



Hon. Susan B. Forsling
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Hon. Susan B. Forsling served as Judge of the State Court of Fulton County from 1997 until she stepped down on July 1, 2013. She was appointed a senior judge by Governor Deal on July 8, 2013. Judge Forsling joined BAY as a mediator and arbitrator in July of that year. As a judge, she presided over general and complex civil and misdemeanor criminal cases and also presided over the Fulton County DUI Court Program. During this time, Judge Forsling also served as a pro hac Judge of the Fulton County Superior Court.

From 1992 until her judicial appointment in 1997, Judge Forsling was the Fulton County Attorney, serving as chief legal officer for the government. She was formerly a partner in the law firm of Young & Murphy and was a Special Assistant Attorney General. Judge Forsling has served as an adjunct professor of pre-trial litigation at Emory University, a faculty member of Atlanta College of Trial Advocacy, and a faculty member of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. She has also served as a Master of the Bleckley Inn of Court and is a member of the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia. She speaks locally and nationally on topics relating to the trial, mediation and arbitration of complex civil cases.

Areas of Expertise

- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Medical Negligence
- Wrongful Death
- Professional Liability
- Commercial Contracts
- Local Government
- Civil Rights
- Bad Faith Insurance Claims

ADR Training

- Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution, Registered Neutral
- In-depth Training Courses on Mediation & Arbitration

Education

- University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., 1980
- Kenyon College, B.A. *cum laude*, with distinction, 1977

Bar Admissions

- Georgia

Court Admissions

- United State Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals

Legal Employment

- Judge, State Court of Fulton County (1997 – 2013)
- County Attorney, Fulton County (1992 – 1997)
- Adjunct Professor, Emory University, Pre-Trial Litigation (1995 – 1996)
- Acting County Attorney, Fulton County (1992)
- Deputy Director Staff Counsel, Fulton County (1988 – 1992)
- Associate County Attorney, Fulton County (1980 – 1988)
- Special Assistant Attorney General (1981 – 1988)
- Young & Murphy (Partner, 1981 – 1988)
- Webb, Young, Daniel & Murphy (Associate, 1980 – 1981)

Professional Affiliations

- Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Public Trust and Confidence in the Judiciary
- Panel to Recommend Candidates for United States Magistrate to Judges of United States District Court (*member on two separate panels*)
- Council of State Court Judges (*Legislative Committee, Accountability Courts Committee*)
- National Association of Drug Court Professionals (2007—2013)
- State Bar of Georgia (*Committee on Professionalism; Minority Counsel Program; High School Mock Trial Committee; Local Government Law Section (Chairperson, 1994-1995)*)
- Atlanta Bar Association (*Former Board Member, Judicial Section*)
- Bleckley Inn of Court (*Former Master*)
- Georgia Association of Women Lawyers
- Gate City Bar Association
- Lawyers Club of Atlanta (1985 – 1995)
- Intrastate Moot Court Competition (*Judge*)

Publications & Presentations

- GDLA Trial & Mediation Academy – *Judicial Perspectives on Mediation*, 2014
- *Code of Laws of Fulton County*, 1997 Recodification, Editorial Assistant
- *Section 1983 Litigation Forms Book* (John Wiley & Sons Publishing Co. 1994), assisted in preparation of supplement