

NAME: Matt Miller

PARTY: Non-Partisan

SEEKING: State Court, Division 5

1. Why are you seeking the office?

I have always had a passion for the law and public service. A judicial seat embodies both of those key elements. I respect the law and the duty of the judge to follow the law. While a judge must follow and enforce the law, they must always be cognitive of their role as a public servant. A judge must always be looking to make the community safer and better for all who live in it.

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

I have tried numerous criminal and civil cases. On the criminal side, I have tried cases on both the prosecution and defense side of the law. On the civil side, I have tried cases as both a plaintiff's lawyer and a defense attorney. In my years of private practice I have had the pleasure and opportunity to become well versed in all the areas of the law a State Court Judge needs to be knowledgeable about.

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

Hundreds of jury trials in both the Civil and Criminal realms. In the criminal arena, I have tried jury trials as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. Further, I have been the lead attorney in both misdemeanor and felony jury trial cases. In the civil arena, I have tried jury trial cases as both a plaintiff's and defense lawyer. In terms of civil cases, I have been the lead attorney in personal injury and contract cases. I am well versed the proper courtroom etiquette and know the rules of procedure for both criminal and civil cases.

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

First and foremost, I have always viewed my role as a father as the most important role I have. It has made me realize that I need to listen to my children's concerns and truly understand what their needs are. At times, those needs maybe encouragement, support, and love. At other times, it might be structure and discipline. Knowing how to read their body language and listening to them to determine what actions are truly appropriate, are key character traits that make a great father and a great judge.

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

Incorporating more technology in the courtroom is imperative to help the courts to keep evolving and moving forward. The use of video conferencing tools such as Zoom can allow more cases and motions to be heard on the dockets than ever before. It will also help to alleviate the backlog of cases that have arisen as the result of the pandemic. We need Judge's who are technologically

savvy and willing to use the tools at the disposal. I have always been open to using technology to improve the courts and society as a whole.

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

I reside in Lawrenceville with my wife Tara and our three children. I graduated from the University of Tennessee in 2005 with his Juris Doctorate. For almost two decades, I have practiced law in Gwinnett. I was a small business owner with my own private firm where I practiced in all areas of the law including criminal defense, civil defense, plaintiff's personal injury, contract disputes, juvenile, family, landlord-tenant, and probate cases. I tried cases to jury verdicts all areas of the law a State Court Judge needs to be knowledgeable about making me the most qualified candidate for the job.