

NAME: Angela D. Duncan
PARTY: Non-Partisan
SEEKING: Superior Court, Post 11

1. Why are you seeking the office?

I CURRENTLY HOLD THE POSITION OF GWINNETT COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OF DIVISION 11 AND AM SEEKING TO KEEP MY POSITION.

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

I practiced law in Metro Atlanta, primarily in Gwinnett, for 19 years prior to taking the bench full time. I have had civil and criminal jury trials during my career. I have tried Domestic Law cases in multiple counties throughout Georgia. I began my legal career with a focus on criminal defense and have practiced in all trial courts, both state and federal. In addition, I practiced personal injury law, bankruptcy, and worker's compensation law. As my career progressed, I shifted focus to primarily Domestic law, to include, but not limited to, Divorce, Legitimation, Child Custody, Child Support, and adoptions.

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

I do not know the exact number of jury trials I have conducted as an attorney or as a Judge. I have tried cases to jury verdict in Gwinnett, Dekalb, Fulton, and Hall Counties over the length of my practice. Since I took the bench full time in 2016, I have tried multiple cases, both civil and criminal to jury verdict as well.

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

My 22 years of presiding as a Judge in various court levels, from Municipal to Superior Court, uniquely qualifies me for this position. From beginning my judicial career in several cities' Municipal Court to my current appointed Superior Court Judgeship, I have honed my skills as an active and engaged listener to *pro se* parties and attorneys alike, have enhanced my knowledge in many areas of the law and in how to manage my caseload, and have learned proper judicial demeanor.

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

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

I grew up just outside of Washington, D.C. surrounded by American history. I have lived in Gwinnett County since 1986 and love my community. I served my Country in the United States Army Reserves from 1987-1995. I have continued that service by practicing law here and later serving as a Judge for the last 18 years. I am a volunteer in the Seeking the Right Amendable Path, or 'STRAP' program, at the Veteran's Resource Center and a past Rotarian. I am a graduate from Leadership Gwinnett Class of 2017.