

**NAME: B. Thassanee “BT” Parker**  
**PARTY: Non-Partisan**  
**SEEKING: Superior Court, Division 11**

**1. Why are you seeking your office?**

Because I am a Servant Leader for Justice who will continue to Bridge the Gap between the Community and the Court. I am passionate about criminal justice reform, and will continue the work I’ve already started. I am a pioneer in developing and facilitating programs which reduce recidivism; an advocate for our children; and champion for community safety. For instance, I am a Founding Member of the Youth Empowerment Initiative which, at the behest of our District Attorney, is a collaboration of the Boys & Girls Club, Prison Doctor (Youth Prison Prevention Program), church leaders, and community influencers.

**2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

I plan to continue the work I’ve already started. I am on the Boards of the Boys & Girls Club and the Prison Doctor. Hence, my community engagement with these organizations (and other organizations to include being a Gubernatorial Board Appointee, Northside Hospital Women’s Advisory Council Board Member, Animal Advisory Council (Vice Chair), 316 Gwinnett United Nations (Ambassador), Come Clean Gwinnett, Rotary (Mozaic), Gwinnett Foster parent, World Chamber of Commerce, etc.) allows me to find fresh and innovative ideas to resolve existing problems.

**3. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

What distinguishes me is that I am the only candidate who has practiced civil law representing both plaintiffs and defendants, and who has practiced criminal law prosecuting on behalf of the State of Georgia and the accused. What further distinguishes me is that I am passionate about current-vast-active community service. There is a difference between having a job wherein someone is paid to serve the community versus community service which is what you do when you’re not being paid. What you do when you are not at work determines where your passion lies and your true commitment to your community.

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

Mass incarceration is a societal problem. Hence, we need to find alternatives to dealing with people who make “bad decisions” \_versus dealing with “bad people” \_who should only be rehabilitated while incarcerated. Hence, one of the reasons I am passionate about having a Second Chance program (which we have now have in Gwinnett since January 2022) is because this alternative is viable for people who make bad decisions. Rehabilitating people who make “bad decisions” \_allows offenders to be productive members of society, as opposed to taxpayers incurring the cost to incarcerate.

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

We need to find better ways to deal with the mental health crises that is plaguing America. My sister, who is a psychologist in Atlanta is better able to address this issue, as well as our many legislatures. As a judge, my job will be to fairly filter the facts through the laws.

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

I have practiced law the past 26 years. I have lived, worked and played in Gwinnett County the past 26 years. My husband, my 17 year old daughter and I live in Lawrenceville. We are homeowners. My daughter, my A-Honor Student, is a product of Gwinnett County Schools. I am passionate about Gwinnett and keeping it safe. Additionally, I am a Constitutionalist who will serve Gwinnett County well. I will make you proud. I ask for your vote, prayers, and support. BT Parker...be sure to mark her! [www.BTParkerForJudge.com](http://www.BTParkerForJudge.com)