

Debra Bennett Winston
Attorney at Law

1. Why are you pursuing this office?

ANS: Secure justice and fairness to all.

2. Who are your five largest contributors?

ANS: 1) Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton Law Firm,

2) Law office of Attorney Frank Buck, 3) Law Office of Attorney Cynthia Parish Smith, 4) Pastor Darryl Caldwell, and 5) Pastor Charles R. Winston Jr.

3. What is your judicial philosophy?

ANS: Help and serve all persons to the highest degree possible.

4. What are your 3 highest priorities in your judicial practice?

a) Justice and fairness to all before the bench.

b) Research and introduce alternatives known to all persons; and particularly, to youth to deter less than desirable lifestyles and encourage people to become productive citizens.

c) Help, not condemn, all persons wherever possible.

5. Where do you find motivation and inspiration for your job?

ANS: Application of disparity of justice, and last but not least, God Almighty.

6. Approximately how many cases have you been the lead counsel on?

ANS: I have been a sole practitioner for over 25 years and am practically the lead attorney on almost all of my cases. I can safely say I have done over 800 cases in which I served as lead counsel.

7. If we were to inquire with opposing counsel with whom you previously opposed in a trial or legal proceedings, what do you think would be their characterization of you?

ANS: Knowledgeable, respectful, prepared for trial and very easy in which to work.

8. Describe your current family life.

ANS: I live in a Christian home. I am married to Pastor Charles R. Winston Jr. for 23 years and we have three children, Eyrika, Charles III and T'Ola. Eyrika is a radio personality on the Gary Richardson and Eyrika Parker Morning Show, WJLD; Charles III is a local comedian; and T'Ola is a Sergeant E5 in the United States Army.

9. What are some of your community activities?

Newly elected President: Alabama Association of International Minister Wives and Minister Widows; member Metropolitan Minister Wives and Minister Widows; Mt. Pilgrim Baptist District Association Minister Wives and Minister Widows, on the board with the Grace House in Fairfield, AL, Volunteer staff attorney for Steps & Tradition Recovery, have worked with Jefferson County Sickle Cell Foundation in Birmingham, AL since its inception into the Birmingham area, 1978; work untiringly with youth for improving reading, math, Bible Bowl contests, educational and employment opportunities,

10. What church do you attend and what is your pastor's name?

ANS: New Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Charles R. Winston Jr., is my pastor.