

# CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM

Honorable Harold D. Melton  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of Georgia



Karlise Y. Grier  
Executive Director

## AGENDA

### The Necessity of Unparalleled Unity • March 18, 2021, 8:00 am – 10:00 am via Zoom.us

7:55 am	Pre-Panel Polling Questions Housekeeping Information, and Introduction of Ms. Dawn Jones ..... <b>Ms. Karlise Y. Grier</b>
8:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Introduction of Professor Tanya Washington Hicks ..... <b>Ms. Dawn Jones</b> President, State Bar of Georgia
8:10 am – 9:40 am	The Necessity of Unparalleled Unity ..... <b>Professor Tanya Washington Hicks, Moderator</b> Georgia State University College of Law Access to Justice Center

Each Panelist will introduce himself or herself in two minutes (or less) within the context of one of the **Calling to Tasks** found on Page Two of the Agenda followed by the panel discussion.

#### Panelists:

- **Honorable Nina Markette Baker**, Judge of Superior Court Coweta Judicial Circuit
- **Mr. Ashley Bell**, Partner, Dentons US LLP
- **Mr. Jake Evans**, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP
- **Honorable Dax E. López**, Judge, State Court of DeKalb County
- **Ms. Patrise Perkins-Hooker**, Past President, State Bar of Georgia
- **Honorable Carla Wong McMillian**, Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia

**Special Acknowledgment:** **Mr. Kevin C. Wilson**, Staff Attorney, Supreme Court of Georgia, for assistance in program planning.

9:45 am	Post-Panel Polling Questions Introduction of Chief Justice Harold D. Melton ..... <b>Professor Tanya Washington</b>
9:50 am – 10:00 am	Closing Remarks ..... <b>Chief Justice Harold D. Melton</b>
10:00 am	Adjourn

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### Mission of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

The mission of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism is to support and encourage lawyers to exercise the highest levels of professional integrity in their relationships with their clients, other lawyers, the courts, and the public and to fulfill their obligations to improve the law and the legal system and to ensure access to that system.

At its May 31, 1996 meeting, the Commission unanimously adopted the above **Mission Statement** and the accompanying **Calling to Tasks** below as follows:

#### **Calling to Tasks**

The Commission seeks to foster among lawyers an active awareness of its mission by calling lawyers to the following tasks, in the words of former Chief Justice Harold Clarke:

1. To recognize that the reason for the existence of lawyers is to act as problem solvers performing their service on behalf of the client while adhering at all times to the public interest;
2. To utilize their special training and natural talents in positions of leadership for societal betterment;
3. To adhere to the proposition that a social conscience and devotion to the public interest stand as essential elements of lawyer professionalism.