



## **CITY OF DUNWOODY**

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# **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**From:** Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

**Date:** September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Subject:** Appointment of additional Dunwoody Municipal Court Judge

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The Dunwoody Municipal Court respectfully request that City Council appoint Sherry Boston as an additional Dunwoody Municipal Court Judge. The appointment of Ms. Boston would give the Court a total of four (4) judges and provide additional coverage with the recent addition of court sessions.

Ms. Boston's resume is attached for your review.



# **SHERRY BOSTON**

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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **DeKalb Recorder's Court, Atlanta, GA**

*Judge (Pro Hac Vice): August 2007 – Present*

- Conducted bench trials as a part time judge in misdemeanor criminal offenses, traffic matters, county ordinances, and animal control violations.
- Conducted probation revocation hearings, rule nisi hearings, bond hearings and amnesty calendar.

### **The Bernstein Firm, Atlanta, GA**

*Associate: October 2003 - Present*

- Handled over 300 misdemeanor and felony criminal cases, including DUI, drugs, domestic violence, theft, battery, vehicle homicide, child molestation and murder.
- Conducted dozens of jury and bench trials.
- Handled adjudicatory hearings in juvenile court and school board disciplinary actions.

### **The Chestney-Hawkins Law Firm, Atlanta, GA**

*Associate: August 1999 – October 2003*

- Handled over 250 DUI cases as well as other drug and alcohol related offenses as lead counsel; included dozens of jury and bench trials.
- Conducted hundreds of criminal motion hearings and civil administrative hearings before the Office of State Administrative Hearings.
- Authored or co-authored at least a dozen appellate cases and performed oral argument in 3 cases in front of the Georgia Supreme Court.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA**

Juris Doctor, May 1999

### **Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 1996

## **PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Recognition and Achievements**

Rising Star Super Lawyer by *Atlanta Magazine* (2005 ) (2007) (2008)

Georgia Trend Legal Elite (2006) (2007) (2008)

Lamar Inn of Court, *Barrister*, (2006 – 2008)

### **Significant Appellate Decisions**

State v. Preston, 293 Ga.App. 94 (2008)

Cooper v. State, 277 Ga. 282 (2003)

King v. State, 276 Ga. 126 (2003)

Johnson v. State, 256 Ga.App. 730 (2002)

State v. Hoover, 253 Ga.App. 98 (2001)

State v. Heredia, 252 Ga.App. 89 (2001)



## **Speaking Engagements**

- ICLE - Defense of Drinking Drivers Update, Topic: DUI Case Law Update (1999, 2000)
- GIDC - Motions Practice (GIDC) , Topic: Similar Transactions (2001)
- ICLE - Administrative License Suspensions, Topic: DUI Case Law and Legislative Update (2001, 2002)
- GIDC - DUI Boot Camp: Trial Skills Training (Co-Chair and Speaker) (2002)
- ICLE - Georgia DUI Update, Topic: Cross-Examination of the Arresting Officer (2002)
- ICLE - Defense of Drinking Drivers Institute, Topic: Cross-Examination of the Arresting Officer (2002)
- HEADLINES & NCDD - Mastering Scientific Evidence, Topic: Defending a DUI Drug Blood Case (2003)
- NCDD – New Voices, Topic: Throttle the Cop With Kindly Cross, San Diego, CA (2004)
- ICLE – Defense of Drinking Drivers Institute, Topic: Balancing a General Criminal Practice with a DUI Practice (2004)
- ICLE – Defense of Drinking Drivers Institute, Topic: Changes in Georgia Criminal Procedure: *The 2005 Legislative Changes* (2005)
- ICLE – Enhanced Bridge the Gap, Topic: Practice Pointers Breakout Session: Criminal Defense (2006)
- ICLE – Handling Administrative License Suspensions: The Right Examination: Cross & Direct (2008)
- ICLE – Georgia DUI Update: Ethics Panel (2009)

## **BAR ASSOCIATIONS**

State Bar of Georgia

- Lawyer Assistance Committee (2004 – Present)

Atlanta Bar Association

- Criminal Law Section (1999 – Present)
  - Chair, 2005 - 2006
  - Chair Elect, 2004 - 2005
  - Treasurer, 2003 - 2004
  - Member At Large, 2000 - 2003

DeKalb Bar Association

Gate City Bar Association

Georgia Association of Women Lawyers

- Judicial Applicant Review Committee (2006 – Present)

Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys

- Judicial Nominating Committee (2003 – 2006)

Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

- Executive Committee (2006 – 2007)

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

National College for DUI Defense

The Lawyers Club of Atlanta

- Co-Chair, Summer Dinner/Dance 2006



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