

CLARENCE CUTHPERT, JR.

Clarence Cuthpert, Jr. is the former Chief Judge for the State Court of Rockdale County. He was appointed as the State Court Judge of Rockdale County by Governor Brian Kemp on February 1, 2021, and elevated to Chief State Court Judge in 2022. He served as Chief State Court Judge until March 1, 2024, when he was required to resign his position to qualify as a candidate for Superior Court Judge of Rockdale County. Prior to serving as State Court Judge, Cuthpert was elected as Probate Judge in 2016, and re-elected in 2020.

Cuthpert received his Bachelor of Science degree from Savannah State University, Master of Public Administration degree from Georgia Southern University, and Juris Doctor degree from Nova Southeastern University.

In April 2020, Cuthpert was appointed by the Supreme Court of Georgia to the Commission on Dispute Resolution where he served on the Outreach Committee, and currently serves as Chair of the Budget and Personnel Committee. In 2018 Cuthpert was appointed as the representative for the Probate Courts on the Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Access to Justice and continued serving on the Committee in his capacity as Chief State Court Judge.

Prior to serving in the judiciary, Cuthpert practiced law throughout the State of Georgia. He is admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts, the Georgia Supreme Court, the Georgia Court of Appeals, and the Superior and State Courts of Georgia. He is also a registered Mediator and Arbitrator through the Georgia-Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

Cuthpert is a member of the Gate City Bar Association and currently serves as Chair of the Judicial Section, as well as a member of the American Bar Association, Rockdale Bar Association, and NewRock Legal Society.

Judge Cuthpert serves his community as a member of the Rotary Club of Rockdale County, the Kiwanis Club, Habitat for Humanity, and as a former Board member of the A.R. "Gus" Barksdale Boys & Girls Club, and the United Way of Conyers-Rockdale.