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## FORMAL EDUCATION

### *Juris Doctor*

Georgia State University | 2007  
College of Law

### *Specialist in Education*

The University of Georgia | 2000  
Instructional Technology / Endorsement in Educational Leadership

### *Master of Education*

The University of Georgia | 1998  
Instructional Technology

### *Bachelor of Arts*

North Georgia College | 1995  
Major: English / Minor: Secondary Education

### *High School Diploma*

Fannin County High School | 1992  
Academic and Vocational Seals

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Received *Honors in Litigation* from Georgia State University College of Law

Recipient of the *Atlanta Law School Fellows* scholarship to attend Georgia State University College of Law

Graduate school cumulative grade-point averages (GPAs):  
*Master of Education* and *Specialist in Education*: 4.0/4.0

Invited to The University of Georgia Chapter of *Phi Kappa Phi*, an academic honor society

Inducted into the North Georgia College and State University Chapter of *Sigma Tau Delta*, an English honor society

## MEDIATION TRAINING

Registered with the Georgia Commission of Dispute Resolution and the Ninth District Office of Dispute Resolution

- General Civil
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Juvenile Deprivation/Dependency

Additional meditation training in special education

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### *Special Assistant Attorney General (SAAG)*

Office of Attorney General, State of Georgia | 2015

### *Attorney, Mediator, and Arbitrator*

The Law Office of Manda C. Gwatney | 2007 – Present  
Solo Practitioner of Georgia Law with Probate, Magistrate, Juvenile, and Superior Court experience, including:

- Mediation – 400+ cases since 2009
- Guardian ad litem
- Transactional law
- Wills and Trusts
- Civil litigation
- Arbitration
- Juvenile
- Probate

### *Professional Educator*

Union County Board of Education, Blairsville, Georgia  
[www.union.k12.ga.us](http://www.union.k12.ga.us) (resigned to be a full-time parent prior to law school)

- District Literary Coordinator, 2000-2002
- Chair, English Department, 2000-2002
- Teacher, Union County High School, 1995-2002

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Fannin County Middle School, School Governance Team, July 2015-Present

Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, *Secretary*, Executive Board of Directors, January 2014-Present

Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, *Member*, Board of Directors, January 2013-Present

Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, *Member*, Governmental Affairs Committee, January 2013-Present

Fannin County Middle School, Volunteer/Parent Advisory Committee, 2013-Present

Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, *Graduate*, Leadership Fannin, Class of 2009

Blue Ridge Elementary School, Volunteer/School Improvement Team, 2008-2013

East Fannin Elementary School, Volunteer, 2005-2008