



## Judicial Qualifications Commission State of Georgia

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Judge Victoria Darrisaw (left) and Judge Brian Rickman (right)

### **Dougherty County Superior Court Judge Victoria Darrisaw Elected as Chairperson and Court of Appeals Judge Brian Rickman as Vice-Chairperson of the Judicial Qualifications Commission Investigative Panel**

**Atlanta, March 31, 2025** – The Investigative Panel of the Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission (“JQC”) today announced that Dougherty County Superior Court Judge Victoria Darrisaw was elected by unanimous vote on March 7, 2025 to serve as the Panel’s next Chairperson. Prior to becoming a Superior Court Judge in 2018, Judge Darrisaw served for six years as the Chief Judge of the Dougherty County State Court, and three years as an Associate Judge in the Dougherty County Magistrate Court. Judge Darrisaw served as a law clerk and a prosecutor prior to taking the bench. Judge Darrisaw’s service on the JQC began in 2021, when she was appointed to the Investigative Panel by the Supreme Court of Georgia. Of her election as the Panel’s Chairperson, Judge Darrisaw commented, “I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to work alongside such exceptional public servants and to have been selected as Chair of this esteemed Panel. I am deeply committed to continuing the vital work of this Commission and to ensuring its continued success.”

On March 21, 2025, Court of Appeals Judge Brian Rickman was elected by unanimous vote to serve as the Investigative Panel's next Vice-Chairperson after being appointed to the Investigative Panel on March 4, 2025. Prior to his appointment to the Investigative Panel, Judge Rickman served as the Presiding Officer of the JQC Hearing Panel. Judge Rickman's service on the Court of Appeals began in January 2016, and he served as the Court's Chief Judge from 2021 to 2023. Judge Rickman also has experience as a trial judge, having served by designation on the Superior and Juvenile Courts of the Mountain Judicial Circuit. Prior to his service on the Court of Appeals, Judge Rickman was the District Attorney for the Mountain Judicial Circuit.