





**Presiding Judge Gary Blaylock Andrews** was elected to the Georgia Court of Appeals in November, 1990, and took office on January 1, 1991. He was re-elected in 1996 and 2002. Presiding Judge Andrews served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from 1997-1998.

Presiding Judge Andrews was born on October 30, 1946 to Jones Garnett Andrews, Sr. and Nancy Blaylock Andrews, members of pioneer Walker and Catoosa County families. Judge Andrews was reared in Chickamauga, Walker County, Georgia, where he attended public schools and

graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1964. Presiding Judge Andrews received his B.B.A. degree in Accounting from the University of Georgia in 1968, and went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia Law School in 1971. In 1981, he completed a course of study for general jurisdiction trial judges at the National Judicial College.

While attending the University of Georgia, Presiding Judge Andrews was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and Beta Alpha Psi Honorary Accounting Fraternity.

Presiding Judge Andrews was admitted to the Georgia Bar in November 1971 and accepted a position as an Assistant Attorney General under Arthur K. Bolton, Attorney General of Georgia. From 1976 to 1980, Presiding Judge Andrews engaged in the private practice of law in Atlanta and Chickamauga while also serving as a special assistant Attorney General.

In 1980, Presiding Judge Andrews was elected Superior Court Judge of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit (Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade and Walker Counties) and was re-elected to that office in 1984. While a Superior Court Judge, he served on the State Sentence Review Panel and was a member of the Council of Superior Court Judges and the Seventh Judicial Administrative District Council. On May 30, 1985, Governor Joe Frank Harris appointed him Commissioner of the Georgia Public Service Commission. He was subsequently elected to that office in 1986, a position he held until December, 1990. He served as Chair of the Georgia Public Service Commission from 1987 to 1989 and was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the Executive Commission of the Southern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

In 1981, Presiding Judge Andrews was named one of Georgia's five outstanding young men by the Georgia Jaycees. He was also a member of Leadership Georgia, Class of 1986. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Lookout Mountain Bar Association, the Gridiron Secret Society and the Chickamauga First Baptist Church. Presiding Judge Andrews has three children: Elizabeth Paige Andrews, Gary B. ("Blake") Andrews, Jr., and Blane A. Andrews.