

**NAME:** Kathy Schraeder  
**PARTY:** Non-Partisan  
**SEEKING:** Superior Court Judge, Division 3

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

I am seeking re-election to continue serving the citizens of Gwinnett with the innovative strategies and programs that I have implemented to address the conflicts and continue to deliver on the promises made during my candidacy in 2012. Now, more than ever, our community needs proven and courageous leadership to implement new strategies, such as video conferencing to improve access to justice for all citizens and to address the backlog of cases as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**2. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

My candidacy is distinguished by my unparalleled dedication to improving the outcome of all citizens, my proven experience and courageous leadership throughout my almost 33 year legal career, my continuous community service and my dedication to improving equal access to justice, despite political opposition. Since elected in 2012, I have implemented many justice reform strategies, judicial efficiency measures to assess the need of each case, insure prompt scheduling of all matters, reduced backlog, improved access and transparency of the courts, and formed community collaboration to serve all citizens and improve outcomes for all parties in the justice system.

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

The Court's role is to hear all facts and testimony allowed under the law and render fair, equal and impartial justice. In civil matters, courts must apply of the law to each individual case based on the facts of that matter, render a fair and impartial judgment, thereby creating a strategy to improve the outcome of the parties. In criminal matters, the court is charged with protecting all due process rights of the accused and creating a sentence to protect the public, hold the accused accountable in proportion to the crimes committed and reducing recidivism.

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

All of my life experiences enhance my ability to treat everyone in my court room with respect, dignity and fairness. My continuous community service and

dedication to improving the outcome of all citizens is unmatched. I have been a member of the State Bar of Georgia for almost 33 years now been a judge for 15 years and have garnered a wealth of experience as a judicial officer, attorney and community servant. You can see all of my community involvement, leadership and civic involvement, professional awards and recognitions at [www.judgekathyschrader.com](http://www.judgekathyschrader.com).

**5. What do you see as a new challenge for judges in a post-pandemic court system?**

The new challenge for most judges is going to accept that digital tools will be necessary to address the growing backlog of cases and improve access to justice for all of our citizens. I had already implemented many features to enhance our citizens' ability to receive a prompt hearing, access to the court for resolution of discovery and scheduling issues, etc., but with the total suspension of non-essential matters and jury trials, the Courts must implement and take advantage of available technology.

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

I am a lifelong resident of Georgia and have resided in Gwinnett County for a total of 25 years. I have been married to the same man for 32 years and have 3 children. I am a lifelong learner and constantly seeking out best practices, data and strategies to improve everything in my personal life and in the Court. More about me, personally and professionally, can be found at [www.judgekathyschrader.com](http://www.judgekathyschrader.com).