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### Attorneys at BBGA Selected to 2018 Super Lawyers List

ATHENS, Ga. – (March 8, 2018) – Seven attorneys at Athens law firm Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley (BBGA) have been selected to the 2018 Super Lawyers List.

Five shareholders were selected to the Super Lawyers list and two were selected to the Super Lawyers Rising Stars list.

Founding partner [Dave Burch](#) was selected to the Super Lawyers List for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Burch has more than 50 years' experience and has served in leadership positions as president and chairman of multiple associations throughout his career. Burch's areas of expertise include business litigation, corporate law, banking law, and health care.

[Henry G. Garrard III](#) is a dedicated Athens personal injury and plaintiffs' litigation lawyer at BBGA. He has handled diverse and complex injury claims, including medical malpractice and products liability, as well as qui tam litigation, tort liability, and class actions. Garrard also has experience handling multidistrict litigation. He was chosen this year for inclusion on the Super Lawyers List for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

This is [Drew Hill's](#) 15<sup>th</sup> year being selected to the Super Lawyers List. While Hill's practice focuses on many different types of personal injury cases, including medical negligence and products liability, he also handles complex mass torts (medical devices and opioid litigation) and truck accident cases. Over the course of his years in practice, Hill has successfully fought for and won multimillion dollar settlements and jury verdicts on behalf of his clients.

[Evan Jones](#) has been included on the Super Lawyers list for 14 years. Jones is a personal injury attorney whose focus is primarily on catastrophic injury cases, including those resulting from medical malpractice and nursing home negligence and/or abuse. He has been practicing nearly 27 years and his practice is statewide.

This is [Jim Matthews'](#) 15<sup>th</sup> year being selected to the Super Lawyers List. Matthews is an experienced Athens personal injury attorney who handles a wide range of plaintiffs' personal injury cases. He focuses his practice on medical negligence, trucking accidents, defective/dangerous medical devices, and mass tort cases such as opioid litigation. He is also actively working in hernia mesh litigation involving the C-Qur mesh products (he is State Liaison Counsel), the Ethicon Physiomesh product, and is co-lead counsel in all cases involving mesh products made by C.R. Bard, Inc.

Partners Patrick Garrard and Michael Ruppensburg were selected to the 2018 Super Lawyers Rising Stars list.

[Patrick Garrard](#) has been selected to the Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for four years. He is a dedicated trial lawyer who is committed to helping catastrophically injured victims and their family members. His practice



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focuses on product liability cases, but he also handles mass torts such as opioid litigation, premises liability lawsuits, and pharmaceutical antitrust litigation.

This is [Michael Ruppensburg's](#) 7<sup>th</sup> year being selected to the Super Lawyers Rising Star List. He is a trial lawyer whose primary focus is helping people who have been seriously injured and families who have lost a loved one due to the negligence of others. Ruppensburg has secured over \$15 million in verdicts and settlements and argued and won cases at the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. His practice areas include car wrecks, tractor-trailer wrecks, premises liability, dangerous and unsafe products, and nursing home negligence and abuse.

Super Lawyers is a nationally recognized rating service that annually selects the top attorneys in each state. Lawyers selected for the list are chosen using a multiphase selection process that incorporates peer nominations, evaluations, and independent research based on professional achievements. All-together, BBGA has 85 years of selection status.

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