

**Linda Thompson Walker  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court for the  
Northern District of Georgia**

The Honorable Linda Thompson Walker was appointed Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlantic Division, in January 2000, and served as the Chief Magistrate Judge from 2015 until 2019. As a Magistrate Judge, Judge Walker serves as a mediator in all of the different types of civil cases brought in Federal Court and has mediated hundreds of cases. In addition, she has primary judicial responsibilities for all civil cases containing claims under various consumer protection statutes; all actions brought under Section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, and related statutes; all cases containing a claim or challenge to an allegedly wrongful residential real property foreclosure, eviction or dispossessory action; all cases containing claims under federal employment discrimination statutes; all non-death penalty habeas corpus petitions and other prisoner actions; and all civil discovery motions in addition to responsibilities in connection with criminal pre-trial proceedings.

Judge Walker has been a member of the Administrative Office of the Courts Advisory Working Group, the Judiciary Data Working Group, and has served as the Magistrate Judge representative to the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council. She is also active in the Federal Magistrate Judges Association (“FMJA”) and has served as the Eleventh Circuit Director; co-chair of the FMJA Diversity Committee; and as a member of the Nominating Committee. Judge Walker is a Founding Board Member of the Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section, the Gate City Bar Association being the oldest African American Bar Association in Georgia. She is a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporation; a Lifetime Member of the Southern University National Alumni Association; and a member of the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys and the Lawyers Foundation of Georgia.

Judge Walker has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Southern University in Baton Rouge, and a Master of Science Degree in Biology from Clark-Atlanta University. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia Law School, where she was inducted into the Order of Barristers and the Joseph Henry Lumpkin Inn of Courts. After graduating from law school, Judge Walker clerked for the Honorable G. Ernest Tidwell, former Chief District Court Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. After her clerkship, Judge Walker entered private practice where her work focused on anti-trust law, government law and general civil litigation. She then joined the County Attorney’s Office for Fulton County, the largest county in the State of Georgia, where she became the County Attorney responsible for defending Fulton County, its elected officials, and employees in all civil matters.