

THE HONORABLE KIMBERLY M. ESMOND ADAMS
Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Atlanta Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams is serving her fourth term on the Superior Court of Fulton County in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit. She has been re-elected to three successive terms without opposition. Over the course of nearly 15 years on the trial bench, Judge Adams has presided over voluminous cases that include high profile criminal prosecutions and complex civil litigation including multi-million-dollar land and contract disputes and personal injury claims. She also has handed down opinions in significant case of legal import involving state constitutional issues.

Prior to her election, Judge Adams amassed extensive criminal and civil trial experience. She served the citizens of Fulton County as a Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the Fulton County District Attorney where her exceptional commitment to victims and community safety earned her the coveted distinction of *Special Unit Trial Attorney of the Year*. Judge Adams began her public service career after practicing as an employment attorney with a national labor and employment boutique.

A past president of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA), Judge Adams is a well-respected bar leader and community servant. She currently serves as Chair of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association and on the National Bar Association Board of Governors. Judge Adams also has served in a number of leadership capacities, both professionally and in her community, including the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Technical College Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Restorative Justice Board of the Atlanta Municipal Court, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, the Atlanta Bar Association Judicial Section, the Atlanta Bar Association Lawyer Referral Information Service, the Foundation of Wesley Woods and the Leadership Atlanta Board of Trustees.

Judge Adams also is a Past Chair of the National Advisory Board for *Foreverfamily*, a non-profit organization committed to mitigating the collateral effects on children of incarcerated parents. A life member and international leader of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and a national leader in The Links, Incorporated, Judge Adams has been an active member of Cascade United Methodist Church in Southwest Atlanta for more than 30 years where she continues to serve in leadership and as an active member of the Music Ministry.

Recognized both for her commitment to her profession and the community, Judge Adams has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, most notably, Howard University Charter Day Award in the Field of Law (2013); Who's Who in Law and Business by the Atlanta Business Chronicle (2006); Superwoman by Atlanta Tribune Magazine (2011); Woman of the Year - "Ordinary Woman With Extraordinary Talents" by Women Looking Ahead News Magazine (2008), Women Looking Ahead Woman of the Year Honoree – One of Georgia's Most Influential Judges (2013). Judge Adams also is a recipient of the Pinnacle Leadership Award from the East Point/College Park Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (2012), The Torch Award from the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (2017) and she was named to

the Atlanta Business League's 2012, 2013 and 2018 Lists of Atlanta's Top 100 Women of Influence. In 2012, Judge Adams received the *Spirit of GABWA Award* – the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys' highest award. She also was an honored recipient of the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service in 2013 and the prestigious Community Service Award from the Atlanta Bar Association in 2015.

Most recently, Judge Adams was named an Unsung Heroine and received the Pioneer Award from the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (2017), and she was named a Woman of Excellence in the field of Community Engagement by the MECCA Chapter (2018). She also was named a National HBCU Pre-Law Hall of Fame Honoree (2018). Additionally, Judge Adams has been recognized by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the faith community for her commitment, dedication and service.

A sought-after leader in the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia, Judge Adams is an alumna of both Leadership Atlanta and Leadership Georgia. She possesses a deep commitment to the development of young people and frequently serves as a mentor, lecturer, speaker, moderator and panelist on topics ranging from the law and professionalism to education and the family. She is a 2009 alumna of the National Judicial College and was invited to the White House in 2012 to participate in a workshop on parental incarceration.

Judge Adams earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and her Juris Doctor Degree from the Notre Dame Law School. She resides in Atlanta with her husband, Michael, and they are the proud parents of an adult son, Michael (Ashley).