





Judge M. Yvette Miller made history in the State of Georgia on July 12, 1999 when she was appointed by Governor Roy Barnes as the first African-American woman, and the 65th judge to serve on the Georgia Court of Appeals. In November of 2000, she was elected statewide to the Court of Appeals without opposition. Prior to this appointment, Judge Miller served on the State Court of Fulton County. Judge Miller was re-elected to the State Court bench without opposition in 1998. In 1992, she was appointed by then Governor Miller as the first African-American, the first female, and the

youngest person ever to serve as Director/Judge, Appellate Division on the State Board of Workers' Compensation. In 1989, Judge Miller served as an Administrative Law Judge hearing workers' compensation cases.

Judge Miller has an extensive amount of litigation experience. She worked briefly at HUD; served as a law clerk in Fulton State Court; was one of the first female prosecutors in Fulton County; and was a Senior Associate Counsel at MARTA. Subsequently, Judge Miller moved to South Georgia in connection with a family business and opened a private practice in Jesup, Georgia. From 1985 to 1989, while involved in the full-time practice of law, Judge Miller served as a part-time magistrate in Fulton County.

Judge Miller has received numerous awards and special recognitions for her professional and civic service. She was designated as one of the leading judges in the country in the 2001 Edition of *Black Judges In America*. Judge Miller has also been recognized for her numerous achievements in *Who's Who in Black Atlanta* for 2001 and 2002. Consecutively from 1991 to 2002, she was designated by the *Georgia Informer* as one of "Georgia's Top 50 Influential Black Women." In 1997 she was awarded the *Meritorious Service Award* by the Mercer University Alumni Association.

Judge Miller currently serves as an Honorary member of the Advisory Board of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia, Inc.; a member of the Mercer Law School Board of Visitors; a member of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; and a member of Kids' Chance, Inc. Board of Directors. Judge Miller has held leadership positions in the following organizations: chair, Georgia Student Finance Commission (which regulates the HOPE Scholarship Program); member, Mercer Law School Alumni Board of Directors; board of trustees, Leadership Georgia; board member, GAWL; and president-elect and vice-president, GABWA.

Judge Miller is a member of several bar associations and is a fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia. She is also a member of the Lamar Inn of Court, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, and the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Judge Miller is a native Georgian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad N. Miller, and has one sibling, Dr. Conrad N. Miller, Jr., all of Macon, Georgia. In 1977, she earned her B.A. degree *cum laude* from Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and in 1980, she graduated from the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University. In 1988, Judge Miller earned an LL.M. in litigation from Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, Georgia. Judge Miller is a member of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta and a life-long member of Steward Chapel AME in Macon, Georgia.