

**NAME: Ronda Colvin Leary**  
**PARTY: Nonpartisan**  
**SEEKING: State Court Judge, Division 4**



**Why are you seeking the office?**

I am seeking the office of Gwinnett State Court because I believe in fairness and justice. I have the qualities and experience required to take on the role of a judge. I believe if you have a case in court you have a right to have your voice heard. I am passionate about people, committed to community and dedicated to justice.

**What distinguishes your candidacy?**

My life experiences, family values, strong Christian values, educational background, professional career experiences, my engagement and active involvement in the community distinguishes my candidacy.

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

It is the role of the judiciary to apply the laws and Constitution to the cases that come before them. A judge should apply the law based on the actual text and the original intent.

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

As a child, treating everybody right was engrained in my upbringing. I am a mother, wife and a small business owner with 17 years of legal experience. I believe that my dual background as a prosecutor, defense attorney and civil litigator in private practice gives me insights that will result in fairness and justice. Additionally, I believe that different backgrounds, cultures, life experiences and different perspectives helps in bringing fairer justice.

I believe in giving back, so I am extremely involved in community volunteerism. Staying intune to the issues in the community is important.

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

Some attributes of a good judge are: proper judicial temperament, fairness, integrity, patience, courage, courtesy, firmness, punctuality, common sense, competency of the law, tact

**Please give a 100 word summary of your background.**

Ronda comes from a long line of military servicemen, and law enforcement. She has seventeen (17) years of legal experience. Her practice focuses on Criminal Law, Contract law, Juvenile law and Personal Injury. Ronda has currently served as Solicitor for the City of Winder since 2011, former Assistant Solicitor, and a former part time adjunct for the University of Phoenix.

Ronda received her Juris Doctorate degree from Florida Coastal school of Law, Jacksonville, Florida. She holds a bachelor's degree from Auburn University. Ronda and her husband Keith, a USM, live in Snellville with their two daughters, ages 14 and 16.