

NAME: Verda M. Colvin
PARTY: Non-Partisan
SEEKING: Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court

1. Why are you seeking the office?

I have served this state and the United States for virtually my entire career. My “why” for entering the legal profession was simply to serve and aid in making our legal landscape better. I have continually served the citizens of Georgia throughout my legal career as a prosecutor in Municipal, State, Superior and Federal court. My service on the Superior Court, Georgia Court of Appeals and now as a Supreme Court Justice has enabled me to continue my lifelong commitment to service- public service. My experience is valued on the court as I understand the entire legal process-from the view (100).

What distinguishes your candidacy?

My record distinguishes me. I have done the work from the courtroom as a lawyer to the bench as a judge . There can be no greater test for a role on the Georgia Supreme Court than to have served in the trenches before assuming a seat on the Georgia Supreme Court. I have garnered the respect of judges throughout the Middle District of Georgia, my former colleagues on the Superior Court bench as well as my colleagues on the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court as well as member of our State Bar. What is the proper role (100).

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

I have been blessed to have a life that has not always been easy but I have always used my faith to conquer every obstacle I have faced. My collective experiences have enabled me to stay humble and ever mindful of my commitment to serve others. That commitment, that determination to make a difference in the lives of others, was borne from my upbringing. Having started in a religious Pre-K and attending until 4th grade solidified my purpose. For me that purpose was service, service above self.

What do I see as a new challenge for judges in a post-pandemic court system?

We will have an avalanche of cases to work through. The first level of cases will come through the trial courts. They will be faced with a myriad of cases that have lingered for over two years. This includes the ones that were in the pipeline before COVID struck. We will all have to work overtime and feverishly to get those cases resolved. This same avalanche will hit our appellate courts. However, every judge and justice recognizes what is to come and we are readied for the challenge.

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

I started my career in the a general practice firm in Charlotte. I then went on to serve as a prosecutor the remaining time in practice. I have served on virtually every level of our court system-Superior Court, Court of Appeals and now the Georgia Supreme Court. It is an honor of a lifetime and I want to continue my commitment to serve by remaining a Justice on the Georgia Supreme Court.