

NAME; Tracie H. Cason
PARTY: Nonpartisan
SEEKING: Gwinnett Superior Court
(Turner Seat)



Why are you seeking the office?

For the past 21 years, I have been protecting our community as a prosecutor, giving a voice to victims and ensuring that those charged with crimes are treated fairly and justly. I want to continue to protect our community as a judge. Further, I want to make sure that all of our citizens, private and business, feel served and protected by our court system. My experience as a trial lawyer, my commitment to the rule of law, my understanding of and care for people have equipped me well for this important work.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

No one is more dedicated to this community, to the rule of law, to protecting ALL our citizens, especially our children. Everyone coming before the Superior Court- all parties in civil cases, the victims of crimes, and the persons charged with crimes, parties in domestic relations case- should be confident that the judge presiding over their case is fair, hard-working, knowledgeable and committed to getting to the correct result every time. I will be that judge.

What is the proper role of a judge in interpreting the laws and Constitution?

Trial judges do not make law; they apply the law as written by the legislature and decided by the higher courts, consistent with the constitutions of our state and nation. The role of the judge is to apply the laws to the factual situations that come before her. When applying to law the cases in front of her, she must allow no room for personal opinion, bias, or political influence. She must adhere to the strict application of the law and the Constitution as it is written.

What in your life experience makes you believe that you are or would be a good judge?

I have lived my life following the rules, which is what a judge is called to do. Further, I take a measured, planned, and intentional approach to things. Judges have the same human issues to deal with as all people.

My 21 years in the justice system has shown me the best and worst of human nature. When combined with dealing with common personal issues (like the failing health of parents), life has taught me how to remain calm, consider all available options, ask the right questions, carefully consider the possible and probable consequences of my decisions, and decide rationally.

What do you think are the attributes of a good judge?

Judges must know the law and the rules of procedure and how to find legal information for certainty. She must be patient, a very good listener with an ear for detail, and committed to getting to the truth in every case. She must be willing to consider every argument presented carefully and willing to put in the long hours necessary to ensure that everyone has been heard and treated fairly and with dignity. And she must have a thick skin, remaining calm in the face of criticism which inevitably follows when one must decide among competing positions.

Please give a 100 word summary of your background:

I grew up in Dublin, Georgia and my parents always encouraged and insisted on dedication to education. I graduated cum laude with honors from UGA with a degree in Criminal Justice. Taking time off before law school, I moved to Washington, D.C. and worked at the Woodrow Wilson Center in the Latin American Program. I then graduated from Baylor Law School with a concentration in civil litigation. I started at the Dublin DA's Office, creating our Victim-Witness Program. I have been in the Gwinnett DA's Office for eighteen years and serve as a Deputy Chief Assistant DA.