Hon. Steve Teske

Judge – Juvenile Court – Clayton County
Clayton County, Georgia

Judge Teske received his Associate of Arts in Political Science from Clayton State College and University in 1981, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Law and Society from Georgia State University in 1983, Master of Arts in Political Science from Georgia State University in 1988, Certified Public Manager Diploma from the University of Georgia in 1993, and his Juris Doctor from Georgia State University College of Law in 1991. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and admitted to practice before the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He served as Chief of the Atlanta Parole District and Deputy Director of Field Services of the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles. He was a trial attorney and partner in the law firm of Boswell & Teske where he served as Special Assistant Attorney General representing various State agencies in federal and state courts and also the Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services prosecuting abuse and neglect cases in Juvenile court. He was appointed to the juvenile bench of Clayton County in 1999 and re-appointed in 2003 and 2007.

During his service with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Judge Teske was awarded the President's Award by the Parole Association of Georgia and the Parole Board's Billy Murphey Award for the most outstanding parole officer. While on the bench, he has received the Scales of Justice Award from the National Association of Legal Professionals for "conduct that exemplifies the hallmark of professionalism and ethical standards and inspires public confidence in the legal system," the Judge Romae T. Powell Award from the Georgia Association of Juvenile Courts for "outstanding service to youth in the community," the Howard K. Ables Award from the Georgia Juvenile Services Association, the Community Service Award by the Clayton County Chapter of the NAACP, the Outstanding Leadership Award by the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children, Clayton County Bar Association Community Service Award, and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Hero of Open Government Award. He is the author of the nationally acclaimed juvenile detention alternative initiative titled "F.A.S.T.-S.T.A.R.T." which received the American Probation and Parole Association's President's Award for effectively reducing detention as well as recidivism among offenders.

He is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges, American Correctional Association, and American Probation and Parole Association.

He is the immediate past president of the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges. Judge Teske was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to the Board of the Georgia Children and Youth Coordinating Council representing the 13th Congressional District. The Governor also

appointed Judge Teske to the Judicial Advisory Council of the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, and the Governor's Office for Children and Families and serves as its vice-chair. He is on the Executive Board of the Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity and currently serves as President. He is a member of the Southlake Kiwanis.

He has written articles for national journals titled "Reducing Detention Using Collaborative Strategies: It take a Community!" published in Juvenile and Family Justice Today and "Using Collaborative Strategies to Reinvent Juvenile Justice," published in The Link and "CASA: Watchdogs for the Abused and Neglected" published in @ Law, and "The Next Generation of Child Representation in Abuse and Neglect proceedings: Promoting the Best Interest of Children through the Right of Counsel," published in the August 2007 edition of The Georgia Bar Journal. He is also featured in an article titled "Front-End Loading with Detained Juveniles in Clayton County, Georgia: Centerpiece of a Forward-Looking Strategem" published in Juvenile Justice Update and written by retired Denver Juvenile Judge Ted Rubin.