

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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## **JUDGE RHONDA KREUZIGER**

### **MODERATOR**

Superior Court Judge Rhonda Kreuziger has presided over matters for the Griffin Judicial Circuit (which covers Fayette, Pike, Spalding, and Upson counties) since August 17, 2021. Prior to her appointment to this position by Governor Brian Kemp, Judge Kreuziger served as the Associate Juvenile Court Judge for the Griffin Judicial Circuit from August 2020 to August 2021. Judge Kreuziger also served as the Chief Judge for the Fayetteville Municipal Court from July 2018 until August 2020, on a part-time basis. While serving in this capacity, she continued to manage and operate The Kreuziger Law

Firm, P.C. that she established in June 2006. From its inception, until August 2020, she represented matters in the following areas of practice: Criminal Law; Domestic Relations/Family Law; Personal Injury; Landlord/Tenant; Breach of Contract; and Criminal and Civil Appeals to both the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court. She was lead counsel in several jury and bench trials, serving as both prosecutor and defense counsel in criminal cases as well as counsel for plaintiffs and defendants in civil matters. She has served as Guardian ad Litem in Family Law cases for the Griffin Judicial Circuit and Coweta County and worked as a conflict attorney for the Georgia Public Defender Council for approximately eleven years. Her firm also served as the part-time Solicitor for two municipalities during the earlier years of her private practice.

Prior to starting the law firm, she served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Griffin Judicial Circuit from approximately 2002 until 2006. As an Assistant District Attorney, she prosecuted felonies and misdemeanors in Superior Court and served as the Juvenile Prosecutor for the Griffin Judicial Circuit.

While working toward a Juris Doctor, she worked as a law clerk in two civil litigation firms, assisting with catastrophic personal injury claims and workers' compensation matters. During the last semester of law school, she interned in the Special Prosecution Division for the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Georgia.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Judge Kreuziger worked as a Forensic Serologist (analyzing rapes, homicides, and burglaries) with the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory, in Shreveport, Louisiana; and subsequently in the field of Forensic Toxicology (working on the identification and analysis of drugs) for SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories in Dallas, Texas. Judge Kreuziger received a law degree from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta, Georgia, and a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from Northwestern State University in Louisiana.



## **CHARLES "CHUCK" P. BORING**

Charles "Chuck" P. Boring is a very experienced trial attorney with the firm of Robbins Alloy Belinfante Littlefield LLC, having litigated several of the highest-profile cases in Georgia over the past two decades. Chuck represents clients in high-stakes civil litigation, governmental and internal, and white-collar criminal matters. He has extensive experience handling cases in the spotlight and navigating the public relations aspects of matters involving individuals and entities attracting significant media attention. As a former prosecutor and lead judicial ethics enforcement official for over 20 years, Chuck has tried well over 100 cases resulting in successful jury verdicts involving public

corruption, murder, human trafficking, sexual assault, technology-facilitated crimes, and child abuse in several jurisdictions across the state. He has also successfully defended public officials at trial and on appeal regarding their right to hold public office. A Fellow in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, Chuck is recognized as an expert in trial advocacy, complex investigations, and judicial and legal ethics. Chuck currently represents governmental and non-governmental entities, non-profit organizations, and individuals utilizing his decades of experience in courtrooms throughout Georgia.

Prior to joining the firm, Chuck was the Director of the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC), leading the state agency responsible for training and advising all state-level judges on legal and ethical issues, as well as investigating and prosecuting complaints of judicial misconduct. Before being named Director of the JQC, Chuck was the Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney for Cobb County, Georgia, responsible for supervising the Special Victims Unit, Office Training, and other divisions in the office. Chuck previously served as a homicide, major case, and special-victims prosecutor in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and as a prosecutor in the Coweta Judicial Circuit. Chuck has also briefed and argued numerous cases before the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Georgia Court of Appeals.



## **EDWARD “EDDIE” CHASE III**

Edward “Eddie” Chase III is a Chief Assistant District Attorney for the DeKalb County District Attorney’s Office. In that role, he oversees the prosecution of crimes against children, sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, cold case, and crimes against the elderly and disabled adults. Prior to that role, Eddie was a Senior Attorney with the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys’ Child Abuse Prosecution Project, based out of Washington, D.C., where he facilitated child abuse training and technical assistance at the state and national level. He is a former Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney with Fulton County District Attorney’s Office in the Crimes Against Women and Children unit. Prior to his career as a prosecutor, he was a Staff Attorney with the Fulton County Public Defender’s Office and with the Public Defender’s Office for the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Florida. In those roles, he defended the rights of indigent criminal defendants charged with felony offenses. He currently serves as the co-chair for the Georgia Statewide Child Abuse Expert Committee, is a member of the National Advisory Committee for Child Abuse, and serves as faculty for the National Children’s Advocacy Center, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council of Georgia, Aequitas, and Georgia’s Child First program.



## **MOLLY BARRETT GILLIS**

Molly Barrett Gillis is a partner with The Gillis Law Firm, LLC where she represents individuals all over the State of Georgia. She represents victims of serious physical injury and wrongful death in cases arising from car collisions, trucking accidents, insurance bad faith, and premises liability. Molly also handles select administrative, traffic and criminal cases.

Molly started her legal career as a public servant. Over the course of her career, she has served as a prosecutor in two different circuits – the Cobb County Judicial Circuit and the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit in DeKalb County. As a prosecutor, Molly gained invaluable trial experience prosecuting felonies, as well as misdemeanors. She tried over seventy-five cases to verdict. Recognized as a zealous advocate for victims and justice, Molly worked tirelessly to right wrongs and close painful chapters of victims' lives. Molly also practiced at one of the Southeast's largest insurance defense firms under one of the nation's best and most recognized trial attorneys. There, she gained insight, knowledge, and experience regarding how the insurance companies operate and litigate. This inside knowledge allows Molly to advise her current clients about what to expect, when to settle, and when to go to trial. Molly previously served in an Of Counsel position for an Atlanta law firm that specializes in personal injury cases, as well as assisting law enforcement officers. Molly continues to have a heart of a public servant and believes that is a privilege to represent people who have been hurt, damaged, or wronged. She takes her role as an advocate seriously. Molly enjoys taking a limited number of cases per year so she can work closely with her clients.

Recently, Molly was named to the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism by Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton. She is one of twenty-one members from across the state to be named to this Commission. She is also an active member of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and the Cobb Bar Association. Molly's philanthropic activities include McKenna Farms, a non-profit organization that utilizes equine therapy to assist special needs children and veterans with PTSD. In addition, Molly was named as a Woman of the Year Candidate by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and she raised over \$118,000 in ten weeks to benefit cancer patients and their families. She is honored to have been named the Lexie Clayton Community Award recipient by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, in recognition of her leadership and collaborative efforts in fundraising.

Molly is married to Austin Gillis, who is also her law partner. The couple has two children.





## **FRANCYS JOHNSON**

Francys Johnson is a Partner of Davis Bozeman Johnson Law. Born and raised on his grandparent's farm in Sylvania, Georgia, Francys learned the value of hard work, responsibility, and service to others. As a practicing lawyer, public theologian, and educator, Francys has a strong record of advocacy aimed at expanding opportunities for all people. As a zealous trial lawyer, Francys practices criminal and civil law in the state and federal courts. He has secured justice on behalf of the wrongfully accused and seriously injured. He has previously served as a Member at Large of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia and he currently serves as a member of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. Francys has also served in ordained ministry for more than 20 years. He is the Senior Minister at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Pembroke and Magnolia Baptist Church in Statesboro. He has long made a positive difference through public service to several community-based organizations focused on helping people help themselves.

Francys succeeded Stacey Abrams and Raphael Warnock as head of the New Georgia Project, a transformational civic engagement organization responsible for defeating voter suppression and advancing progressive values in public policy. Previously, Francys was President of the Georgia NAACP, this state's oldest and largest civil rights organization, following more than two decades of service in various capacities, including Southeast Regional Director. There, he was the chief manager of the NAACP's public policy agenda and administrative activities in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Recently, Francys was the 2018 Democratic Nominee for Georgia's 12th Congressional District.

A graduate of Georgia Southern University and the University of Georgia School of Law, Francys previously served on the Political Science and Criminal Justice faculties at Georgia Southern University and Savannah State University, teaching courses on Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Race and the law, and the Civil Rights Movement. Today, he is a recognized thought leader on voting rights, having testified before Congress, lectured across the country, and written on other subjects, including race, measuring equity, and understanding power in public policy.

Francys is married to Dr. Meca Williams-Francys, an educational psychologist and professor at Georgia Southern University. They have three sons. Francys lives by the command of Micah 6:8 to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly.



## **RANDAL “RANDY” MCGINLEY**

Randy McGinley has been the District Attorney for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, which includes Newton and Walton Counties, since 2020. In that role, Randy supervises the prosecution of approximately 6,000 cases a year. He is also Governor Kemp's District Attorney appointee to the State Child Fatality Review Panel. In 2023, Lt. Governor Jones and the Senate Committee on Appointments appointed Randy to the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission where his fellow commission members elected him to serve as the Chairman of the Investigative Committee. He is also the current Vice President of the District Attorneys Association of Georgia.

In addition to supervising a staff of over 70, including over 20 Assistant District Attorneys, Randy handles numerous serious and high-profile prosecutions every year. This includes trying cases within his circuit and outside his circuit as an appointed conflict prosecutor. Randy also teaches prosecutors throughout Georgia on topics such as trial and appellate practice. Prior to becoming District Attorneys, Randy was a career prosecutor who became the Chief Assistant District Attorney in 2017.

Outside of the office, Randy is a member of the Loganville Rotary Club and is a board member for A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center. He lives in Walton County with his wife and two amazing daughters.