

Lola Diamond - Fwd: Re: Biography Updates

From: Holly Sparrow
To: Lola Diamond
Date: 2/25/2013 8:41 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: Biography Updates

FYI

>>> Yvette Miller <millery@gaappeals.us> 2/23/2013 7:13 AM >>>
Holly, I am making changes! I will get the final product to you by the 28th. Thanks, Yvette

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 19, 2013, at 11:58 AM, "Holly Sparrow" <SPARROWH@gaappeals.us> wrote:

> As of today's date, I have not received a biography update for you. I am sending this message to make sure there will be no changes to your biography.

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> If you have changes, please send them to me by February 28th.

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> If you have no changes, please send me a message indicating you prefer your bio remain the same.

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> Thank you.

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Judge M. Yvette Miller

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Judge Miller was originally appointed to the Court of Appeals of Georgia by Governor Roy Barnes on July 12, 1999, when she became the first African-American woman and 65th Judge on the Court. She has been re-elected statewide without opposition by the citizens of Georgia for three six-year terms, most recently in July, 2012. Judge Miller was unanimously selected by her fellow judges to serve as Chief Judge for a two-year term, which began on January 1, 2009, and ended on January 1, 2011. Judge Miller is the first African-American woman to serve as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia. During her tenure as Chief Judge, the Court implemented the e-filing initiative, which has improved access to the appellate court for attorneys and parties throughout the state of Georgia. After serving as the Court's Chief Judge, Judge Miller became a Presiding Judge on the Court.

Judge Miller received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Mercer University in 1977 and her J.D. from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law in 1980. Judge Miller also earned an LL.M. in litigation from Emory University School of Law in 1988 and an LL.M. in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2004.

Judge Miller has achieved many "firsts" in the course of her distinguished legal career. While attending law school, she was selected as the first African-American woman to hold the title of "Miss Macon." Judge Miller was one of the first female prosecutors in the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, and handled primarily serious felony rape and murder cases. She went on to represent the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) as senior in-house litigation counsel. Judge Miller also developed a private legal practice and became the first African-American female attorney to practice law in Jesup, Georgia, and throughout the Brunswick Judicial Circuit. Moreover, while living in South Georgia, Judge Miller owned and operated a new car dealership franchise.

In 1989, Judge Miller became an Administrative Law Judge with the State Board of Worker's Compensation. In 1992, when Governor Zell Miller appointed her to serve as Director and Judge of the Appellate Division of the State Board of Worker's Compensation, Judge Miller became the first woman, first African-American, and youngest person ever to hold that position. Four years later, Governor Miller appointed her to the State Court of Fulton County, and she was re-elected as a State Court Judge without opposition.

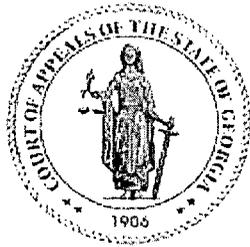
Judge Miller is a member of numerous professional and civic organizations, including the Atlanta Bar Association, Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, Gate City Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, Board of Trustees of Mercer University, Lawyers Foundation of Georgia, the Commerce Club of Atlanta, Lamar Inn of Court, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, the Azalea City Chapter of The Links, Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Judge Miller has been recognized for her service and contributions to the community. She has recently received the following prestigious awards and honors:

- Award Honoring Service in the Judiciary presented by the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (2012);
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- The Tradition of Excellence Award presented by the Georgia State Bar Practice and Trial Section (2011);
- Who's Who in Atlanta (2001-2009 and 2012-2013);
- Inductee into the "Academy of Women Achievers" by the YWCA (2011);
- "Guardian of Justice Award" for Outstanding Service to the Bar presented by The Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (2010);
- Who's Who in Law presented by the Atlanta Business Chronicle (2010);
- Distinguished Alumnus Award presented by Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law (2010);
- "Investing in Dreams" Award presented by the Atlanta Chapter/Youth United for Prosperity NFL Alumni and DeKalb Technical College Foundation (2010);
- The Pinnacle Leadership Award from Delta Sigma Theta, East Point/College Park Alumnae Chapters Foundation (2009);
- Inductee into the "Hall of Fame" of the Gate City Bar Association (2008);
- Designation as one of "Georgia's Top 50 Influential Women" by the Georgia Informer (1991 to 2008);
- Selected as one of 20 American judges to attend the Sir Richard May Seminar on International Law and International Courts in the Hague Netherlands (2006).

Judge Miller is a native of Georgia. She is the daughter of Conrad and Patricia J. Miller of Macon, Georgia. She has one sibling, Conrad N. Miller, Jr., M.D., who also resides in Macon with his family. Judge Miller resides in Vinings, Cobb County, and is a member of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta. She is also a life-long member of Steward Chapel AME Church in Macon, Georgia.

Last Revised 2/27 @ 11:30a.m.



Court of Appeals

Memorandum

To: All Judges

From: Holly K.O. Sparrow *AP*

Subject: Biographies for the Court History

Date: December 1, 2010

Please provide me with an updated biography before Tuesday, January 4, 2011 for inclusion in a new Court History booklet. I have included a copy of your biography from the last Court History booklet for your review. Your biography on the Court website may be more recent so you may wish to review it as well.

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Attachment



Chief Judge M. Yvette Miller is the first African-American woman to serve as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia. In October 2008, she was unanimously elected by her fellow judges to serve as Chief Judge for a two-year term, which began January 1, 2009. Chief Judge Miller was originally appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Roy Barnes on July 12, 1999, when she became the first African-American

woman and 65th judge on the Court. She has been reelected without opposition for two six-year terms, most recently in November 2006.

Chief Judge Miller is a native Georgian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad N. Miller of Macon, Georgia and she has one sibling, Dr. Conrad N. Miller, Jr., also of Macon. She received her B.A. degree, *cum laude*, from Mercer University in 1977 and her J.D. degree from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law in 1980. Chief Judge Miller also earned an LL.M. degree in litigation from Emory University School of Law in 1988 and a LL.M. degree in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2004.

Chief Judge Miller has achieved many "firsts" in the course of her education and her distinguished legal career. While attending law school, she was selected as the first African-American woman to hold the title of "Miss Macon." Chief Judge Miller was one of the first female prosecutors in Fulton County where she began her career as an Assistant District Attorney and handled primarily rape and murder cases. She went on to represent the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) as senior in-house litigation counsel handling one-third of the agency's civil litigation. Chief Judge Miller subsequently moved to South Georgia, where she served as part-owner, general manager and general counsel of the first minority-owned new Ford/Lincoln-Mercury automobile dealership in Jesup, Georgia. This business was also one of the first such minority-owned dealerships in the state. Even as she managed her many responsibilities at the dealership, Chief Judge Miller developed a private legal practice becoming the first African-American female attorney to practice in Jesup and in the Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

In 1989, Chief Judge Miller became an Administrative Law Judge with the State Board of Workers' Compensation. In 1992, when Governor Zell Miller appointed her to serve as Director and Judge of the Appellate



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 reelected in 1996, 2002 and 2008. 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.

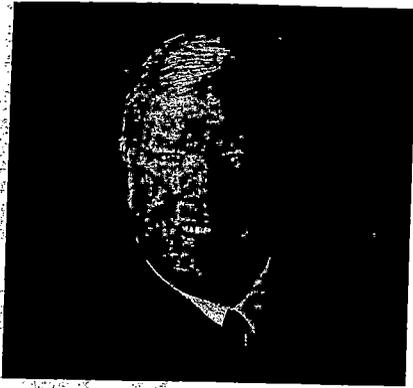
Judge Andrews was reared in Chickamauga, Walker County, Georgia, where he attended public schools and graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1964. Presiding Judge Andrews received his B.B.A. degree in Accounting from the University of Georgia in 1968, and went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the 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 reelected 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. He and his wife, Doris, live in Chickamauga.



Presiding Judge Edward H. Johnson is a native Georgian born in Newnan, Coweta County. He served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from January 1, 1999 until December 31, 2000. Before being sworn in as the 59th Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia on February 28, 1992, he served as a judge on the Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, and as a judge of the State Court of Fulton County. Presiding Judge Johnson has

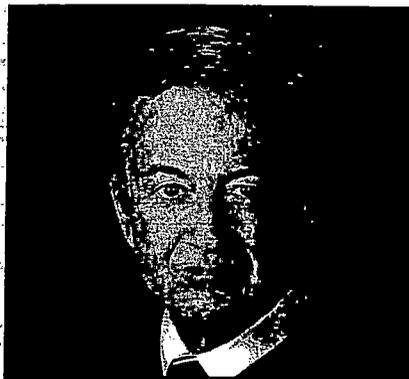
also served as an adjunct professor of law at Emory University School of Law; an adjunct professor of law at Mercer University School of Law; an instructor for the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education; and on the faculty of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

Presiding Judge Johnson served as State Senator for the 34th District from 1977 to 1980. His other public service includes a term as a member of the State Crime Commission; service on the Georgia Educational Improvement Council; membership on the White House Conference on Regulatory Reform; membership on the Georgia Commission on Gender Bias in the Judicial System; and service as the first Chair of the Supreme Court's Gender Equality Commission. He also served as a member and committee Chair of the City of Atlanta Mayor's Task Force on Youth. He was a search and rescue mission pilot in the United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol.

Presiding Judge Johnson is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, and the Atlanta Bar Association. He was the first Chair of the Judicial Section of the Atlanta Bar Association. He is a past Chair of the Georgia Law Related Education Consortium and a past Chair of the Law Related Education Committee of the State Bar of Georgia. He is a past Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, and has served as a member of the Board of Visitors of the Georgia State University College of Law.

Presiding Judge Johnson has been published in the *Georgia State Bar Journal* and *The Atlanta Lawyer*. Presiding Judge Johnson received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from Georgia State University, a J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville and a LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He studied constitutional law and American legal history at Harvard Law School and completed a course of study for general jurisdiction trial judges at the National Judicial College.

Presiding Judge Johnson is married to Carolyn Starnes Weeks. Judge Weeks was the first woman to serve as President of the Atlanta Bar Association. He has two sons, Bryan and Michael.



Presiding Judge J.D. Smith was appointed by Governor Zell Miller to the Georgia Court of Appeals, effective May 10, 1993. He is a past Chief Judge of the court, having served in that capacity from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2004.

He formerly was Chief Judge of the Superior Courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, which includes Dawson and Hall counties. He won election to the superior court bench in 1984 and took office on January 1, 1985.

He is a native of Hall County, born on July 16, 1946. He is the son of the late Jessie D. Smith, who was also a native of Hall County, and the late Louise Elliott Smith, a native of Dawson County. He was educated in the Hall County school system.

Presiding Judge Smith practiced law in Gainesville for over twelve years before becoming a judge. He is a member and past President of the Gainesville-Northeastern Circuit Bar Association. He is also a member of the Atlanta Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, and the American Bar Association. He is a Master in the Joseph Henry Lumpkin American Inn of Court and served as its President from 2001 to 2006. He is also a Master in the Chattahoochee American Inn of Court.

Before entering private practice, he served as law assistant to Justice William B. Gunter of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

He obtained his legal education at the University of Georgia School of Law, where he received a Juris Doctor degree in 1972. He was on the Dean's List and served as Associate Editor of *The Georgia Law Review*. He has served as chairman of the law school's Board of Visitors and is a recipient of the law school's Distinguished Service Scroll. He is also a graduate of the University of Florida, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, in economics in 1968, and where he was on the Dean's List and a member of the President's Honor Roll. In 1977, he was awarded a Master of Laws in Taxation degree from the Emory University School of Law. He earned that degree while maintaining a full-time law practice in Gainesville. He earned an LL.M. degree in Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1998. Judge Smith is also a graduate of the New York University School of Law Appellate Judges Seminar. He has been an instructor at the National Judicial College and numerous legal education seminars. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Institute of Continuing Judicial Education.

He is a former Chair of the Chestatee Regional Library Board. He is a former director of the Gainesville Kiwanis Club, which bestowed upon him its "Workhorse Award" in 1978. He is a former Chair of the Troop Committee of Boy Scout Troop 16 in Gainesville.

He and his wife, Flo, are members of the First United Methodist Church of Gainesville. They have two adult children, Brian and Joanna, both of whom are graduates of the University of Georgia School of Law and practicing lawyers.



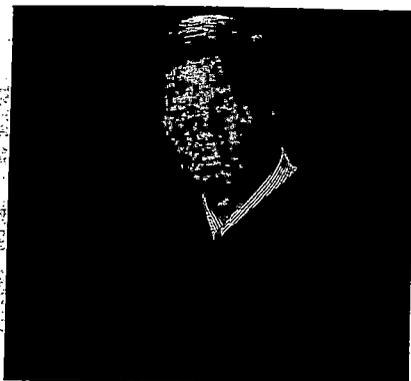
Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes first won election in 1998 to the Georgia Court of Appeals in a three-way race without a runoff, and took office January 1, 1999. She was the first woman to be elected in a state-wide judicial race without having been first appointed to the bench. She served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and is a member of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal, having served on its Education Committee.

After attending DeKalb County public schools, Judge Barnes entered Georgia State University, and graduated *magna cum laude* in 1979 with a bachelors degree. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia in 1983, and her Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia in 2004.

Judge Barnes has served on the Judicial Council of Georgia's Standing Committee on Policy, and its Budget Committee, as well as the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, the Domestic Violence Committee of the Judicial Council of Georgia, the Women in the Profession Committee of the Atlanta Bar, and the Advisory Board of Georgia State University's Department of Sociology. She is currently Chair of the Atlanta Bar Association Judicial Section and serves on the Supreme Court's Commission on Interpreters, the Commerce Club Operating Board and WIL (Women in Leadership) Committee, and the board of Foreverfamily (f/k/a Aid to Children of Imprisoned Mothers, Inc.) as well as the Atlanta Metropolitan College Foundation Board. Judge Barnes volunteers with the Truancy Intervention Project's Early Intervention program, working with elementary school children and is a member of the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2006.

Judge Barnes has been recognized for her service by the Women in the Profession Committee of the Atlanta Bar, the Younger Lawyer Division of the State Bar, and Justice Served. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the Atlanta, DeKalb, and Gate City Bar Associations, the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, and the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys. Judge Barnes is a Fellow of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia and a Master of the Lamar Inn of Court, and a member of the National Association of Women Judges, the Institute of Judicial Administration, the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, the Lawyers Club of Atlanta and the Old Warhorse Lawyers Club, and frequently participates in professional seminars as a panelist and author.

Judge Barnes is a member of St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church and the Atlanta Track Club, and has successfully completed the Peachtree Road Race more than ten times.



Judge John J. Ellington from Soperton, Georgia, was sworn in as the 66th Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals by Governor Roy Barnes on July 12, 1999. He was elected statewide to a full six-year term in 2000. Judge Ellington was born in Vidalia, Toombs County, Georgia, on October 26, 1960, the son of the late Charles E. Ellington, Sr. from Laurens County, Georgia, and Nan Davis Ellington from Johnson County, Georgia.

Judge Ellington graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.B.A. in Accounting in 1982, and from the University of Georgia Law School with a J.D. in 1985. He graduated from Treutlen County High School in Soperton, Georgia, in 1978. He attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and graduated with degrees in Business and Political Science. At ABAC, Judge Ellington served as President of the Student Government Association, and he received the George P. Donaldson Award as the outstanding graduate in the Class of 1980.

In 1991, Judge Ellington became one of the youngest trial court judges in Georgia when he was appointed State Court Judge of Treutlen County, Georgia. Judge Ellington was reelected State Court Judge in 1992 and 1996. In addition to serving as State Court Judge in Treutlen County - for over six years - Judge Ellington served as a Superior Court Judge by designation in five circuits - 29 counties - throughout South Georgia. He also served as Municipal Court Judge in Soperton, Lyons, Reidsville, Glenwood, Mt. Vernon, and Uvalda, Georgia.

Judge Ellington was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1985. Before going on the Bench, he had a general trial practice and was a partner in Andrew, Threlkeld, & Ellington in Vidalia, Ga.

Judge Ellington has served in many capacities in business, professional, civic, and religious organizations in south Georgia and metropolitan Atlanta. An Eagle Scout, Judge Ellington served as Eagle Scout Alumni Chairman for Troop #56, BSA. He is a past President of the Vidalia Rotary Club, and he is a Paul Harris Fellow Rotarian. He is former Chairman of Four Rivers Ducks Unlimited, past President of the Soperton Lions Club, and former President of the Treutlen County Sportman's Club. Judge Ellington is a member of Gridiron, the Atlanta Lawyer's Club, and a Fellow of the Lawyers' Foundation of Georgia. He is a Director of the Colony Bank of Treutlen County.

In 2000, Judge Ellington was named to *Georgia Trend's* 40-Under-40, recognizing 40 leaders throughout Georgia under 40 who have made significant contributions to the state. He was a member of the 2001 Class of Leadership Georgia.



Judge Herbert E. Phipps was born to J.W. Phipps and Marion Gadson Phipps in Baker County, Georgia. He and his wife, Connie Curry Phipps, have a son, Herbert, Jr., who resides in Atlanta, and a daughter, India, who resides in Oceanside, California.

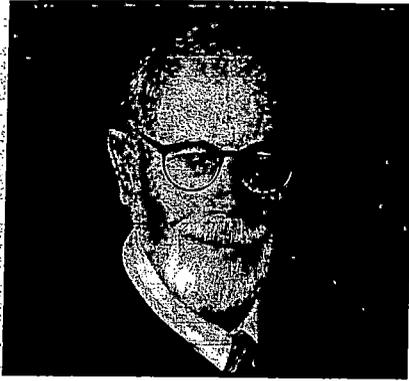
Judge Phipps earned a B.A. degree, with a major in Political Science, in 1964 from Morehouse College. He has traveled extensively in Europe and Asia and taught English at Thammasatt University and private schools in Bangkok, Thailand. In 1971, he earned a Juris Doctor degree from Case Western Reserve University Law School in Cleveland, Ohio, where he served as an editor of the Law Review.

Judge Phipps returned to Albany, Georgia in 1971 to join the general law practice of C.B. King. The firm emphasized civil rights litigation. The firm successfully represented plaintiffs in civil rights cases involving school desegregation, voting rights, jury discrimination, student rights, police brutality and discriminatory employment practices. From 1983 to 1995 Judge Phipps engaged in the solo practice of law.

In 1980, Judge Phipps was appointed part-time Magistrate and Associate Judge of the State Court of Dougherty County, where he served eight years. In 1988, he was appointed to the Juvenile Court of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, where he served as judge for seven years. Governor Zell Miller appointed him Judge of the Superior Court of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit in 1995, and he was elected to a four-year term in 1996. Governor Roy Barnes appointed him to the Court of Appeals of Georgia on July 12, 1999, and he was elected in November 2000 to serve a full six-year term. In November 2006, he was reelected to his second six-year term.

Judge Phipps was awarded a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2004. In January 2006, the State Bar of Georgia recognized Judge Phipps with the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service. On September 7, 2007 he was inducted into the Society for Benchers of Case Western Reserve Law School.

Judge Phipps serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Security Bank & Trust Company of Albany. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice. He is a member of the Georgia Committee on Access and Fairness in the Courts and of the Georgia Supreme Court Pandemic Commission, and serves as an advisor to the State Bar's Commission on Judicial Service. He is First Vice-President of the Lawyers Club of Atlanta. He is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Albany and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Delta Delta Boule'. He is a member of several local, state and national bar associations.



Charles B. Mikell served for five years in the United States Army as an intelligence officer, reaching the rank of Captain. After completing the Infantry Officer's Basic Course at Fort Benning, a counterintelligence course at Fort Holabird, and a one-year course in the Czech language at the Presidio of Monterey, he served at posts in West Germany along the then Czechoslovak and East German borders. Later, he served in Vietnam, including special duty with

the Central Intelligence Agency, and as an Intelligence Advisor to South Vietnamese forces in the Central Highlands. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service and the Republic of Vietnam's Gallantry Cross (First Class). After his Army service, Judge Mikell pursued his interest in Central European history as a graduate student at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill). He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for research in Prague and London.

From 1973 to 1974 he taught Soviet History and Western Civilization at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah. He attended the University of Georgia Law School as a Hughes Spalding Scholar and was named a Senior Editor of the Georgia Law Review. After graduating cum laude in 1976, he practiced law in Savannah until his appointment to the State Court bench in 1985. From 1989 to 1992 he served as Chief Judge of the State Court of Chatham County, and from 1989 to 1990 as President of the Georgia Council of State Court Judges. He won election to an open seat on the Superior Court of Chatham County in 1992 and was reelected in 1996. He was appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals in May 2000 and was reelected without opposition in 2002 and 2008.

Judge Mikell has long been active in the Savannah community, having served as Chairman of the Board of the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation (a museum of African-American history and culture); as President of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Justice Center (a non-profit mediation center); and on the boards of the United Way, Boy Scouts (Coastal Empire Council), Chatham Academy (a school for children with learning disabilities), and the Arthritis Foundation (Savannah Chapter). He has taught Sunday School, sung in the choir, and been a vestryman at Christ Episcopal Church. The most fun, however, was coaching basketball in the ten-and-under league at the Victor B. Jenkins Memorial Boys Club. He now serves on the Georgia advisory board of the Devereux Foundation (a non-profit organization



Judge A. Harris Adams is a native of Toombs County, Georgia, and is the son of Harris Leon Adams and Addie Mann Adams. He was educated in the Vidalia Public School System and entered Mercer University in 1965. He was a member of the Mercer University debate team and a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He received his B. A. degree with a major in Law from Mercer University in 1970. He received his J. D. degree from Walter F. George School

of Law, Mercer University, in 1971. Judge Adams was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1971 and began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Cobb Judicial Circuit where he served until 1973. He left this position to enter private practice with the of firm Sams, Glover, Gentry and Adams and practiced law in Marietta for fourteen years before becoming a judge. During his practice, he tried cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts in Georgia including the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, as well as the United States Supreme Court. From 1980 until 1983 he served as Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of Marietta.

On January 4, 1985, he was appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris to the State Court of Cobb County and was reelected 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, leaving this position after being appointed by Governor Roy E. Barnes to the Court of Appeals of Georgia on December 30, 2002.

Judge Adams studied Constitutional Law and American Legal History at Harvard Law School and the University of Virginia for general jurisdiction trial judges and completed the General Jurisdiction Course at the National Judicial College, University of Nevada. He 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.

Judge Adams is a member of the Cobb County Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the Council of State Court Judges of Georgia and the Lawyers Club of Atlanta. He served as President of the Younger Lawyers Section of the Cobb County Bar Association and Director of the Trial Lawyers Section of that Bar. He previously served as a member of the Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice's Commission on Indigent Defense, and as a member of the Advisory Board of the Georgia Indigent Defense Council.



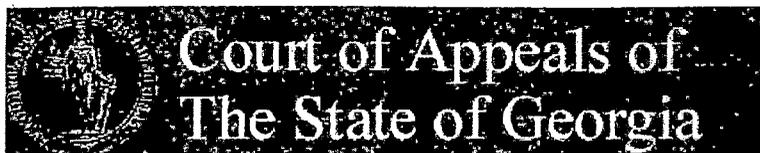
Judge Sara L. Doyle was elected to the Georgia Court of Appeals in December, 2008 and took office on January 1, 2009. Born in Dallas, Texas, Judge Doyle lived in several states before entering the University of Florida where she graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She graduated *cum laude* from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 1994. Judge Doyle was admitted to the Georgia Bar in June, 1994 and

began her legal career as a civil litigator with Wilson, Strickland & Benson, P.C. Just prior to taking office, she was an equity partner with the national law firm of Holland & Knight, LLP where she had practiced law with a focus on education issues since August, 2000.

As a practicing attorney, Judge Doyle received the highest possible peer-review rating in general ethical standards and legal ability from Martindale Hubbell. She was selected as a Georgia Super Lawyer and in 2006 was named one of the top 50 female attorneys in Georgia. She has also been recognized as one of Georgia's legal elite by *Georgia Trend Magazine*. Judge Doyle is a member of the American Bar Association, the Atlanta Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, the Gate City Bar Association and the Lawyers' Club of Atlanta, where she currently holds the position of Secretary.

Judge Doyle has been involved in many professional, civic and religious organizations. She has been a member and director of the Atlanta Bar Association Bard show and is a current member of the Atlanta Bar Editorial Board. She has sat as a fee dispute arbitrator for the State Bar of Georgia and is currently the co-chair for the State Bar of Georgia's Commission on the Unlicensed Practice of Law. Judge Doyle has participated in Leadership Midtown, the Atlanta Regional Commission Leadership Institute and the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Leadership Academy. Judge Doyle was a Barrister in the Bleckley Inn of Court and a faculty member for the Emory University Trial Advocacy Program. Judge Doyle has participated as a Hands On Atlanta Day team leader, an American Cancer Society neighborhood fundraiser, as co-chair for her firm's United Way Committee and a volunteer for the Georgia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts.

Judge Doyle is married to Jay Doyle and has one daughter, Mary Donovan. They are members of the Lutheran Redeemer Church and live in historic Inman Park in Atlanta, Georgia.



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Keith Blackwell

Judge Keith R. Blackwell was appointed as a judge of the Court of Appeals by Governor Sonny Perdue on November 1, 2010. Judge Blackwell is a native of Cherokee County and now lives in Cobb County with his wife Angela and their three daughters.

After graduating from Cherokee High School in Canton, Judge Blackwell was awarded a University of Georgia Foundation Fellowship. He attended the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Georgia, where he was enrolled in the Honors Program and was elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1996 with a degree in political science and as a First Honor Graduate. Judge Blackwell then attended the School of Law at the University of Georgia, where he served as the Senior Editor of the *Georgia Law Review* and was elected to the Order of the *Coif*. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the School of Law in 1999, again as First Honor Graduate.

Following his graduation from law school, Judge Blackwell served as a law clerk to Judge J.L. Edmondson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Judge Blackwell then practiced law as an associate at Alston & Bird LLP, where he represented clients in criminal and regulatory investigations and in the defense of consumer class actions and other complex commercial litigation. Beginning in early 2003, Judge Blackwell served for several years as an Assistant District Attorney in Cobb County, where he represented the State of Georgia in several hundred felony prosecutions, including prosecutions for murder, kidnapping, armed robbery, carjacking, drug trafficking and financial crimes. In late 2005, Judge Blackwell joined Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta as an associate, and three years later, he was elected as a partner in the firm. At Parker, Hudson, Judge Blackwell focused his practice on complex commercial litigation, including in contract, real-estate, insurance, and business-tort cases. His practice also included the representation of crime victims in connection with criminal investigations and prosecutions and counseling businesses and nonprofit organizations with respect to trade secrets, computer crimes, the privacy of nonpublic personal information, and other data security issues. In 2010, Judge Blackwell was appointed as a Special Deputy Attorney General to represent the State of Georgia in litigation challenging the constitutionality of federal healthcare reform legislation. In 2007, 2009 and 2010, Judge Blackwell was honored as a *Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star*.

Judge Blackwell has been active in a number of professional and legal policy organizations. He is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Atlanta Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, and he previously served for three years as the Chapter President and for



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Stephen Dillard

Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Georgia on November 1, 2010 by Governor Sonny Perdue. Prior to his appointment, Judge Dillard was in private practice with James, Bates, Pope & Spivey in Macon, serving as chairman of the firm's appellate practice group.

Judge Dillard was born in Nashville, Tennessee on November 13, 1969. He attended and graduated from Hillwood High School in Nashville, Tennessee, Samford University (B.A. 1992), and Mississippi College School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1996). During law school, Judge Dillard was a member of the Moot Court Board, and received the Judge Robert G. Gillespie Outstanding Achievement in Appellate Advocacy Award, as well as the American Jurisprudence Award in Appellate Advocacy. He also reactivated the Mississippi College Chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, serving as its president for three years.

After graduating from law school, Judge Dillard joined the Macon law firm of Stone & Baxter, where he practiced from 1996 until 2001. In September 2001, he left private practice for a two-year period to serve as a law clerk to Judge Daniel A. Manion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In September 2003, Judge Dillard joined James Bates as of counsel, where he specialized in appellate practice and complex litigation. While in practice, he received an AV® Preeminent™ Peer-Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was named by Super Lawyers as one of Georgia's "rising stars."

Additionally, Judge Dillard was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to the Judicial Nominating Commission and the Public Defender Selection Panel for the Macon Judicial Circuit. He is a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies, a member of the Board of Advisors of the Atlanta Lawyers Chapter, and previously served as president of the Macon Lawyers Chapter. Judge Dillard has published scholarly essays in the *Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties*, *Encyclopedia of Great American Judges*, and the *Encyclopedia of Great American Lawyers*. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia's Appellate Practice Section, the Macon Bar Association, and the William Augustus Bootle American Inn of Court. Judge Dillard was also a participating lawyer with the Criminal Justice Act Appellate Panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, handling *pro bono publico* appeals for indigent individuals. He also served as a legal policy advisor to Governor Mike Huckabee during the 2008 presidential campaign.

Judge Dillard is married to the former Krista McDaniel, and they have three children. He is an active member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church and the former president of the school board for Saint Joseph's Catholic School.

From: Charles Keeling <charleskeeling@sullgraphics.com>
To: Holly Sparrow <SPARROWH@appeals.courts.state.ga.us>
Date: 2/15/2011 12:26 PM
Subject: RE: Bid: Judges bio.s

Holly,

Just a note on Sull Graphics.

Should you need to check on our capability.

You can check with PIAG, we have won numberless awards.

Thanks

Charles L. Keeling

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From: Holly Sparrow [mailto:SPARROWH@appeals.courts.state.ga.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2010 3:13 PM
To: Charles Keeling
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Thank you for the note. We should be doing this sometime at the end of January.

>>> "Charles Keeling" <CharlesKeeling@sullgraphics.com> 12/28/2010 2:58 PM
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Holly,

Just a note to remind you of my desire to bid on bio.s.

Charles Keeling

From: "Sarah Coole" <SarahC@gabar.org>
To: "Holly Sparrow" <SPARROWH@appeals.courts.state.ga.us>
Date: 12/28/2010 4:18 PM
Subject: Photographers

Holly,

We don't use photographers all that often, but below are two that we've used recently that I really like. They are both very responsive and professional.

Peter Stokes

tufty@mindspring.com

(770) 378-9623

Cindy Harter

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Thanks!
Sarah

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From: Paula Bloodsaw
To: Sparrow, Holly
Date: 12/28/2010 3:39 PM
Subject: Re: Photos of Chief Judge Miller

Denise Gray Photography (770) 969-5639 or check out her website @ www.denisegraysphot.com

P.S. the judge stated that there is also a guy that we have used, but she can't recall his name right now. Will contact you once she has his info.

Thanks!

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>>> Holly Sparrow 12/28/2010 3:34 PM >>>
Paula,

Would you please ask Chief Judge Miller who took the photo of her we used on the front of the investiture program when she became Chief Judge in 2009? It was a very good photo. I would like that person's name and phone number so I can check that person out as a possible photographer for whole court photo and individual photos of the judges in 2011.

Holly

From: "Charles Keeling" <CharlesKeeling@sullgraphics.com>
To: "Holly Sparrow" <SPARROWH@appeals.courts.state.ga.us>
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Charles Keeling

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