





Judge A. Harris Adams was appointed by Governor Roy E. Barnes to the Court of Appeals of Georgia on December 30, 2002. Prior to this appointment, Judge Adams served as Chief Judge of the State Court of Cobb County. He was appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris to the State Court of Cobb County on January 4, 1985, and was re-elected to the Court in 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002. He was elected by his fellow judges as Chief Judge and served in that capacity for six years.

Judge Adams began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Cobb Judicial Circuit where he served from 1971 to 1973. He left this position to enter private practice with the firm of Sams, Glover, Gentry and Adams. He practiced law in Marietta for fourteen years before becoming a judge.

Judge Adams has practiced in all trial and appellate courts of Georgia, the United States District Courts of Georgia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Adams is a native of Toombs County and is the son of Harris Leon Adams and Addie Mann Adams. He was educated in the Vidalia School System. He received his B.A. degree from Mercer University in 1970. He received his J. D. degree from Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, in 1971. Additionally, he completed a General Judicial Course at the National Judicial College, University of Nevada, received a diploma from the American Academy of Judicial Education in 1992, and received a Certificate of Local Government Management from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia in 1998.

He is a member of the Cobb Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia and the Council of State Court Judges. He has served as President of the Younger Lawyers Section of the Cobb Bar Association, a Director of the Trial Lawyers Section of the State Bar, and as Secretary-Treasurer and Director of the Georgia Society of Hospital Attorneys. Judge Adams is a member of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, a Graduate of Leadership Cobb and was recipient of the 1986 Ernest Barrett Leadership Award. He served as Director of the Cobb County Symposium, Inc., the Cobb County Youth Museum Board, the Cobb-Kennestone Hospital Guild, the United Way, the Burns Club of Atlanta, and is a member of the Gridiron Society, and the Old Warhorse Lawyers Club. He currently serves as a member of the Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice's Commission on Indigent Defense, and is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Georgia Indigent Defense Council. He is a former Chair of the Board of Deacons of the Stilesboro Baptist Church and messenger to the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Judge Adams is married to the former Claudia Hamrick. They have three children, Lanier Adams Ivester, Elizabeth and Zachary. Judge and Mrs. Adams are members of the Church of the Apostles in Atlanta.