



Hon. Chong Kim
Chief Judge
City of Doraville Municipal Court

Judge Chong Kim was born in Busan, S Korea and immigrated to the United States in 1973 with her family. She received her J.D. from Washington & Lee University School of Law in 1992 and attended the University of Georgia as an undergraduate, receiving a B.A. in History. After 26 years of private practice exclusively in criminal defense law, she was appointed to the City of Doraville Municipal Court in 2020, where she was elevated to Chief Judge in 2022. She is currently serving on the Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice as the Municipal Court Judge Representative. She has previously served on the State Bar Commission on Post Conviction Capital Representation and the Inaugural Supreme Court Committee on Interpreters.

In addition to her role on the bench, Judge Kim also serves as Special Master for the State Bar of Georgia, which appointed her to the position in 2018. In 2021, she was hired as the first Senior Staff Attorney for the Fulton County Magistrate Court, in the service of Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk. Judge Kim also teaches an undergraduate legal course, *Judicial Process*, as an Adjunct Professor at Georgia Tech's school of Public Policy.

At her alma mater Washington & Lee, Judge Kim served on the Law Council for eight years (2004 – 2012). When she was practicing criminal defense, she was named a "Rising Star" by Atlanta Magazine in the Super Lawyers edition. In 2002, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) recognized Judge Kim in its inaugural class of "40 Under 40". She previously served on the Board of the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (GAPABA) and has been a GAPABA member almost since its formation in 1993. She is a current Board Member of the GAPABA Law Foundation, which she chaired for eight years.

Judge Kim is an avid member of BTS ARMY.