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Patrick T. O'Connor joined Oliver Maner LLP as a partner on January 1, 1990. His practice concentrates on business litigation, the defense of civil rights claims and the defense of legal malpractice and other professional negligence claims. Mr. O'Connor also represents Plaintiffs in select personal injury and wrongful death cases. Mr. O'Connor is licensed to practice in all Georgia courts and numerous federal courts including the Georgia Supreme Court, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Eleventh and Federal Circuits, and the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Mr. O'Connor is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been listed in the Best Lawyers in America (in the categories of commercial litigation, legal malpractice law and alternative dispute resolution) for more than 10 years. He has been named one of the top 100 Georgia Super Lawyers by Atlanta Magazine, has been listed in the Super Lawyers' Corporation Counsel Edition, and has received an "AV" rating from Martindale Hubbell for many years.

Mr. O'Connor is also a mediator and arbitrator registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and has served as a mediator or arbitrator in more than 500 cases, primarily involving personal injury, professional malpractice claims and commercial disputes.

From 1985 to 1995, Mr. O'Connor served as a Judge Pro Tempore for the Savannah-Chatham County Recorder's Court. From 1985 to 1989, he served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Savannah and continues to represent the City of Savannah. He has handled the defense of several hundred cases for municipalities, counties and their employees throughout Georgia. He presently represents numerous municipalities and counties on behalf of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (ACC-IRMA).

Mr. O'Connor has obtained favorable results for his clients in numerous reported appeals. Notable decisions include *Stevens v. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah*, 278 Ga. 166, (2004); *CSX Transportation, Inc. v. City of Garden City*, 277 Ga. 248 (2003); *Williams v. Solomon*, 274 Ga. 122 (2001); *Mayor & Aldermen of Savannah v. Radford*, 261 Ga. 129 (1991); *Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn, P.C. v. Frame*, 269 Ga. 844 (1998); *City of Tybee Island v. Godinho*, 270 Ga. 567 (1999); *Banks v. Patton*, 202 Ga. App. 168 (1991); *Cyr v. Mayor and Aldermen of Savannah*, 188 Ga. App. 261 (1988); *Shuman v. Mayor and Aldermen of Savannah*, 180 Ga. App. 427 (1986); and *Sammor v. Mayor and Aldermen of Savannah*, 176 Ga. App. 176 (1985).

Mr. O'Connor served as the 1995-96 President of the Savannah Bar Association and has served as President of the Young Lawyers Section of the Savannah Bar Association. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Mr. O'Connor is currently a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia and has served as a member of the Georgia ICLE Board of Trustees. Mr. O'Connor has served as the Chairman of the Southern District of Georgia Advisory Committee, is currently a member of the 11th Circuit Lawyer Qualifications Committee and is a member of the State Bar of Georgia Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency. He has also been appointed by the Georgia Supreme Court to serve as a Mentor in The State Bar of Georgia's Transition Into Law Practice Program.

After graduating from Statesboro High School in 1973, Mr. O'Connor received his B.A. degree from Auburn University in 1978. A journalism major, Mr. O'Connor wrote for several newspapers including the Columbus Enquirer, The Birmingham News, The Auburn Plainsman and The Auburn Bulletin. He attended the University of Georgia Law School where he participated on the Georgia Intrastate Moot Court Team, served as Vice-Chairman of the Georgia Moot Court Board and coached Georgia's National Moot Court Team to the quarter-final round of the national competition in New York, New York. Mr. O'Connor received his J.D. degree from Georgia in 1981.

O'Connor currently serves as a member of the Georgia Southern University Foundation Board of Trustees and the Auburn University Dean's Advisory Council for the School of Liberal Arts. He has served as President of the Savannah Civitan Club, as Captain of the Savannah Quarterback Club and as Chairman of Deacons for the Ardsley Park Baptist Church. He serves as legal adviser for the Coastal Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America and has received the Boy Scouts' Silver Beaver Award. He is a graduate of the Leadership Savannah Program and is a member of Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Mr. O'Connor is a past National President of Theta Chi Fraternity, which has more than 130 chapters nationwide, and now serves as litigation counsel for its national board. He is also a member of the Gridiron Society.

Mr. O'Connor is married to the former Carol Darby of Statesboro and has three children, Daniel Tyler, Thomas Patrick, and John Tate. Mr. O'Connor's uncle, James Benjamin O'Connor, served as a Superior Court Judge in the Oconee Judicial Circuit for many years.