

**NAME: Andre Johnson**  
**PARTY: Non-Partisan**  
**SEEKING: Superior Court, Division 2**

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

I am seeking the office of Gwinnett County Superior Court because I believe I can make a positive impact on the court. I have 24 years of experience as a lawyer. I have served in various legal roles and I believe my personal and professional experience will enrich the court.

**2. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

I have worked as a public defender as well as an assistant district attorney, so I have prosecuted as well as defended serious criminal cases. I currently serve as a Special Assistant Attorney General where I represent the Division of Child Support Services, the Office of Inspector General and the Division of Family and Children Services. I believe my experience distinguishes my candidacy.

**3. What is the proper role of a judge in interpreting the laws and Constitution?**

The proper role of a judge is to strictly interpret the laws and Constitution without favor to any particular group or constituency. This tenet is the foundation of our judicial system.

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

Professionally, I have defended as well as prosecuted cases which will give me a balanced approach. In my personal life, I have seen marginalized communities who were disappointed by their interaction with the judicial process but I also worked at my local police department and served as an assistant district attorney where I worked with law

enforcement in the prosecution of criminal cases. I know how hard prosecutors and law enforcement work to keep our communities safe. I believe these experiences will make me a good addition to the bench.

**5. What do you see as a new challenge for judges in a post-pandemic court system?**

I believe it will be very important for the court to maximize efficiency while ensuring that every case gets the attention it deserves. Utilizing technology such as Zoom and other services will be vital in meeting the challenges of a post-pandemic court system. It will take a collective effort from the court, the sheriff's office, the attorneys and their respective clients.

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

I graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta. I also graduated from Emory Law School. I have been married to my wife ,Gina, for 23 years. We are parents of a 14 year old son named Austin, and a 19 year old daughter named Lauryn. We adopted a beagle named Bella two years ago. As state bar juvenile law committee chair, I initiated and funded a complete overhaul of the Georgia Juvenile Law Code, which was later adopted by the Georgia Legislature. As a public defender, I worked with community stakeholders to make the prostitution of juveniles a felony in Georgia.