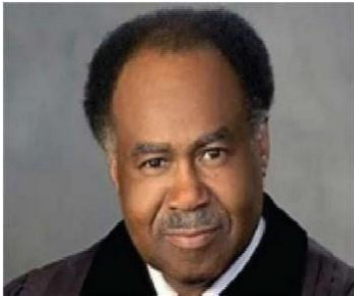




**Justice, Verda M. Colvin, Chair
Supreme Court of Georgia**

Judge Colvin serves as a Superior Court Judge in the Macon Judicial Circuit which covers Macon -Bibb, Peach and Crawford Counties. She presides over a Civil and Criminal Docket. Additionally, Judge Colvin is responsible for some Domestic Cases and Major Felonies. She also presides over Mental Health Court, Parenting Court and Family Violence Court.



Retired Justice Robert Benham, Emeritus Member

Justice Benham is currently the longest serving member of the Supreme Court of Georgia. Appointed by Gov. Joe Frank Harris in December 1989, he was the first African American ever appointed to the Supreme Court in its more than 140 years. On July 1990, he won statewide election to a full term on the Supreme Court. He served as Chief Justice from 1995 - 2001, elected by his peers.



Retired Justice Carol Hunstein, Emeritus Member

Justice Hunstein is a former justice on the [Georgia Supreme Court](#). She was appointed to the court in November 1992 by Democratic Governor Zell Miller. Justice Hunstein was re-elected for additional six-year terms in [2000](#), [2006](#), and [2012](#).



Justice Charles Bethel, Supreme Court of Georgia

Justice Bethel is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. He is a former Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals. Before his judicial tenure, he served as Senator in the Georgia General Assembly from Dalton, Georgia.



Tabitha Ponder, Esq., Committee Liaison

In 2004, Tabitha established a statewide litigation practice with current offices in Atlanta (Cobb County) and Tifton. Her offices handle a variety of cases such as real estate law, business law and injury cases. Tabitha was recently appointed to serve as a Special Master in Cobb County Superior Court.



Retired Judge Bill Adams State Bar of Georgia

Adams mediated and arbitrated a wide variety of disputes through 1998 when he was elected as Judge of the State Court of Bibb County. As Judge, he presided over substantial civil disputes including medical malpractice cases and products liability cases. He retired from the bench in June 2017 to join his son Brian's law firm, Adams Law Firm, as Of Counsel. Shortly thereafter, he went through the training at Henning Mediation and Arbitration Service to again become a registered mediator and arbitrator.



Judge Cynthia C. Adams

Accountability Courts

Judge Cynthia C. Adams was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal on January 31, 2017 and was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge of the Douglas Judicial Circuit on February 13, 2017. Prior to assuming the bench, Judge Adams served as Judge Pro Tempore in the Douglas County Juvenile Court and as a solo practitioner at the Law Office of Cynthia C. Adams in Douglasville, Georgia. She previously served as a prosecutor in Fulton County and DeKalb County before opening her own law practice in 2008. While at the District Attorney's office she was assigned to the special victim's unit where she prosecuted crimes committed against children, such as child molestation and child homicide.



Michael J. Blakey, Esq.

Gate City Bar Association

Immediately after law school, Blakely began pursuing his passion for helping individuals and their families address tragedy by developing a specialty in catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death civil actions. Michael Blakely has played an integral role in the litigation of several national, high profile, mass tort cases.



Judge Leisa G. Blount

Probate Court Judge of Dougherty County



Judge Walter Davis

Georgia State-wide Business Court

Walt Davis is the inaugural judge for the newly created Georgia State-wide Business Court. Walt was appointed by Governor Brian P. Kemp in July 2019, and unanimously confirmed in a Joint Session of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees of the Georgia General Assembly in August 2019. Walt officially began his term on January 1, 2020.



J. Antonio Delcampo, Esq.

Georgia Hispanic Bar Association

J. Antonio DelCampo recently established DelCampo, Weber & Grayson, LLC, after working for a prominent Atlanta law firm for two years and serving nearly a decade on the bench in the State Court of DeKalb County. He previously served on the Board of Directors on the DeKalb County Bar Association and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO).



Judge Sara Doyle

Georgia Court of Appeals

Presiding Judge Sara Doyle was elected to the Georgia Court of Appeals in December 2008 and took office on January 1, 2009. In 2014, she was elected to her second six-year term. From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, Judge Doyle was the Court's Chief Judge where she was instrumental in implementing a historic jurisdiction shift of cases from the Supreme Court and the addition of a new fifth division adding three more judges to the Court.



Sharon Edenfield, Esq.
State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division

Ms. Edenfield has earned consistent top rankings from her peers as well as recognition from the National Trial Lawyers as a "Top 40 Under 40" and a "Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Attorney". She has also been honored twice with the Signature Service Award from the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division, the only attorney who has been honored more than once for commitment to community service, as well as the organization's Award of Achievement, along with various other awards throughout her career.



Judge Jana J. Edmondson-Cooper
Magistrate Court of Cobb County

Jana has contributed to the development of local, state, and federal language access policies & the development of state and national curricula for training attorneys and judges on language access as an A2J issue. Appointed by the Supreme Court of GA, Jana is a member of the Court's Commission on Interpreters and the Judicial Council of GA's Access to Justice Committee. Jana has authored several publications on language access including GA's first bench book chapter dedicated to the provision of qualified interpreters in civil and criminal proceedings.



Judge Belinda Edwards
Superior Court, Atlanta Circuit

Judge Belinda E. Edwards (J.D. '90) was sworn in as Fulton County superior court judge in December. She was with the firm of Hollowell Foster & Herring, focusing on mediation. Previously, Edwards has been chief judge of the Fulton County Juvenile Court, general counsel for Morris Brown College, senior attorney for Atlanta Public Schools and assistant city attorney and senior financial analyst for the city of Atlanta.



Christina Folsom

Georgia Association for Women Lawyers

Christina formerly practiced in Albany, GA before relocating to Valdosta and joining Langdale Vallotton in 2006. She is a member of the Valdosta Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia. She is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the Supreme Court of Georgia, the Court of Appeals for the State of Georgia, as well as the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. Tina is also a member of Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. In 2019, Tina was honored to receive the Chief Justice Robert Benham’s Commission on Professionalism, Community Service Award. In 2020, Tina was honored as being selected to the Super Lawyers list. In 2022, Tina was registered as a mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.



Terica Ganzy, Esq.

Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys

Terrica Redfield Ganzy is the Southern Center for Human Rights’ (SCHR) Deputy Director, where she focuses on elevating SCHR’s mission, assisting the executive director with coordination of SCHR’s strategy and programs, developing strategic partnerships, cultivating donor relationships, and planning major fundraising events.



Mazie Lynn Guertin

General Counsel and Policy Advocate

Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer

Experienced Advocate with a demonstrated history of working in the criminal legal system and on related public policy reform. Skilled in Legal Writing, Criminal Defense, Policy Analysis, Law, and Legislative Policy.



Angela Hsu

Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Angela Hsu holds the title of Vice President, Legal at Duke Realty Corporation, a Fortune 500 publicly traded industrial real estate company with a presence in 22 states in the U.S. Over the course of her professional career, she served on the board of the Regional Leadership Foundation and the Emory University Board of Visitors. Angela was also President of the Georgia Chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans from 1997 to 1999. She currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity, an agency of the State of Georgia. Angela is also on the Campus Planning Committee for Westminster School, Atlanta and serves on the first advisory board for the Emory University School of Law Transactional Law Center. She has been invited to rejoin the board of the Georgia Asian Pacific Bar Association in 2018.



Judge Mike Jacobs

State Court of DeKalb County

Judge Jacobs serves on the State Court of DeKalb County, a trial court of original jurisdiction that hears civil cases and misdemeanor criminal cases and conducts jury trials. He was appointed to the bench in 2015 and re-elected in 2016. Prior to taking the bench, judge Jacobs served ten and a half years in the Georgia House of Representatives.



Tracey Johnson

Executive Director, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

Tracey is the Executive Director of the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. She has found relationships with Georgia's court professionals through the Georgia Council of Court of Court Administrators and her network of colleagues across the nation through the National Association of Court Management to be valuable sources of information and knowledge.



Judge Chong Kim
Municipal Court of Doraville

Chong Kim was the first Asian American woman appointed to be a pro hac Judge to the Fulton County Magistrate Court. She served on the bench from 2000-2008. In 2020, Chong was appointed to be an Associate Judge for the

Municipal Court of the City of Doraville. She is also the first Korean American woman appointed to the bench for the city of Doraville. Additionally, Chong has represented approximately ten thousand clients in her over twenty-nine years of practice in state and federal courts. Chong has been a special master to the Georgia state bar since 2017.



Misty Peterson
Attorney at King and Spalding
Stonewall Bar Association

Misty Peterson, CIPP/US, serves as counsel in King & Spalding's Data Privacy and Security and Class Action practices. Misty focuses on the defense of complex and class action litigation under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, California Consumer Privacy Act, state and federal warranty laws, fraud, consumer protection statutes, and related privacy laws. She also regularly handles compliance and cybersecurity incident response needs for clients.



Judge Brendon Shaw Rhodes
Magistrate Court Wilcox County

Shawn Rhodes is the judge of the Wilcox County Probate and Magistrate Courts in Georgia. Rhodes was appointed to the position in 2015 by Cordele Circuit Court Judge John C. Pridgen to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Betty J. Anderson.



Dr. William Simmons

Chairman for District Court Administrator, Sixth Judicial Administrative District

Dr. Simmons, who has served as president of the Georgia Council of Court Administrators, also is a member of the Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee for the State Bar of Georgia, the Judicial Workload Assessment Committee for the Judicial Council of Georgia and the Board of Trustees for the Savannah State University Foundation. The National Association for Court Management (NACM) recently elected Dr. William “Will” Simmons of McDonough as President of the Board for the 2019-2020 term.



Judge Jason Thompson

State Court of Fayette County

A native to Fayette County, Judge Thompson is a graduate of Maryville College and Cumberland School of Law. Prior to being appointed to the bench by Governor Nathan Deal in April 2013, he was elected to serve as Fayette County Magistrate Court where he presided over both civil and criminal matters. Judge Thompson was elected Fayette County State Court Judge in May 2014, in an uncontested race.



Judge Maureen Wood

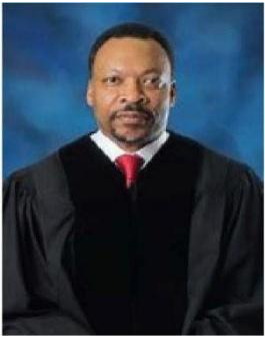
Juvenile Court of Rockdale County

Judge Wood was sworn into office on Sept. 30 by Chief Judge David Irwin, who appointed her to the four-year position. Wood is Rockdale’s first African American to hold the seat. She is also believed to be the first female ever appointed as a Rockdale Juvenile Court judge.

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