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DEKALB CEO BURRELL ELLIS NOMINATES NEW LEADERSHIP FOR RECORDERS COURT

DECATUR – DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis announced today the nomination of Judge Nelly Fagalde Withers for Chief Judge of Recorders Court and Kathy C. Crumbley for Clerk. Both nominations have been forwarded by the CEO to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners for confirmation.

Judge Withers has served as an associate judge with Recorders Court since 2002. Her prior experiences include serving as an associate partner with the law firm McNally, Edwards, Bailey & Lander in Decatur; serving as special assistant attorney general in the Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia and the 11th US Circuit Court of Appeals; serving as a contract research attorney with Georgia Superior Court; and serving as assistant district attorney for the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit Court. Judge Withers is a member of the DeKalb Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, Leadership DeKalb class of 2003, and the Council of Municipal Court Judges.

The Chief Judge's duties include overseeing the judicial functions of Recorders Court including managing the adjudication of traffic cases, ordinance violations, and similar offenses against the county.

Kathy C. Crumbley has served as the Deputy Clerk of Recorders Court since 2003. Her prior experiences include serving as judicial secretary at DeKalb County Superior Court; serving as executive secretary at DeKalb County Recorders Court; serving as executive secretary at Colony Communications Corporation; and serving as principal secretary for the DeKalb County Clerk of Court.

The Chief Clerk is responsible for managing the financial and administrative operations of the court including generating and maintaining citation records and collecting court costs, fines, and forfeitures.

“Judge Withers and Ms. Crumbley have records of experience, accountability and efficiency that are critically needed in DeKalb County Recorders Court and they bring a heightened level of leadership that is desperately needed,” CEO Ellis said.

Both nominations require confirmation by the Board of Commissioners in order to become effective.

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