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Lynn M. Roberson practiced litigation for over 35 years following her graduation from the University of Minnesota Law School, cum laude, in 1979. Ms. Roberson graduated cum laude from the University of Maryland in 1973 with a B.A. degree in psychology

Ms. Roberson is married to Fulton County Superior Court Judge Henry Newkirk. They have a daughter, Kramer.

In private practice, Lynn handled litigation and trial work in the areas of premises liability for violent crime, other premises liability, pharmacy liability, automobile/truck accident cases, products liability, malicious prosecution, and other personal injury law, as well as insurance coverage matters. Ms. Roberson completed over 80 jury trials in these areas as well as over 35 appeals. Her experience in the area of [premises liability](#) actions is broad and varied and includes slip/trip and fall, negligent security, wrongful serving of alcohol, wrongful detention or prosecution by store security, assault and battery, and dangerous conditions on property. Ms. Roberson's representation of clients involved in these areas of litigation ranges from hotels and motels, apartment complexes, retail stores and malls, restaurants, and bars and nightclubs. She also represented plaintiffs in personal injury cases, both in Minnesota and in Georgia.

Ms. Roberson is a past president of the Atlanta Bar, the largest voluntary bar in the Southeast. She is also a past president of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association.

Ms. Roberson is rated AV by Martindale Hubbell. She has been an invited teacher of trial advocacy for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the Atlanta Bar Association, the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Trial Academy, and Emory University School of Law. Ms. Roberson was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law in the LLM program in litigation several years ago. Ms. Roberson was certified as a civil trial advocate in 1990 and is a

certified mediator. Lynn has been a frequent speaker at premises liability, trial tactics, and insurance law seminars for DRI, the State Bar of Georgia, the Atlanta Bar, the South Dakota Defense Lawyers Association, Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, and other groups and has appeared in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who of American Women*, and *Who's Who in American Lawyers*. Roberson was an invited panelist on premises liability for the Georgia Council of State Court Judges meetings in May of 2001 and 2007 and Georgia Council of Superior Court Judges meeting in January, 2008. She was named as a Georgia Super Lawyer in 2004-2015. She was named as one of the top 50 women lawyers in Georgia in 2007, 2009, 2012-2015, and one of the top 100 lawyers in the state in 2013-2014. She was selected for inclusion in the 20th and 21st Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Ms. Roberson was elected to Fellowship of the Litigation Counsel of America in 2013. Litigation Counsel of America™ is a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship in the LCA is highly selective and by invitation only. Fellows are selected based upon effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels, and superior reputation.”

In 2013, Ms. Roberson received the Conspicuous Service to the Stonewall Community award. In addition, she was selected as the 2013 recipient of the Fred H. Sievert award, which is presented by the Defense Research Institute (DRI) to an individual who has made a significant contribution towards achieving the goals and objectives of the organized defense bar. All nominees must be the current or past president of a State and Local Defense Organization, who have initiated innovative projects for the betterment of the organization and exercised strong leadership.

The Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (GAWL) gave its Kathleen Kessler Award to Lynn M. Roberson in May of 2015. This award is GAWL's most important award, and it is given annually to a female attorney who exhibits the highest degree of professionalism and dedication to service in the legal community. The criteria for this award include a long-term commitment to the practice of law and to the legal community by someone who is held in high esteem by subordinates, peers and superiors. In May of 2015, the Atlanta Bar Association honored Lynn with its Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting.

The State Bar of Georgia's Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession awarded Lynn M. Roberson its Commitment to Equality Award in June of 2015. Each year the State Bar of Georgia recognizes select individuals and legal organizations for their enduring faithfulness to the goals of promoting diversity in the legal profession and the provision of opportunities for members of underrepresented groups. In June 2018, Ms. Roberson received the Charles E. Watkins Jr. award by the Atlanta Bar Association. It is the highest award the Atlanta Bar Association can bestow and public recognition to a member who has demonstrated distinctive and sustained service to the Atlanta Bar Association.”