

**Dr. Shelby R. Wilkes, M.D., MBA, Vitreoretinal Surgeon, Atlanta Eye Consultants**

An accomplished medical doctor, a skilled scientific researcher, and a longtime supporter of the Michael J. Coles College of Business, Dr. Shelby Wilkes has established a strong reputation in the medical and business communities.

Wilkes received his medical degree from the prestigious Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, completing residencies at the University of Rochester and the Mayo Clinic. He later participated in a fellowship at Harvard University where he studied surgery and diseases of the retina and vitreous. While in Massachusetts, he also served on the staff of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary before moving to Atlanta to establish Atlanta Eye Consultants.

Wilkes is an alumnus of the Coles College of Business, where he earned an MBA in 1998. He remains active in the College serving on the Coles College Diversity Committee and coaching a student in the EMBA program. He is also a former member of the Coles College Advisory Board, helped establish the International Business Fellowship Program, created several endowed scholarships, and is active in the Black Alumni Society.

In the community, Wilkes serves as a Deacon at Zion Hill Baptist Church and is a member of Capitol City Bank's Advisory Board. He sits on the Dean's Council at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health and is the current President of the Georgia State Medical Association, founded in 1893.

Wilkes remains active in his practice, where he focuses on surgery and diseases of the retinal and vitreous, including diabetic retinopathy.