

NAME: Erica Dove

PARTY: Non-Partisan

SEEKING: Gwinnett State Court, Division 5

1. Why are you seeking the office?

To serve the citizens of Gwinnett with the right judicial temperament, experience, cultural competency and compassion.

To serve with Integrity and rule with Impartiality and Fairness.

Also, to maintain the standard of Excellence in Gwinnett County.

2. What trial experience do you have in criminal and civil law?

I have handled over 1,000 matters in Gwinnett State Court. I have handled various trials and hearings for civil matters ranging from small claims, family law and big corporate multi-million dollar trial preparations, as well as hundreds of criminal matters (both bench and jury trials)

3. How many jury trials have you conducted as a lawyer?

Approximately 75+.

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

I have 20 years of experience as an attorney on both sides of criminal and civil matters. I am the only candidate with judicial experience, and that has been actively involved in state court accountability court programs offered to defendants to address the underlying issues so that defendants don't re-enter the justice system.

I am also very active in the community, mentoring young people in various programs to help guide them to be productive and impressive law-abiding citizens. I would be ready to proceed on moving cases on day one upon entering office to assist in clearing up any backlog.

5. How do you see ways to improve the operations of the court in Gwinnett?

More effective use of technology to handle matters outside of trials. Video calendars and electronic documents and signatures could be useful.

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

I began my career at King and Spalding, LLP. Later, I served as an Assistant Solicitor in the State Court of Gwinnett County for 10 years, serving on the DUI Accountability Court team, and assisting in the establishment of the Mental Health Diversion program. I also served as prosecutor in several Municipal Courts, including Norcross, Suwanee, Lilburn, and others. In 2015, The Law Office of Erica K Dove, LLC was established, handling various types of matters, working on the Indigent Defense list, serving as an advocate for clients with Mental Health issues, and also State Court Veterans Accountability Court team.