



HON. REBECCA RIEDER

Superior Court Judge, Atlanta Judicial Circuit (Ret.)

Rebecca Crumrine Rieder is a full-time mediator and arbitrator. As a former Superior Court Judge, civil litigator, family lawyer, and middle and high school teacher, she has decades of experience mediating and consulting parties to resolution.

Recognized by her peers and the legal community as one of the top-rated attorneys in Georgia, Judge Rieder is a past chair of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Prior to taking the bench, Law & Politics and Atlanta Magazine consistently recognized Judge Rieder as one of Georgia's "Top 100 Lawyers" and "Top

50 Women Lawyers." respectively.

Judge Rieder explains her passion for alternative dispute resolution: "Alternative Dispute Resolution solves problems. People end up in the court system because of a crisis. Resolution to the crisis and direction to move forward is needed. But the law is not designed to solve problems. Mediation solves problems, creates solutions not able to be reached in court, and allows parties to build within their own space. Arbitration provides parties room to fully develop and explain their positions. It is an honor and privilege to assist parties in moving forward – from being stuck in a place that is not working – by being attentive and resolute and providing tools to resolve issues and provide relief."

She frequently authors materials and lectures on professional and legal matters throughout Georgia and the country. Those include speaking engagements with the Superior Court Judges Council and Continuing Legal Education Seminars sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia. Judge Rieder publishes often, including *Equitable Division of Property in Georgia: What's Mine is Mine and What's Ours is Mine Too*, published by The Law Review of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School.

Prior to practicing law, Judge Rieder taught middle and high school at Davidson Fine Arts School in Augusta, Georgia. She received the system nomination for the Walt Disney/McDonald's American Teacher Award and a PTA Academic Scholarship for Summer Study with the National Holocaust Museum. She continued her teaching career as an adjunct professor at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School.

Judge Rieder believes in giving back to her community both professionally and personally. Her extensive community involvement includes volunteer leadership roles with several non-profit boards throughout metro Atlanta, including Oakland Cemetery, DeKalb Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Neighbor in Need and Breakthru House Woman's Advisory Board. Currently, Judge Rieder serves the Atlanta Bar Association; as Alumni Council Chair and as a member of the Board of Trustees of her alma mater, Sewanee; and, as a member of the Bascom Board in Highlands, North Carolina.

Judge Rieder resides in Atlanta, Georgia with her husband, Doug Rieder. (ADR) and has honed and broadened his mediation skills over the years through experience and practice.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- General Civil
- Matrimonial
- Alimony and Spousal Support
- Collaborative Divorce
- Contested Divorce / Uncontested Divorce
- Child Support
- Child Custody/Parental Rights
- Dissolution
- Divorce Settlements
- Domestic Violence
- Equitable Division
- Name Change
- Paternity
- Pre- and Post Nuptial Agreements
- High Asset/Complex Matrimonial
- Property Valuation and Property Division Issues
- Spousal Maintenance

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS (past 5 years)

- Author/Speaker, *ADR in Family Law. When Complexity Compounds*, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution ADR Institute, 2022
- Speaker, *Professionalism Game Show*, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Georgia Chapter Family Law Seminar, 2021
- Author/Speaker, *Arbitrating Your Family Law Case*, Virtual Lunch and Learn, State Bar of Georgia Family Law Section, 2021
- Author/Speaker, *Virtual Best Practices*, American Bar Association, 2020
- Author/Author, *A View from the Bench, Nuts & Bolts of Family Law*, State Bar of Georgia Family Law Section, Savannah, August 2019 and Atlanta, September 2019
- Author/Speaker, *Recent Developments in Family Law*, Prepared Materials and Presented, Recent Developments Conference, State Bar of Georgia, 2018

HONORS and AWARDS

- Law & Politics and Atlanta Magazine
 - Top 100 Lawyers in Georgia.
 - "Super Lawyer" In the area of Family Law.
 - Top 50 Women Lawyers
- Georgia Trend Magazine, "Legal Elite"
- American Academy of Matrimonial Law, Fellow

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Superior Court Judge in Fulton County, Atlanta Judicial Circuit (Ret.), 2018-2020
- Superior Court Judge, Behavioral Health and Treatment Accountability Court

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Mediator, Arbitrator, Attorney, Resolute Law
- Commission Member, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution
- Owner, Hedgepeth, Heredia & Rieder LLC
- Shareholder, Davis, Matthews & Quigley
- Associate, Carter & Ansley
- Adjunct Professor, John Marshall Law School

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- Georgia State Bar

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Georgia State Bar
- Atlanta Bar Association, - Member
- DeKalb Volunteer Lawyers Foundation – Past Chair
- Georgia Association of Woman Lawyers - Leadership Academy
- Layers Club of Atlanta - Member
- Neighbor In Need
- Bascom Board
- Oakland Cemetery

EDUCATION

- University Of Georgia, J.D.
- Sewanee: The University of The South, B.A.
University Of Georgia, MEd