. Pattni enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf, cheering on the Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta Braves, and snow skiing in the winter. Mr. Pattni also volunteers as a Regional Director for the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition.



**Gabrielle M. Holland** is an associate in our Atlanta office workers' compensation practice group. Gabrielle earned her Juris Doctor from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2014. Gabrielle also graduated summa cum laude in 2007 from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelor of Science.



**Michael P. Manfredi** is an associate in our Atlanta office who focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on medical malpractice, premises liability, and general liability. Michael achieved multiple Not Guilty verdicts in multi-day, complex felony criminal trials. As an Assistant Attorney General, he garnered the fastest civil defense verdict in the Middle District of Georgia (according to Federal Magistrate Judge Stephen Hyles). He has represented individuals on cases in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Georgia Court of Appeals, and one case that went to the Georgia Supreme Court. His numerous accomplishments in the courtroom earned him the designation as one of the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40. An Atlanta native, Michael graduated from the Marist School in 2002. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Wake Forest University in 2007. Michael was awarded a full scholarship to attend the prestigious Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College in Wyoming for litigation attorneys. In serving the community, Michael is active in Habitat for Humanity, teaches weekly faith formation classes to 4th grade students, and is a volunteer Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu coach to young children. Michael is fluent in Spanish & Italian.



**Samuel W. Hughes** is an associate in our Atlanta office. His litigation practice is concentrated in general liability defense, including premises liability, automobile liability, insurance coverage issues, and trucking and transportation litigation. Prior to joining Carlock Copeland, Sam was an attorney with litigation firms in Savannah and Atlanta, where he practiced in the areas of automotive liability litigation, commercial litigation, and general liability litigation. Sam earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia. He earned his Juris Doctor at the University of Dayton School of Law, where he was a CALI Award Winner in Legal Profession, Immigration Law, and Secured Transactions.



**J. Andrew Yoho** is an associate in our Charleston office. Andy practices general civil litigation with a focus on construction litigation, which includes the representation of contractors, subcontractors, design professionals and suppliers. Prior to joining the firm, Andy practiced law at a well-respected civil litigation firm in Beaufort, SC. While in Beaufort, Andy gained valuable experience representing contractors and suppliers. Andy also represented governmental entities and a private club in both State and Federal Court. Andy is a former Staff Attorney for the Supreme Court of South Carolina and has successfully represented clients in both the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of South Carolina. Andy earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Charleston Southern University and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law. During law school, Andy worked for the South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee and served as President of the Student Bar Association. Andy graduated from law school with honors as a member of the Order of the Wig and Robe and was presented with the Compleat Lawyer Bronze Medallion upon graduation. In 2014, Andy was named Young Alumnus of the Year by Charleston Southern University.



**Stephen J. Cohen's** experience prior to practicing law provides him with a unique perspective for representing motor carriers and their drivers in personal injury litigation. After obtaining his bachelor's degree in criminal justice he worked as a police officer where he investigated numerous traffic accidents. He then spent over seven years as a claims adjuster at a commercial automobile insurer while attending law school at night. The combination of skills learned in law enforcement and insurance have proved valuable in defending lawsuits against commercial drivers, trucking companies, motor coaches, public school and municipal bus authorities, para-transit providers, limousine services, and their insurers. In addition to representing the transportation industry, Steve has also defended law enforcement officers in civil rights cases. His knowledge of the law and policies governing the conduct of law enforcement personnel in the line of duty allows him to represent police officers faced with claims of false arrest, excessive force, illegal searches and seizures, injury due to highspeed chases, and malicious prosecution.



**T. Peyton Bell** is an associate in our Atlanta office General Liability and Health Care Litigation practice areas. Prior to joining our office Peyton worked for an Atlanta firm on Medical Malpractice Trials. Peyton earned his Juris Doctor at University of Georgia School of law in 2015 where he was awarded the William King Meadow Award. Peyton also served on the executive board of the Mock Trial Team, President of the Graduate Student Association and Treasurer of the Student Bar Association. Peyton received his Bachelor of Arts in 2009 at Rhodes College and remains an active member of the Rhodes Alumni Chapter here in Atlanta.



**Quinn Curtis Bennett** is an associate in our Atlanta office. His litigation practice is concentrated in general liability, premises liability, and health care litigation. Prior to joining our office, Quinn defended personal injury cases and litigated insurance coverage issues at an Atlanta litigation firm. Quinn earned his Juris Doctor at the University of Georgia School of Law in 2012. While in law school, Quinn served as a notes editor and editorial board member on the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*. His student note was selected for publication and appears in Volume 40, Issue 1. As for his undergraduate experience, Quinn graduated *summa cum laude* from Valdosta State University in 2009.



**Tawny D. Mack** is an associate in our Atlanta office. Her practice is focused primarily in the areas of construction litigation and general liability defense. Prior to joining Carlock, Copeland & Stair, LLP, Tawny worked as an associate with a firm in Savannah, Georgia, where she practiced in the areas of real estate litigation, commercial litigation, construction litigation, and employment law. Tawny attended the University of Georgia School of Law, where she received her Juris Doctor cum laude. While at the University of Georgia, Tawny was a member of the School of Law's Mock Trial team and competed in the 11th Annual Keenan's Kids Foundation Closing Argument Competition, during which she

received first place. Tawny is also a magna cum laude graduate of Georgia Southern University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. While attending Georgia Southern University, Tawny was selected as a McNair Scholar, was inducted into the Psi Chi International Honor Society, and received the Georgelle Thomas Honors Award for her contributions to research in psychology.

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Carlock, Copeland & Stair, LLP focuses on civil litigation and dispute resolution. Founded in 1970, the Firm has office locations in Atlanta, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Firm's lawyers provide counsel and advice in the following practice areas: Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation, Employment Litigation, Environmental Litigation, General Liability, Health Care Litigation, Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation, Product Liability, Trucking & Transportation Litigation, and Workers' Compensation.

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