



Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

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

*Georgia World Congress Center
Sidney Marcus Auditorium*

One Thirty p.m.

*May 21, 2022
Atlanta, Georgia*

PRELUDE.....	<i>Prelude, Sigurd Jorsalfar</i> by Edvard Grieg
PROCESSIONAL.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March</i> by Edward Elgar
PROCESSIONAL MARSHALLS.....	Kamali C. Thompson, <i>Class of 2022</i> Rochelle R. Walker, <i>Class of 2022</i>
WELCOME	Jace C. Gatewood Dean
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Amadeus String Ensemble
INVOCATION	Rev. Dr. David Anthony Spencer, Jr.
AWARDS	Jace C. Gatewood Dean
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD LOUISE THORNTON HORNSBY.....	Judge Neera Bahl Class of 2000
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD HONORABLE ASHLEY DRAKE.....	Judge Neera Bahl Class of 2000
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD AND INTRODUCTION OF HONORABLE JUDGE RHONDA KREUZIGER.....	Jace C. Gatewood Dean
ADDRESS.....	Honorable Rhonda Kreuziger Superior Court Judge, Griffin Judicial Circuit
CONFERRING OF DEGREE.....	Jace C. Gatewood Dean Adam Malone, Member Board of Directors, AJMLS
REMARKS FROM THE CLASS	Lauren Boffill 2022 Valedictorian – Part-Time Division Mats Rosén 2022 Valedictorian – Full-Time Division
REMARKS FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE ALUMNI BOARD	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

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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

Louise Thornton Hornsby

Louise Thornton Hornsby is a 1965 alumna of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. She attended Spelman College and after graduation, she attended an apprenticeship program at Matthews School of Law – In the 1960s, students could earn a law degree through apprenticeship programs.

During the '60s, when previously segregated schools were opened for African American students to attend, she enrolled at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School to prepare for the bar exam. She graduated in 1965 and was one of the first Black alumni to receive an education at AJMLS. Louise was also the sixth Black woman to pass the bar in the State of Georgia.

After law school, she worked in the Fulton County Public Defender's Office and also served as a part-time judge for the City of Atlanta Traffic Court. She was appointed by former Mayor Andrew Young as the Solicitor General for the City of Atlanta where she served for a few years before deciding to run for public office. Louise opened her private practice, The Hornsby Law Firm, LLC in 1996, where she practiced until her retirement in 2022.

Through more than 56 years as a practicing attorney, she has received numerous recognitions, awards, and accolades, and held many positions within the community.

Louise is a mother of five children and grandmother to ten. She still lives in the Atlanta area, and at 85 years old, is active in her community.

Honorable Ashley Drake

Judge Drake is a 2011 Alumna of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. She graduated at the top of her class and was a member of the moot court team where she competed nationally. She began her legal career as a prosecuting attorney for the Fulton County Solicitor General's Office and eventually transitioned to prosecuting felonies for the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney.

After years of criminal prosecution, Judge Drake entered a new area of practice: civil litigation, at which point she began her career at Bey & Associates, LLC as an Associate Attorney in the litigation section and later the lead associate in medical malpractice, wrongful death, and trucking litigation cases. During this time, Judge Drake lobbied Congress on both sides of the aisle regarding the unconstitutionality of mandatory arbitration clauses in civil practice, in hopes of preserving and protecting our 6th amendment right to a trial by jury in civil cases. She successfully completed the prestigious ATLA Ultimate Trial Advocacy Course at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA, and was a featured panelist at the American Association for Justice Women's Caucus in Denver Colorado.

In 2020, Judge Drake continued her career at Bader Scott Injury Lawyers where she served as a Captain overseeing other Personal Injury Attorneys. In May of 2020, she was appointed to the bench as a full-time Magistrate Judge by Fulton County Magistrate Court Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk, where she presides over criminal and civil cases. She is the first female judge of Persian heritage in Georgia. Judge Drake is a group leader for her local Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (GAWL) mentoring circle. She now serves on the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Bar Association Women in the Profession Section and on the Technology Committee for the Fulton County Magistrate Court. She is also co-chair of the Awards Committee for the Georgia Council of Magistrate Court Judges. Judge Drake resides in Atlanta with her husband and dog.

**Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Honors
The Honorable Rhonda Kreuziger**

Rhonda Bender Kreuziger is a Superior Court Judge in the Griffin Judicial Circuit which covers Fayette, Pike, Spalding, and Upson Counties. She received a law degree from Atlanta's John Marshall Law School in December of 2000, and a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from Northwestern State University in Louisiana in May of 1991. Prior to becoming an attorney, she worked as a Forensic Serologist with the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory, in Shreveport, Louisiana, and as a Forensic Toxicologist for SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories in Dallas, Texas. During her last semester of law school, she completed an externship in the Special Prosecution Division for the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Georgia.

After law school, she worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Griffin Judicial Circuit where she prosecuted felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile matters for Fayette, Pike, Spalding, and Upson Counties from approximately 2002 until 2006.

In 2006, she left the District Attorney's Office to start her private practice, The Kreuziger Law Firm, P.C. During this time, she also served as Solicitor for the City of Senoia, Solicitor for the Town of Tyrone, and subsequently as a conflict defense attorney for the Georgia Public Defender's Council in the Griffin Judicial Circuit. In her private practice she represented litigants in the following matters: Criminal Law – both felonies and misdemeanors in Superior, State, Juvenile, Magistrate, and Municipal Courts throughout the State of Georgia and handled matters pro hac vice in Florida; Family Law/Domestic Relations matters, including but not limited to, divorces, child custody, child support, legitimations, contempt actions, temporary protective orders, and, modifications; Personal Injury related cases; Landlord/Tenant matters; Breach of Contract cases; and Criminal and Civil Appeals to both the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court.

She was appointed as Interim Judge for the City of Fayetteville Municipal Court from July 2018 until December 2018 and subsequently appointed to the position of Chief Judge for the City of Fayetteville Municipal Court on January 2019 and served in this capacity until August 2020, when she was appointed by the Griffin Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judges and the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge to be the full-time Associate Juvenile Court Judge.

In July of 2021, Governor Brian Kemp appointed her to the Superior Court for the Griffin Judicial Circuit, and she was sworn in on August 17, 2021. Judge Kreuziger is the first woman and first person of color to serve on the Superior Court bench for the Griffin Judicial Circuit.

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 **In Memoriam** 
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The American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence

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Order of Quill

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Mats Rosén, Honor Scholar and Marshall of the Order

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Outstanding Graduate Award

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