

HON. ALVIN T. WONG

STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY



Alvin T. Wong was elected Judge of the State Court of DeKalb County in 1998. He is currently the Chief Judge of the Court.

Judge Wong was the first APA to run for public office in metro Atlanta and the first to be elected judge in the Southeast. Elected in a county

where Asians made up less than 2% of registered voters, he has served continuously unopposed for 25 years. He became Chief Judge of his bench in 2023.

Judge Wong chaired the State Bar's Investigative Panel for disciplinary action against unethical practices by Georgia attorneys. In 2004, he co-founded a DUI Court designated a model court in 2020.

His heart is in the community. He is the past president of the Council of State Court Judges, the first APA president of any judicial council in Georgia history. He serves on the ABA House of Delegates, representing the Georgia Bar.

He has volunteered on the boards of Fernbank Museum of Natural History, LifeLine Animal Project, and the NAPABA Law Foundation, mentoring future leaders as co-director of its Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition.

In May 2022, the State Bar of Georgia awarded him its Commitment to Equality Randolph Thrower Lifetime Achievement Award. Other honors include the State Bar's Tradition of Excellence Award, the *Daily Report's* Professional Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award, and a NAPABA Trailblazer Award.

In 2014, the Georgia Asian Bar which he co-founded established its highest award, the Judge Alvin T. Wong Pioneer Award, in his honor.

