



Presiding Justice David Nahmias, Chairperson

Presiding Justice Nahmias was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia in August 2009 by Governor Sonny Perdue. In November 2010, after a statewide campaign against two opponents, Presiding Justice Nahmias was elected to a full six-year term on the Court. In 2016, he was re-elected to another six-year term without opposition.



Ms. Kim Anderson

Ms. Anderson is the CEO of Families First, a \$10 million nonprofit with over 20 programs and 130 employees impacting over 35,000 annually. Prior to Families First, Ms. Anderson served as Senior Director for BoardWalk Consulting, a leading non-profit consulting firm. She also served as Executive Director of AID Atlanta, the southeast's largest AIDS service organization. Ms. Anderson began her career as an attorney with Alston & Bird, and was subsequently appointed as the first General Counsel of Grady Health System. She also served as senior legal counsel for the Atlanta Housing Authority, the nation's fourth largest public housing agency.



Representative Mandi Ballinger

Representative Ballinger represents the citizens of District 23, which includes portions of Cherokee County. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 2012 and currently serves as Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Committee and as Secretary of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee. She

also serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Safety and the Information and Audits, Judiciary Non-Civil, Rules and Transportation committees.



Justice Michael Boggs

Justice Boggs was appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia on December 7, 2016 by Governor Nathan Deal. He was re-elected state-wide without opposition for a six-year term in 2018. Previously, Justice Boggs served as a Judge on the Court of Appeals of Georgia from 2012 through 2016. Prior to his appellate judicial service, Justice Boggs served as a Superior Court Judge for the Waycross Judicial Circuit, having been elected to an open seat in 2004.



Mr. W. Bradley Bryant

Mr. Bryant is the current Executive Director of Georgia Foundation for Public Education. In 2010, Brad was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to serve as State School Board Superintendent. Prior to his appointment, Brad served seven years as the 4th District representative on the State Board of Education.



Judge Lindsay H. Burton, Juvenile Court

Judge Burton serves as the Chief Judge of the Hall County Juvenile Court.



Attorney General Chris Carr

Attorney General Carr was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal and sworn into office as Georgia's 54th Attorney General on November 1, 2016. On November 6, 2018, Carr was elected by the people of Georgia to serve a full four-year term.



Ms. Rachel Davidson, Director OCA

Ms. Davidson was appointed by Governor Brian Kemp and sworn in as Director of Georgia's Office of the Child Advocate on August 1, 2018. Before her appointment, Ms. Davidson was the Deputy Director at OCA under Tom Rawlings.



Judge Stephen Dillard, Court of Appeals

Presiding Judge Dillard was appointed as the 73rd judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia on November 1, 2010 by Governor Sonny Perdue. Prior to his appointment, Judge Dillard was in private practice with James, Bates, Pope & Spivey in Macon, serving as chairman of the firm's appellate practice group. Judge Dillard was elected and reelected by his fellow Georgians in 2012 and 2018.



Representative Chuck Efstration

Representative Efstration, III represents House District 104, which includes Dacula, Lawrenceville, Auburn, Buford, and Hoschtown addresses in Gwinnett County. Chuck has served as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives since December 13, 2013.



Ms. Darice Good

Ms. Good is a private attorney representing families and children in juvenile court through her firm, Good Legal Firm, LLC. She is a member of the Steering Committee for the National Parents Representation Project of the Children and Law Center at the American Bar Association, and a member of the Georgia Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Panel.



Judge Britt Hammond, Superior Court

Judge Hammond was sworn in as Superior Court Judge for Toombs Judicial Circuit on December 2, 2016. Previously, Judge Hammond served as judge for the Toombs County Juvenile Court for 13 years.



Judge Render Heard, Jr., Juvenile Court

Judge Heard, Jr. is the Juvenile Court Judge for the Tifton Judicial Circuit where he has presided over cases involving children in Tift, Worth, Turner and Irwin Counties since 2012.



Judge Amanda Heath, Juvenile Court

Judge Heath was sworn in on October 1st, 2016 as the first African-American woman judge to be appointed to the Juvenile Court for the Augusta Judicial Circuit. Prior to her appointment, Judge Heath ran her own family law firm, and worked in the District Attorney's office.



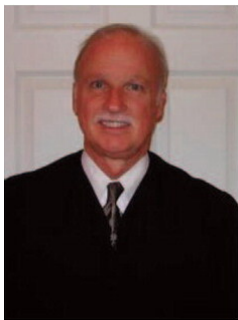
Dr. Sharon Hill

Dr. Hill is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. She holds a BA in Psychology from Delta State University (Cleveland, MS), an MPA from the University of Illinois (Chicago), an MA in Guidance and Counseling from Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago) and a Ph.D. in Public and Urban Administration from the University of Texas (Arlington). Her current committee work includes the Georgia Supreme Court Committee on Justice for Children and the Georgia Conference on Children and Families.



Judge Lisa Jones, Juvenile Court

Judge Jones has served as Juvenile Court judge for the Southwestern Judicial Circuit since 2001, overseeing cases in Lee, Macon, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, and Webster Counties. Prior to her appointment, Judge Jones worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the same circuit.



Judge Michael Key

Judge Key is the Juvenile Court Judge for Troup County, Georgia, and a past president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He previously served as chairman of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence, and as president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.



Ms. Jennifer King

Ms. King became the Executive Director of Georgia CASA in October 2018, after working with the organization since 2002. Prior to her role as Executive Director, Ms. King served in various positions with CASA, most recently as Operations Director.



Chief Nealie McCormick

Chief McCormick is the chief of police for the City of Pelham and has more than four decades of experience in law enforcement. He is a Muskogee Creek Indian and a member of the Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe. McCormick is an advisor for federal, state and local agencies on Indian Affairs.



Dr. Garry McGiboney

Dr. McGiboney serves as the Deputy Superintendent of Policy at the Georgia Department of Education. Dr. McGiboney has a Ph.D. in school psychology and educational administration from Georgia State University and is a state certified mediator. Currently, he is on the Board of Directors of Georgia Family Connections Partnership, Georgia Chapter of Mental Health of America, and the DeKalb Community Service Board.



Representative Mary Margaret Oliver

Representative Oliver is a resident of District 82 in Dekalb County, and has served in the Georgia General Assembly in both the House of Representatives (1987 – 1992; and 2003 – present), and the Senate (1993 – 1998). Rep Oliver currently sits on the House Appropriations, Judiciary, Governmental Affairs, Juvenile Justice and Science and Technology Committees.



Commissioner Tyrone Oliver

Commissioner Oliver was appointed DJJ Commissioner on July 25, 2019 by Governor Brian Kemp. Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Oliver served for over twenty years in law enforcement, most recently as Chief of Police and Deputy City Manager for the City of Social Circle.



Mr. Tom Rawlings

Mr. Rawlings was appointed in February 2019 by Governor Brian Kemp to serve as Director of the State Division of Family and Children Services. Prior to joining DFCS, Tom served as the director of Georgia's Office of the Child Advocate. From 2000-2007, he served as the first full-time juvenile court judge in the Middle Judicial Circuit, where he oversaw juvenile justice and child protection cases in five counties.



Judge Juliette Scales, Juvenile Court

Judge Scales was named Chief Judge of the Fulton County Juvenile Court in February 2018. Previously, Judge Scales had served as Juvenile Judge in Fulton County since 2002. She is the current president of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges and sits on the Governor's Office of Children and Families Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.



Senator Freddie Powell Sims

Senator Sims was elected to the State Senate in 2008 to represent the 12th Senatorial District. Sen. Sims serves as secretary of the Education and Youth Committee, Vice Chairwoman of Interstate Cooperation and is a member of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Appropriations and Natural Resources and the Environment committees.



Senator Blake Tillery

Senator Tillery, a Republican, was elected to Georgia's 19th district in 2016. Sen. Tillery represents Appling, Jeff Davis, Long, Montgomery, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler and portions of Liberty and Tattnall counties. Prior to his service in the Georgia Senate, Sen. Tillery was Chairman of the Toombs County Commission. He has previously served on the Heart of Georgia-Altamaha Regional Commission, Heart of Georgia Workforce Investment Board, Toombs County Boys and Girls Club Board, and cochaired the Leadership Toombs-Montgomery program.



Ms. Catherine Vandenberg

Ms. Vandenberg is the current Deputy Director of Atlanta Legal Aid. Ms. Vandenberg started with Legal Aid as a staff attorney in the Cobb Office in 1989 and became managing attorney of that office in 2000. For many years, Ms. Vandenberg has had a special focus on representing children with special needs in juvenile court dependency cases.



Mr. Talley Wells

Mr. Wells is the executive director of Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice. Prior to joining Georgia Appleseed, Talley was at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society for seventeen years. At Atlanta Legal Aid, Talley served as the Director of Disability Integration Project where he advocated for children and adults with significant disabilities.



Mr. Dave Willis

Mr. Willis has served as the Executive Director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia since being unanimously voted into the position in April 2018. Previously, Mr. Willis spent nine years with the ACCG as Government Relations Manager. He holds an MPA from Valdosta State University, and a BS in Political Science from Georgia Southwestern University.



Bishop Robert Wright

The Right Rev. Wright is the 10th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, which covers north and middle Georgia and embraces 110 worshipping communities. At the time of his election in June 2012, he had served 10 years as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Prior to that, he was a school chaplain and on the staff of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City.

Ms. Stephany Zaic

Ms. Zaic is a Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist, and has operated the Law Office of Stephany Zaic, LLC since 2015. Her litigation practice is child and family-based, focusing on child welfare law, Guardian ad Litem work and probate litigation. Stephany is appointed as the Special Assistant Attorney General for Towns and Union DFCS, and she is also appointed as the attorney Guardian ad Litem for children in Superior Court custody cases.