

**GINA SMITH MANGHAM**

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**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- Member in Good Standing of the Georgia Bar, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and the Georgia Supreme Court
- 25 years experience in the practice of law
- 20 years Private Practice / 5 years Public Interest Work
- 12 years experience as a Mediator in general business, employment, probate matters
- Extensive experience in community advocacy, housing & economic development
- Experience as Legislative Aide at the State level & Chief of Staff on the County level
- Additional experience in corporate sector management, training, strategic planning, as well as developing and implementing organizational strategies

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
**Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) in Finance**

John Marshall Law School, Atlanta, Georgia  
**Juris Doctorate (J.D.), Magna Cum Laude**  
(Admitted to the Georgia State Bar, June 1995)

Completed Certified General Mediation Training in 2006

**PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Private Attorney & Certified Mediator, retired, part-time specializing in** 2017 - present  
Zoning Matters and Estate Planning, Probate, Wills & Estates Lithonia, GA

**DeKalb County Board of Commissioners** 2016  
*District 7 Chief of Staff / Policy Analyst* Decatur, GA

**Smith Mangham & Associates** 2008 - 2016  
*Trial Lawyer & Mediator* Lithonia, Georgia

General Litigation Practice - Represent individuals and corporations on a wide variety of cases involving general business, employment, criminal, juvenile, family and probate matters.

**Morriss, Lober & Dobson, LLC** 2001 - 2007  
*Trial Lawyer (private general practice)* Lithonia, Georgia

Represented a wide variety of individual and corporate clients in the Atlanta metropolitan area on both civil and criminal matters, primarily in DeKalb and Fulton counties.

Specialized in cases involving commercial contracts, real estate, housing, employment, consumer and civil rights issues including, but not limited to fraud, truth-in-lending, unfair business practices, and due process/criminal procedure.

*Complex Litigation:* James Brown Enterprises, et al. v. Darrell Spann, former owner of WMLD Radio, et al. (Superior Court of DeKalb County, Case No. 00-CV-5021-10) where several investors sought injunctive relief and damages in an effort to stop the sale of the radio station. Successfully stepped in, litigated and negotiated a fair and equitable resolution for all parties involved.

**John Marshall Law School**  
*Adjunct Professor (part-time)*

1999 – 2000  
Atlanta, Georgia

Responsible for teaching substantive law, civil procedure, and trial advocacy in the Legal Clinic. Assisted in design and implementation of Legal Clinic curriculum. Served as judge in trial practice role-play and preparation for Moot Court competition.

**Atlanta Legal Aid Society**  
*Managing Attorney (1999 – 2001)*

1996 – 2001  
East Point, Georgia

Responsible for management and supervision of a staff of ten employees which included seven attorneys and three support staff; reviewed and assigned new cases, supervised legal work, monitored attorney caseloads, and mentored new attorneys. Also served on the hiring committee.

**Atlanta Legal Aid Society**  
*Staff Attorney (1996 – 1999)*

Atlanta, Georgia

Represented low-income clients in administrative and civil cases requiring general litigation primarily on housing, consumer, and unemployment insurance benefits cases. Implemented a community education program. Successfully handled more than 800 cases over a four-year period. Promoted to Managing Attorney.

*Significant Impact Litigation:* *Hutchins v. Atlanta Housing Authority and McCormick Barron* (Superior Court of Fulton County, Case No. E-65816), where a former resident of public housing at Techwood was denied readmission into the Centennial Place redevelopment; sought permanent injunctive relief which resulted in permanent placement of the client's family, as well as other eligible former Techwood residents, in housing at Centennial Place. This case improved readmission policies at other redeveloped public housing properties.

**Pittsburgh Partnership** (community development corp.)  
*Executive Director*

1990 – 1996  
Atlanta, Georgia

Managed a staff of five personnel in the development of affordable housing for residents of a low-income neighborhood in southwest Atlanta. Responsible for strategic planning, fundraising, public relations, fiscal management, and general operations; identified properties for rehabilitation and developed financial proformas for submission to underwriting; supervised staff in monitoring construction, providing homeownership training and pre-qualification for home buyers, marketing and sales.

**Georgia House of Representatives**  
*Legislative Aide*

1989 – 1990  
Atlanta, Georgia

Responsible for managing/responding to general constituent concerns; investigated and resolved specific problems encountered by district residents as appropriate; performed research for Hate Crimes bill and legislation related to health, education, and employment; solicited and tracked constituent feedback on a broad range of other legislative issues; served as liaison to the Legislative Black Caucus.

**International Business Machines Corp. (IBM)**  
*Marketing Training Instructor & Class Manager*

1980 – 1988  
Atlanta, Georgia

Responsible for training new hires & existing employees on marketing computer system solutions and providing ongoing customer support. Modified training curriculum to better accommodate existing employees undergoing career transitions.

### **ORGANIZATIONS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

Leadership DeKalb, *Class of 2005*  
Leadership Atlanta, *Class of 1999*  
Outstanding Legal Service Award, *Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.*  
Wig & Gavel Award, *John Marshall Law School*  
Vision and Dedicated Leadership Award, *Pittsburgh Partnership Inc.*

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

East DeKalb Community Coalition, *Organizer & Chair*  
Friends of Stonecrest Library, *former Vice President, current Member/Supporter*  
DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals, *former District 5 Board Representative*  
South DeKalb Improvement Association, *former Treasurer*  
Good Growth DeKalb, *Member/Supporter*  
Governor's Commission on Affordable Housing, *former Board Member*  
Enterprise Foundation, *former Board Member*  
Atlanta Housing Association of Neighborhood-based Developers (AHAND), *former Chair*  
Atlanta Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU), *former President*  
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Ladies Auxiliary, *Member*  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Atlanta, *Big Sister/Mentor*  
College Round-up HBCU Recruitment Program, *former Board Member*  
Lithonia Business & Literacy Project, *former Instructor*  
New Bethel Church, *former Hosanna Choir President, Member since 1995*

### **REFERENCES (ADD'L REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)**

Honorable Gregory A. Adams, *Judge, Superior Court of DeKalb County*  
Larry Horton, *Director, DeKalb Dispute Resolution Center*  
Honorable Jason Lary, *Mayor, City of Stonecrest*  
Thurbert Baker, *former Legislator, Georgia General Assembly*  
Reverend Mark Thompson, *Pastor, Redemptive Life, former Pastor, New Bethel Church*