





Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes is a native of DeKalb County, Georgia. The oldest of seven children, she is the daughter of the late Allene Jones Barnes, originally of Resthaven, Georgia and the late George R. Barnes, originally of Bridgetown, Barbados. She is married to Decatur attorney W. Fred Orr, II.

After attending DeKalb County elementary and high schools, Judge Barnes enrolled at Georgia State University, where she received numerous honors and awards, including the Dean's Scholarship Key, a Regents Scholarship and an Honors Program Scholarship. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, Blue Key and Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Societies. In 1979, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree *magna cum laude*. In 1983, she received her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia.

Beginning her law career with firms in Atlanta and Savannah, Judge Barnes founded her own consumer-oriented law firm in Buckhead in 1991. A former vice president of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Judge Barnes has tried cases in state and federal courts, and has studied and participated in alternative dispute resolution.

Judge Barnes is a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Georgia, as well as the Atlanta, DeKalb, and Gate City Bar Associations. She is a Fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, a Master of the Lamar Inns of Court, and a member of the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, the Old War Horse Lawyers Club, the American Judicature Society, the National Association of Women Judges, the Georgia Legal History Foundation, the Institute of Judicial Administration, the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, GABEO, GABWA and the Commerce Club.

Judge Barnes also serves on the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, the Domestic Violence Committee of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the Georgia Commission on Language Interpreters, the Membership Committee of the Atlanta Bar Association, the Board of Directors of Atlanta Metropolitan College Foundation and the Advisory Board of Georgia State University's Department of Sociology. She is a former member of the Advisory Board of Life Enrichment Services, Inc., a non-profit organization serving senior citizens, and continues to serve as a regular instructor for their educational programs. She has served on the Advisory Board of Paint the Town, Inc. and the Women in the Profession Committee of the Atlanta Bar. She frequently participates in professional seminars as a panelist and author, and is a candidate for a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law.

In 1998, Judge Barnes ran for an open seat on the Georgia Court of Appeals, winning a three-way race without a runoff, taking office January 1, 1999. She was the first woman in Georgia to be elected in a statewide judicial race without having been first appointed to the bench.

A member of St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church, Judge Barnes lives in Morningside and has served as president of the Morningside Wood Homeowners Association. She is a member of the Atlanta Track Club, and has successfully completed the Peachtree Road Race more than ten times.