

NAME: Karen Scott Greene
PARTY: Non-Partisan
SEEKING: Superior Court, Division 9

1. Why are you seeking the office?

I am running for Superior court Judge to bring a fresh, transparent approach to the bench. I would like to streamline cases by modernizing record keeping and utilizing technology to help cases flow more efficiently.

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

I have litigated hundreds of criminal and civil matters over the twenty-seven years of my career.

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

I have participated in over fifty jury trials as either first or second chair.

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

As an attorney, I have represented and counseled families during some of the most challenging moments in their lives. I have the compassion, patience, and the correct judicial temperament to ensure that all parties that will come into my courtroom are treated with dignity and respect.

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

There are two suggestions that I would offer to improve court operations in Gwinnett. In criminal cases, prosecutors utilize a pretrial release system for eligible cases for low risk offenders.. This would reduce the number of cases that are waiting for trial and could potentially ease any jail overcrowding that Gwinnett jail may be experiencing. Second, I would recommend that the Superior Court continue the use of virtual hearings and the efficient use of magistrate judges to handle calendars in state and superior courts to motions, discovery disputes, status hearings and other similar matters.

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

I served as Assistant Director for the Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy at Clark Atlanta University. After leaving Clark Atlanta, I worked as an Assistant County Attorney for DeKalb County. My clients were Public Works, Zoning and the Tax Commissioner. My next position was with a small real estate firm in Duluth. After leaving that firm, I opened up my own law practice in Lawrenceville practicing debt collection defense, bankruptcy, real estate, criminal, juvenile and family law. I have narrowed my practice to focus on special education and juvenile law.