



## **James E. Butler, Jr.**

**Class of 1968**

### **Trial Attorney and Philanthropist**

Jim Butler is a founding partner of one of the leading trial law firms in America, with offices in Atlanta, Savannah and Columbus. With more than 44 years of legal experience, he has handled civil cases in 32 states and in most of Georgia's counties, winning more large verdicts than any other lawyer in Georgia history.

He holds the record for largest verdicts in four states, including four times in Georgia starting at age 31 - in cases of medical malpractice, trucking, auto products liability, and business torts, in addition to hundreds of settlements.

He has served as lead counsel in cases resulting in payments of over \$44 million to charities.

He endowed a scholarship program and Veterans Clinic at UGA Law, and a fellowship program at UGA School of Ecology. He has funded Veteran Law scholarships at UGA and a Servant Leadership scholarship program at Columbus State University.

He served as president of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and on the Georgia Board of Natural Resources.

He is a graduate of the UGA Schools of Journalism and Law.

Before starting law school Jim worked on political campaigns, worked for several newspapers as a reporter and was a homebuilder in Cumming.

Jim is married to the former Kim Cofer of Thomson, who is also a lawyer. They reside in Savannah, and have four children and six grandchildren.

*FCHS is proud to induct James E. Butler, Jr. into the 2021 Class of the Hall of Fame.*