

**NAME: Randy Rich**  
**PARTY: Non-Partisan**  
**SEEKING: Gwinnett Superior Court**

**1. Why are you seeking the office?**

I have held this office for 15 years.

**2. What distinguishes your candidacy?**

15 years experience compared to 0 years experience.

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

Plain meaning of the laws and Constitution. Apply the laws to the facts of each case.

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

I have served as a Judge in Gwinnett County since elected in 2004. I believe in the civil justice system and the criminal justice system. It takes good judges for the systems to work however, and it takes years of experience to make a good judge.

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

Many of my judge colleagues are using video court for the first time since the pandemic. I have used video court since 2004 because it is efficient. We save Gwinnett thousands of dollars per year by not transporting criminal defendants to the courthouse for routine hearings. I see more judges allowing video court for future civil and criminal cases due to the pandemic.

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

I was raised in Gwinnett County, and it has been my home for 53 years. I went to college at the University of Georgia and graduated in 3 years (because I was paying my own way). I then went to law school at Georgia State for law school and moved back to Gwinnett to start my law practice. I was a partner at Rich & Smith in Lawrenceville for 12 years and represented many Gwinnett citizens in litigated disputes.

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Since becoming a judge, I have focused on efficiency. I started the “one-day/one trial” jury service for the County, the Gwinnett (100)