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**SUMMARIES OF OPINIONS**  
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In today’s opinions, the Supreme Court of Georgia has upheld **murder** convictions and life prison sentences for:

- \* Jesus Guerrero (Toombs Co.)
- \* Frankie Jay Henry (Columbia Co.)
- \* Carla Hopwood (Telfair Co.)
- \* Bruce Dratez Howard (DeKalb Co.)
- \* Demiko Santwon Jones (Fulton Co.)

- GUERRERO V. THE STATE (S19A1129)**
- MATTEI V. THE STATE (S19A1332)**
- HOPWOOD V. THE STATE (S19A1436)**
- HOWARD V. THE STATE (S19A1109)**
- JONES V. THE STATE (S19A1264)**

(The Supreme Court has upheld Jones’s murder conviction and life prison sentence for the 2015 shooting death of Rodney Stafford. However, it has reversed his conviction for the unlawful possession of a firearm by a first-offender probationer.)

- \* Paul Mattei (Fulton Co.)
- \* Moore v. The State (Chatham Co.)

- MATTEI V. THE STATE (S19A1332)**
- MOORE V. THE STATE (S19A1171)**

**IN LAWYER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**, the Georgia Supreme Court has **disbarred** the following attorney:

\* Millard C. Farmer, Jr.      **IN THE MATTER OF: MILLARD C. FARMER, JR.**  
**(S19Y1156)**

The Court has **rejected petitions for voluntary discipline** as insufficient from attorneys:

\* William Leslie Kirby, III      **IN THE MATTER OF: WILLIAM LESLIE KIRBY, III**  
**(S20Y0079)**

\* Nevada Michael Tubble      **IN THE MATTER OF: NEVADA MICHAEL TUGGLE**  
**(S19Y1553)**

The Court has **rejected the State Bar of Georgia’s notice of discipline** seeking disbarment of the following attorney and requests that any future filing by the Bar “will contain additional allegations more properly supporting the sanction the Bar now seeks or will propose that some lesser sanction is sufficient to address the misconduct at issue.”

\* Joel S. Wadsworth      **IN THE MATTER OF: JOEL S. WADSWORTH**  
**(S19Y1329)**