



CHAMBERS OF
JUDGE GREGORY A. ADAMS

STATE OF GEORGIA
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
STONE MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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SUBJECT: Judge Gregory A. Adams Receives Distinguished Jurist Award

DeKalb County Superior Court Judge Gregory A. Adams was presented with the 2009 Distinguished Jurist Award at the annual State Bar of Georgia Meeting by the Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section. Judge Adams received the award for his many contributions to the Georgia Justice System and the greater DeKalb County community during the past 15 years of his judicial service.

Prior to his election to the Superior Court, Judge Adams spent a decade as Chief Judge of the DeKalb County Juvenile Court. There, he implemented on-site mental health screenings and assessments for youth entering the juvenile court, developed "in-home" assessments to reduce the number of non-violent offenders being held in detention, raised more than \$6 million through grants for treatment programs and developed and implemented a juvenile drug court to treat young offenders with substance abuse problems.

In 2007, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners named the new \$45 million juvenile court "**The Gregory A. Adams Juvenile Justice Center**". This was in recognition of Judge Adams' efforts toward developing a more suitable facility with educational and rehabilitative resources.