



## **Court of Appeals of Georgia**

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### **Court of Appeals Welcomes Judges Pipkin and Colvin**

**Atlanta, April 10, 2020** – The Court of Appeals of Georgia welcomes its newest judges to the bench: Judge Trea Pipkin and Judge Verda M. Colvin, who were sworn in today by Governor Brian Kemp.

While the swearing-in ceremony was conducted with a very small group of people, due to pandemic restrictions, our new judges are now being seamlessly integrated into the ongoing business of the Court, which has remained open and operating as an essential service to the citizens of Georgia. Judge Pipkin, Judge Colvin, and their staffs will be conducting the business of the court remotely until the restrictions on gathering in person are lifted.

Both new members join the Court as experienced judges, with first-hand knowledge about the difficult decisions required from superior court judges. “We are delighted to welcome Judges Colvin and Pipkin to the Court of Appeals and look forward to formal investitures once we get to the other side,” said Chief Judge Christopher J. McFadden. “I am confident that they will prove equal to the challenges of this extraordinary time, and all of us stand ready to assist them in any way we can.”

Judge Pipkin sat on the Superior Court of Henry County in McDonough, in the Flint Judicial Circuit, to which he was appointed in 2018 by Governor Nathan Deal. During his service on that court, he established the first Veteran’s Court in Henry County, which has been a successful addition to the Flint Judicial Circuit’s accountability courts. Before taking the bench on the Superior Court, Judge Pipkin served as an Assistant District Attorney, then was appointed and subsequently elected to serve as Henry County’s Solicitor General. He earned his law degree from Georgia State University.

Judge Colvin was appointed to the Superior Court of Bibb County in the Macon Judicial Circuit by Governor Nathan Deal in 2014, the first African-American female judge in that Circuit. She was reelected without opposition in 2016. Her service to Georgia citizens began long before that, though, as Judge Colvin was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Georgia, where she prosecuted a wide array of felons for offenses ranging from drug trafficking to white-collar crime. Before that she served as an Assistant District Attorney in Clayton County and as an Assistant Solicitor in Athens-Clark County and was in private practice in Charlotte, NC, at the beginning of her legal career. She earned her law degree from the University of Georgia.

The judges of the Court of Appeals extend their congratulations and welcome to Judge Colvin and Judge Pipkin.