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Keith Blackwell served more than eight years as a justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia and served nearly two years as a judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia. During his judicial service, he authored more than 400 published opinions and participated in the disposition of approximately 4,500 appeals and 8,000 petitions for writs of certiorari and other applications for leave to appeal. Justice Blackwell also served as the Supreme Court's liaison to the State Bar of Georgia, the Office of Bar Admissions, the Board of Bar Examiners, and the Board to Determine the Fitness of Bar Applicants.

Before his judgeship, Justice Blackwell practiced law with an Atlanta firm, representing banks and other financial services providers, medical practices, manufacturers, and other corporate clients in complex litigation, including contract disputes, business tort cases, trade secret litigation, insurance coverage disputes, mass tort, and product liability cases. He also counseled clients on compliance, privacy, and data security issues. He served as a prosecuting attorney in Cobb County, GA, where he was responsible for hundreds of felony prosecutions and appeared as lead counsel in numerous trials.

Justice Blackwell graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law as a first honor graduate. Before practicing law, he clerked for the Hon. J.L. Edmondson at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Joseph Henry Lumpkin Inn of Court, Executive Board, Master
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- State Bar of Georgia, Committee on Business Courts
- Georgia Commission on Interpreters, former chair
- Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution, former member
- Appellate Jurisdiction Reform Commission, former member
- Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission, former member

Education

- University of Georgia (J.D., 1999)
- University of Georgia (B.A., 1996)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia