

## Centennial Proclamation

In 2006, the Court of Appeals began a year-long celebration of the Court's first 100 years. The 100th birthday of the Court was recognized by the Governor on January 24, 2006 in a Proclamation Ceremony held in the State Capitol Rotunda. Chief Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr. welcomed the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House and an audience of judges, legislators, court employees and the public to the ceremony. Presiding Judge JD Smith narrated a short video history of The Court from 1906 to 2006 noting that the original courtroom for both the sessions of the Georgia Supreme Court and the Georgia Court of Appeals had been in Room 341, now the Appropriations Room of the very building, the State Capitol, in which the ceremony was being held. It was 50 years later, in 1956, when the construction of the current Judicial Building was completed to house the state's two appellate courts.



Governor Sonny Perdue (left) presents Chief Judge Ruffin with the Proclamation as Presiding Judge JD Smith looks on.



Presiding Judge JD Smith tells the Court's history.

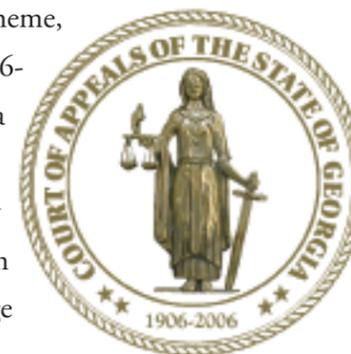


Audience at Proclamation ceremony.

The apex of the program occurred when Governor Sonny Perdue proclaimed 2006 the Court of Appeals Centennial Year and recognized the Court's role of ensuring that "Georgians received fair treatment in the trial courts and in the final resolutions of disputes." Proclamations were also presented by Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor and Speaker of the House Glenn Richardson.

## Centennial Seal

To symbolize the Court during the Centennial year, the Court adopted a new seal which includes the Centennial Theme, the dates 1906-2006, and a representation of the Lady Justice taken from the image on the front doors of the State Judicial Building.



*A Century of Serving Justice*

## Centennial Committee

Activities honoring the 100th year of the Court were planned and implemented by a Centennial Committee under the theme "A Century of Serving Justice." These activities were planned to reach not only the legal community, but students and ordinary adult citizens throughout the state.

### *Committee Members*

- The Honorable John H. Ruffin, Jr., Chair
- The Honorable Anne Elizabeth Barnes
- The Honorable M. Yvette Miller
- The Honorable John J. Ellington, Jr.
- The Honorable Marion T. Pope, Jr.
- William L. Martin, III, Esquire
- The Honorable Harold Melton
- Jeff Milsteen, Esquire
- Scott Henwood, Esquire
- Ms. Debra Nesbit
- Lendon Gibbs, Esquire
- Professor Helen S. Ridley
- Ms. Jane Martin
- Robert Feagin, Esquire
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- Gwendolyn Waring, Esquire
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- Dean Rebecca H. White
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