

ASHLEY WILLCOTT BIOGRAPY

Ashley Willcott is a Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist who has served as an attorney in various capacities in juvenile courts since 1992. She is a 1989 graduate of Newcomb College, Tulane University with a degree in Psychology and English. She earned a Juris Doctorate from Emory University School of Law in 1992 and began practicing law with a small firm including representing parents in deprivation cases and children in delinquency cases. She was then hired as corporate counsel, during which time she continued to handle court-appointed juvenile court cases. Ashley was later appointed first as Fulton County Juvenile Court Judge Pro Tem, and then as DeKalb County Juvenile Court Judge Pro Tem. She had her own private practice and was a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Department of Human Resources, Rockdale and Dawson County Department of Family and Children Services, and Georgia Supreme Court Justice on Committee for Children Cold Case Project lead. She was appointed by Governor Deal on February 1, 2014 as Executive Director of the Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children. Ashley is a native of Houston, Texas now living in Dunwoody, Georgia with her husband and three children.

She is a member of the First Lady's Children Cabinet; the Child Welfare Reform Council; the Child Fatality Review Panel; the Supreme Court Justice for Children Court Improvement Project.