

NAME: Matthew Miller
PARTY: Non-Partisan
SEEKING: State Court Judge

1. Why are you seeking the office?

I have always had a calling to public service and I have a dedication to the community. I truly believe that a strong judiciary in Gwinnett is needed to ensure that Gwinnett County continues to thrive and be a place that people want to live and work in. The people of Gwinnett need to be assured that those they have elected to the bench will be representative of the community as a whole and have their similar values. I know I will listen to all who appear before me and treat them all with the dignity and respect that they (100)...

2. What distinguishes your candidacy?

I have always had a strong work ethic and I have been dedicated to whatever job I have chosen to do. Further, I have appeared before all kinds of judges, including terrible judges and mediocre judges who were appointed to the bench and appear to take their position for granted. Gwinnett deserves better than that. I know I have what it takes to be a great judge. Far too often, the bottom end of the spectrum judges allow their own biases to cloud their judgment. A great judge is always aware of their biases and make a conscious effort to (100)...

3. What is the proper role of a judge in interpreting the laws and Constitution?

A judge has a duty to follow the law as written by the legislature. If the language is clear and it does not violate the constitution, the Judge has a duty to follow the rule of law. Interpretations of the law often occur at the high court levels and a judge should never attempt to legislate from the bench.

4. What in your life experience makes you believe that you are or would be a good judge?

This is easy, I have professional experience in all areas of the law that a State Court Judge deals with. I have represented Plaintiffs and Defendants in civil cases, as well as The State and Defendants charged with crimes in criminal cases. Each case carries with it its own unique circumstances and obstacles. Learning from each of these makes you a better lawyer and will set me up to be a great judge.

Further, having children is a great way to learn how to be a judge. You must listen to your kids, learn what motivates them to do the (100)...

5. What do you see as a new challenge for judges in a post-pandemic court system?

The new challenge post-pandemic is going to be adapting to the new normal and incorporating more technology into the court process. For far too long, the courts have been very resistant to change and have continued to operate on what can only be described as an archaic system. With advances in technology, the courts should be able to use video conferencing, online filings, and web-based programs to streamline the whole system to make it more efficient and save the tax payers money.

6. Please give a 100 word summary of your background?

I reside in Lawrenceville with my wife and three young kids, ages 5, 8, & 9. I grew up Gainesville GA and graduated from Gainesville High School. After high school, I went to Georgia State and then University of Tennessee for law school. After spending sometime at big firms, I realized I wanted a more hands on approach to my legal practice. In 2008 I started my own legal practice, doing all types of cases. I tried civil cases, both on the plaintiff and defense side to jury trials. I also tried both felony and misdemeanor defense cases to jury (100)...