

NAME: Tracie H. Cason
PARTY: Non-Partisan
SEEKING: Superior Court, Post 2

1. Why are you seeking the office?

I am running for re-election because I am committed to serving and protecting the citizens of Gwinnett County, as I have done for the last 21 years. As we are coming out of the restrictions of the pandemic, our Court needs experience, stability, and consistency, above all else. The backlog that has resulted from the pandemic needs experienced judges to navigate the Court through the crises. Experienced judges who are familiar with the current cases and how the system works are in the best position to address that backlog and provide swifter justice to those involved. I am that Judge.

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

I was a prosecutor for over 21 years before taking the bench. As a prosecutor, the focus of my career was child molestation, child abuse, and sexual assault cases. However, I also tried murder cases, drug trafficking cases, as well as other serious felony cases. Since taking the bench, I have tried several civil and criminal jury trials. Additionally, I have presided over hundreds of domestic bench trials and hearings, as well as civil and criminal motions.

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

Approximately 50.

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

My parents taught me to be considerate to everyone- regardless of who that person was. That's how I treat everyone in my courtroom- with dignity- no matter who they are or what they've done. Parties need to be heard, valued, and respected. Being a good judge also requires

discipline, organizational skills, and flexibility all of which I possess. Further and perhaps most importantly, you have to be a skilled listener. Throughout my life, friends and individuals I supervised have often come to me for advice/counsel, because they knew I would listen with an open mind and give fair, honest guidance.

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

Effective judicial administration is the efficient and fair movement of cases to a just disposition. I believe that justice ought to be personal and the Court needs to take the time necessary to do the right thing on each case. However, the Court needs to better manage some of the routine matters so that the substantive issues can receive the attention necessary. My approach involves proactively scheduling cases to address routine matters (i.e. discovery, motions, trial readiness) in a timely manner. This approach enables us to manage the cases efficiently and provide timely justice and resolution to all involved.

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

Judge Cason is a Gwinnett County Superior Court judge, having been elected in 2018. Prior to her election, she was a prosecutor for 21 years focusing on special victims cases. She serves on the Advisory Board for the CJCC's State Expert Committee on Sexual Assault cases, as well as Street Grace, an anti-human trafficking organization. She is further actively involved with the Home of Hope Children's Shelter. She graduated from UGA (undergrad) and Baylor Law. She has lived in Gwinnett County for almost 22 years. She and her husband have 3 dachshunds (Munson, Dooley, and Erk) and a Lab (Emma).