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## **Judge Patricia Barron GED Graduation Speaker**

Athens Technical College President, Flora W. Tydings, has announced that Judge Patricia Barron will serve as the GED graduation speaker to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2:00 p.m. at the Classic Center.

Judge Barron was sworn in as Associate Magistrate Court Judge in Athens-Clarke on February 8, 2001 and as Chief Magistrate Court Judge on August 12, 2002. She was elected to her first four-year term as Chief Magistrate Court Judge for 2005-2009.

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, she has lived in Athens for the past 18 years.

She is the former managing attorney for the UGA School of Law Family Violence Clinic. Prior to her law school career, she worked for 20 years with Georgia Legal Services in various capacities throughout the state, including Managing Attorney for the legal services offices in Athens and Gainesville for 10 years.

Judge Barron is a 1976 graduate of Mercer University in Macon, Georgia and a 1979 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

A member of the State Bar of Georgia since 1979, Judge Barron a former President of the Western Circuit Bar Association in Athens. She serves on the Board of Directors of Athens Technical College and is the 2007 recipient of the Jean Harris Award from the Athens Rotary Club.

Judge Barron recently published a children's book about the court system in Athens-Clarke County, targeted to grades 3-5, "Meet Judge Patricia Barron, She's Chief Magistrate Court Judge".

Athens Technical College has 605 students who are eligible to participate in the graduation exercises.