

NAME: Elaine Amankwah Nietman
PARTY: Non-partisan
SEEKING: State Court Judge, Division 5

1. Why are you seeking your office?

My compassion for the community, legal experience, and dedication to the law has motivated me to run for Gwinnett County State Court Judge. As a Christian, wife, and mother of four children, I believe God has called me to serve in this role for the betterment of Gwinnett County.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I expect to have an effective and efficient court with impartial and respectful justice to all parties that come before it. My court will have a significant impact in decreasing crime and repeat offenders in our county. I want to see our citizens and schools thriving and for Gwinnett to carry the reputation of being the best place to live in the State of Georgia.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I am the only judicial candidate in Gwinnett County that has spoken up at our local school board meetings with ideas for decreasing crime in our county. We must educate our youth to prevent future crime. I am committed to the following principles in my campaign: 1) Impartial and respectful treatment of all that come before the court, 2) decreasing crime, 3) decreasing repeat offenders, 4) efficient and effective treatment and accountability court programs, 5) addressing immigrant concerns.

4. Pick any one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

Gwinnett County currently does not have a mental health court. Our courts are the biggest providers of mental illness treatment in our state and Georgia ranks number 48 in the country for mental illness treatment. As a mother of a child with special needs, this matter is near and dear to my heart. As your next state court judge, I will work hard to improve mental illness treatment in our courts. Mental health court can provide for specialized mental health training of legal personnel and provide for judicial supervision in addressing criminal defendants who are mentally ill or intellectually disabled.

5. What are your ideas on curbing all the many area-wide shooting?

Our state court is an intervention court that can prevent a minor criminal offender from becoming a future felon. I practice both civil and criminal law. I am passionate about the work that I do. My work requires me to be patient and attentive in listening to my clients to make sure they understand the legal process and the consequences involved. This

process has allowed me to adjudicate cases without any confusion or delays to bring about the best results. I will work with these character traits to give the right consequences to convicted criminal defendants in preventing area-wide shooting.

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

I immigrated to the U.S. from Ghana at a young age. My grandparents raised me when I lived in Ghana. My grandfather, son of the Asante King Prempeh I and former Supreme Court Judge of Ghana, instilled in me from a young age a sense of justice that motivated me to go to law school. When I relocated to the United States, the hard work of my parents, working two to three jobs to provide for our large family, and their willingness to serve others ingrained in me a dedicated work ethic that I have carried throughout my life.