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Kenneth E. Greer, MD - [REUBEN M. REIFLER LECTURER](#)

Dr. Greer earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia in 1967, did a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Rochester, and Dermatology at the University of Virginia, and joined the faculty at UVA in 1973. He has been Chair of the Department since 1993. He has published over 115 papers and authored or co-authored four books. He served on the American Board of Dermatology for nine years and on the Residency Review Committee for 13 years. His interests are in medical dermatology and skin cancer. He has won the Outstanding Teaching Award at the University of Virginia School of Medicine (1976) and the Outstanding Medical School Alumnus Award (1999). Interests include family (father of five, grandfather of seven), Harley Davidson motorcycles, and traveling with wife, Louise, in addition to lecturing on challenging cases in medical dermatology.



Jonathan Cook, MD

Dr. Cook is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed an internship in medicine at the New England Deaconess Hospital at the Harvard Medical School, a residency in dermatology at Emory University, and a fellowship in dermatologic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. After 2 years as a junior faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, Jonathan relocated to the Duke University Medical Center in 1999, where he currently serves as Professor of Medicine (Dermatology), Assistant Professor of Surgery, and Director of Dermatologic Surgery.

[View Dr. Cook's CV](#)

Toni L. McCullough, MD

Dr. McCullough was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia and the Medical College of Georgia. After completing her internship at Memorial Health University Medical Center, Dr. McCullough began an Ophthalmology residency at Penn State University. She subsequently changed her career path and returned to the Medical College of Georgia for dermatology training. Since 1994, Dr. McCullough has been in solo private practice in Savannah, Georgia. She serves as Assistant Clinical Professor for Mercer University School of Medicine and the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. McCullough has been married for 19 years and has one daughter (7) and one son (5).

Robert Swerlick, MD

Associate Professor and Chairman
Department of Dermatology
Emory University School of Medicine

Richard Miller PhD

Richard Miller has been the Director of the Education Department at the American Academy of Dermatology for nearly 3 years. He has more than 18 years of experience in continuing medical education and has in depth knowledge of accrediting and credentialing criteria established by the AMA, the ACCME, and the ABD. Prior to making a career of medical education, Dr. Miller spent more than 21 years conducting basic science research at Columbia University.

David Wilke

David Wilke has over 19 years serving the financial community. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia with degrees in finance and economics. Since 1996, David has been working with physicians within the MAG Mutual community while obtaining his Certified Financial Planner designation from Oglethorpe University. As a Certified Financial Planner, David focuses on retirement planning and distribution, investments and insurance.



Steven J. Morris, M.D., J.D.

Dr. Morris has more than 30 years of experience in healthcare and medical practice management, and has been responsible for the development of a number of successful ancillary revenue sources at one of the country's most successful, innovative and profitable gastroenterology practices, where he is currently CEO and a practicing physician. Dr. Morris has also served on a number of advisory boards for several major health insurance companies.

Dr. Morris earned his medical degree from the State University at Buffalo in New York University where he was also a Phi Beta Kappa undergraduate. Following his internship and residency at Emory University Affiliated Hospitals in Atlanta, Dr. Morris completed a fellowship in digestive diseases at the University of Miami.

Dr. Morris is a member of numerous professional associations including the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association, the American Gastroenterology Association, the Medical Association of Atlanta, the Medical Association of Georgia, and the Georgia Gastrointestinal Society. He is past president of the Georgia Gastrointestinal Society and previously served as chief of staff at Emory at Crawford Long Hospital.

Dr. Morris holds a Juris Doctorate from the Georgia State University College of Law and he is also a clinical associate professor with the Emory University School of Medicine.



Senator John Wiles

Senator John J. Wiles was born on August 21, 1957 in Stuttgart, Germany, where his father was serving in the United States Army. He was raised in East Point, Georgia and moved to south Cobb County in 1976. John has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and received his Juris Doctor from Stetson University College of Law in 1983. After law school, he returned to Cobb County in 1984 to work as assistant solicitor in the Cobb County Solicitor's Office. He and his family have lived here since then.

John is married to the former Janet Louise Hughes of WilkesBarre, Pennsylvania. The Wiles family attends NorthStar Church. They have three sons, John, Jr., Drew, and Max, and two daughters, Margi, and Quincy. He is a member of the Marietta Kiwanis and serves on the board of directors of the West Cobb Business Association. He is also a member of the Kennesaw Business Association, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and the Acworth Business Association.

John is the managing partner of the law firm of Wiles & Wiles. Wiles & Wiles concentrates in real estate litigation. He is a member, the State Bar of Georgia, the Florida Bar and the Texas Bar. He is also admitted to practice law in Colorado and Tennessee.

John was elected to the Georgia Senate in 2004 where he is the Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee. He serves on the Judiciary, Appropriations, State and Local Governmental Operations, Health and Human Services, Insurance and Urban Affairs Committees. John is the Chair of the appropriations subcommittee for Government Operations. John was recently appointed as the Chief Deputy Whip for the Republican Caucus. He also served as Chairman of the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee from 2004 until 2008.

During his service in the Senate, Sen. Wiles has focused on improving education, reducing the burden on taxpayers, and protecting the public from lawbreakers. As Chairman of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee, he fought for the funding needed for Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University to grow and improve, thus providing world class education close to home for Cobb students. Sen. Wiles has worked to reform Georgia's public defender system to lower costs, increase efficiency, diminish abuses, and reduce the burden on taxpayers. Being the son of a military officer, Senator Wiles understands the unique challenge facing our service members when they are stationed abroad. Therefore, he authored and championed the HERO scholarship, helping educate members of the military Guard, and Reserve, as well as their children. Since the program was implemented in 2004, nearly \$640,000 in scholarships has been awarded to deserving recipients. He also increased penalties for unlicensed drivers and continues to be a defender of individual liberty, families, and children.

John served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1995 through 2003. He served as a Deputy Majority Whip for the Republican Caucus. He was also the chairman of the Cobb Legislative Delegation. He served on the House Judiciary, Motor Vehicles, Health and Ecology and the Higher Education committees. In the legislature, John has concentrated on children's and teenage issues having been instrumental in the introduction and ultimate passing of the bill to safeguard

mothers and newborn babies through insured hospital care. He also cosponsored legislation to protect those who have surgery as a result of breast cancer.

John is currently serving as the State Co Chairman of the American Legislative Exchange Council.



Don M. Bolia

Don Bolia provides industry leaders with strategic advice on how legislative trends will impact their businesses and assists them in shaping policy debates at the state, county, and local levels in Georgia.

He manages clients' relationships before the Georgia General Assembly, as well as numerous city and county governments and agencies. His background and experience especially give clients an edge on conducting business with local governments. Because of his key relationships at the municipal level, his clients are able to clearly communicate their message to the pertinent decision makers.

Mr. Bolia began his political career working for then-Congressman Newt Gingrich in Washington, D.C. In 1993, he was appointed the Political Director of the Georgia Republican Party. In that capacity, he was directly responsible for managing the GOP's statewide effort to elect Republicans to the Georgia General Assembly.

In 1993, he was appointed chief of staff of the Fulton County Commission chairman. During Mr. Bolia's first weeks in office, Fulton County, Georgia's most populous county, cut taxes for the first time in a decade and the chairman's office returned over \$180,000 in savings from the chairman's budget alone. Mr. Bolia was responsible for directing the chairman's agenda and working with the Board of Commissioners.

In 1994, Mr. Bolia was appointed executive director of the Georgia Republican Party, during an election cycle that saw Republicans win six state-level offices for the first time since Reconstruction, including insurance commissioner, superintendent of schools, and a majority of the seats on the Public Service Commission.

Mr. Bolia was the president of D&B Communications, a government affairs and public relations firm he founded in 1995. Working in a bipartisan manner, he advocated for the passage of several important pieces of legislation on behalf of his clients and developed a unique niche that focused on lobbying county and city governments.

He served as treasurer of the G-8 PAC, the political fundraising arm of the GOP members of Congress from Georgia, and managed the transition team for the superintendent of schools, cutting the internal budget from \$35 million to \$19 million. He currently serves as treasurer of the Republican Leadership Fund.

Considered a leader in campaign management and grassroots training, Mr. Bolia has managed statewide campaign training seminars. In 1996, he managed the Georgia statewide teacher conference, raising over \$50,000 in sponsorship dollars.

He has been named one of the state's top 40 business leaders under 40 by Georgia Trend magazine, and was recently named Jeff Dickerson's "Winner of the Week" on WAGA-TV's political roundtable program *The Georgia Gang*.