

Judge Barbara H. Caldwell



Judge Barbara Caldwell is the wife of the late Joseph Alton Caldwell. She is a mother of two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, one nephew, Nicholas Harper and grandmother of three.

She is a faithful and active member of Mount Zion Baptist Church. The Judge is also the founder of a community outreach ministry and Bible study group, Women in the Word.

Judge Caldwell is a graduate of Robert L. Cousins High School, Morris Brown College and the University of Georgia and a former teacher for the Douglas County School System. She was appointed to the judgeship October 20, 1984.

She serves as a mentor for young ladies residing in the Youth Village in Douglas County where she was named 2018 Mentor of the Year. She is a mentor for the DCSS Performance Learning Success Center and is a mentor for women in public service in general.

She works with the Douglas County Sheriff's MACE youth program (Making a Change Early) which is nationally televised on the Scared Straight program. Other youth groups include Youth against violence, Carrie Steele-Pitts Home, (ATL), Local Ombudsman School and Legacy Club.

As founder of Higher Standards Foundation (HSF), Inc. and personifying their motto of Abundant Living Requires Higher Standards, HSF is Judge Caldwell's vision for a non-profit, faith-based organization that works collaboratively with schools, churches, local prisons and community services to provide charitable and educational service activities that benefit families and youth.

Her personal story is detailed in *All Rise: A Conversation with Judge Barbara H. Caldwell* by Frederick Jones. She is a champion of youth and families who lives her faith transparently on and off the bench.