

**NAME: TRACEY MASON**  
**PARTY: Nonpartisan**  
**SEEKING: Superior Court (Davis seat)**



**1. Why are you seeking the office?**

I WAS ENCOURAGED BY OTHER ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES AND RELENTED.

**2. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

I AM THE ONLY LOCALLY BORN CANDIDATE. (9<sup>TH</sup> GENERATION GWINNETIAN, WHOSE GREAT GRANDFATHERS WERE SHERIFF, FATHER WAS IN LEGISLATURE AND DIED IN SERVICE TO STATE ON TRADE MISSION FOR PORTS AUTHORITY, UNCLE WAS MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF BOC, ETC.)

I AM THE ONLY PRODUCT OF GWINNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS.

I AM THE ONLY CANDIDATE WITH JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE, HAVING SERVED AS A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE IN THE CITY OF DULUTH.

I AM THE ONLY CANDIDATE THAT CURRENT JUDGES HAVE RELIED ON FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS TO RECOMMEND DECISIONS IN GWINNETT SUPERIOR COURT AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM (MAKING REC'S IN CUSTODY CASES) (100)

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

A JUDGE'S ROLD IS NOT TO MAKE LAWS (THE LEGISLATURE'S ROLE) BUT TO APPLY THE LAWS TO THE SITUATIONS THAT COME BEFORE HIM/HER IN A FAIR AND CONSIDERATE MANNER, WITH NO PREVIOUS PREJUDICES TOWARD THE ISSUES BEFORE HIM/HER (IE, NO PERSONAL BIASES), WITH EQUALITY TO ALL.

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

MY COMMITMENT TO GWINNETT COUNTY AND KEEPING IT GREAT MAKE ME WANT TO PLAY THIS ROLE, WHERE MY GIFTS LIE. I AM TOLD THAT I HAVE GOOD JUDGMENT, THAT I AM FAIR, THAT I AM UNBIASED, THAT I AM CONSIDERATE – TEMPERATE, EXPERIENCED, HAVE INTEGRITY, COURAGE TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS, COMPASSION FOR OTHERS, ETC.\*

SPECIFICALLY, MY JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE, MY 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE MAKING TOUGH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS IN DIFFICULT CUSTODY CASES, MY EXPERIENCE MEDIATING AND ARBITRATING THOUSANDS OF CIVIL CASES AND GUIDING PARTIES INTO SETTLEMENTS THAT WORK BEST FOR THEM IN THEIR PARTICULAR SETS OF CIRCUMSTANCES, MAKING DECISIONS AS (100)

SPECIAL MASTER IN THE TYPES OF REAL ESTATE CASES THAT COME BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT, ETC.

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

\*SEE TRAITS LISTED ABOVE, PLEASE. "SPECIAL MASTER IN THE TYPES OF REAL ESTATE CASES THAT COME BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT, ETC."

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

- BA in Economics and French from Univ of NC in Chapel Hill, 1983;
- Worked for Honeywell, Inc., as a representative selling micro-processor based building control systems for their Commercial Construction Division;
- 1988-1992: Stayed home with daughters;
- 1992-1995: Started GSU Law School and finished on schedule, attending full time; (worked in GSU Low Income Taxpayer Tax Clinic handling post-audit tax disputes, tried cases in US Tax Court);
- 1995-2000: Associate with Andersen, Davidson & Tate, handling general civil, real estate, estate and probate, and business matters; and
- 2000-Now: Running my own practice.