



Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

*Commencement Exercises
Class of
Two Thousand and Twenty
Two Thousand and Twenty-One*

*Marriott Marquis
Atrium Ballroom*

One Thirty p.m.

*May 22, 2021
Atlanta, Georgia*

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| PRELUDE..... | <i>Prelude, Sigurd Jorsalfar</i> by Edvard Grieg |
| PROCESSIONAL..... | <i>Pomp and Circumstance March</i> by Edward Elgar |
| PROCESSIONAL MARSHALL..... | Professor Jeffrey VanDetta |
| WELCOME..... | Jace C. Gatewood Dean |
| NATIONAL ANTHEM..... | Amadeus String Ensemble |
| INVOCATION..... | Rev. Dr. David Anthony Spencer, Jr. |
| AWARDS | Jace C. Gatewood Dean |
| DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD COREY MARTIN | Dr. Bridgett Ortega Associate Dean of Career Services and Professional Development, AJMLS |
| DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD AND INTRODUCTION OF HONORABLE JUDGE ANGELA DUNCAN..... | Jace C. Gatewood Dean |
| ADDRESS..... | Honorable Angela Duncan Superior Court Judge for Gwinnett County |
| CONFERRING OF DEGREE..... | Jace C. Gatewood Dean Dr. Michael C. Markovitz, Chairman Board of Directors, AJMLS |
| REMARKS FROM THE CLASS..... | Morgan Eipper 2021 Valedictorian – Part-Time Division Miriam Perfecto 2021 Valedictorian – Full-Time Division |
| REMARKS FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION..... | Randy Fry Class of 1999 |
| BENEDICTION..... | Rev. Dr. David Anthony Spencer, Jr. |
| CLOSING REMARKS..... | Jace C. Gatewood Dean |
| RECESSIONAL..... | <i>Grand March from "Aida"</i> by Verdi |

The Audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

As a courtesy to our guests, we ask that you silence all communication devices and assure that all small children are monitored or removed if causing a distraction.

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Honors

Corey Martin

Corey Martin is the Founder and Managing Partner at The Law Offices of Martin & Associates located in Douglasville, Georgia. His law practice focuses on Criminal Defense, Immigration and Personal Injury. He is a Senior Adviser for Martin Financial Solutions and Counsel for J&A Sports Management. He graduated with Honors in 2009 from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and received his undergraduate Math Degree from Excelsior College. While in law school Corey externed with the IRS, Douglas County Solicitor General's Office and the Department of Homeland Security- Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Corey is an eight (8) year military veteran and is the Supervising Attorney of AJMLS', Veterans Legal Clinic located at Fort McPherson, Georgia. The Legal Clinic represents veterans free of charge in misdemeanor criminal cases throughout the State of Georgia. He is an active member of the AJMLS Alumni Board and frequently volunteers to help students prepare for the legal field.

Corey is a 2020 Daily Report Distinguished Leaders Award Honoree and the recipient of the 2020 State Bar of Georgia, William B. Spann Jr. Award. He is also a Douglas County Partner in Education, a Douglas County Juvenile Court Administrative Council Member, a Match Mentor, a Partner of Fundacion Voces Unidas and a member of several Boards.

Honorable Angela Duncan

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Honors The Honorable Angela Duncan

Angela D. Duncan is the newest Superior Court Judge in the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and was appointed by Governor Brian Kemp to fill the newly created eleventh (11th) Judge position.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from North Georgia College. She served in the U.S. Army Reserves from March 1987 to March 1995 as a light-weight vehicle mechanic.

She later attended John Marshall Law School to obtain her law degree. Duncan attended AJMLS part-time attending both day and night classes while also maintaining a full time job. Throughout her study, she sought to experience different areas of law by working at a different firm each year of law school. She learned every aspect of private firms, from working in the file room to becoming a law librarian assistant and court runner. She also experienced many different law practices prior to graduation, from labor law and appellate work to personal injury and criminal defense.

It was during her third year of study, and work at the former Gambrell and Stolz, that her interest was piqued in serving on the bench. Irwin W. Stolz, Jr., who served on the Georgia Court of Appeals from 1972-1977, was an excellent mentor and teacher during her employment at the firm.

While continuing her practice of law, Judge Duncan served as a Judge in the Cities of Chamblee, Snellville, Doraville, and Norcross Municipal Courts and as a part-time Judge for the Magistrate Court in Gwinnett County before she was appointed as a full-time Magistrate Court Judge in 2016. As a full-time Magistrate Court Judge, she primarily presided over Superior Court matters by designation. She was the Chief Judge in the City of Chamblee when Governor Kemp appointed her to the Superior Court bench in Gwinnett County.

During her tenure serving as Judge for multiple agencies, Judge Duncan has presided over complex litigations comprising of domestic, criminal, and civil matters, each time administering justice objectively with respect and dignity to all parties involved. Judge Duncan's knowledge, education, and experience as well as the manner in which she conducts herself and any court proceeding she presides over have made her an extremely respected and valued member of the Gwinnett legal community.

Judge Duncan's passion for service is not just reserved for the legal system in Gwinnett County. When she is not presiding over court proceedings she can be found out in the community participating in one of the many outreach programs she is a member of such as volunteering for the Veterans Resource Center and serving as a board member for Gold Star Monument.

Judge Duncan resides in Lawrenceville with her wife, Michele, and children, Brody and Ale.

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