



**Rep. Rick Crawford  
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### **Biography**

Rick Crawford was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2006. He is a life-long resident of Polk County and is married to the former Susan Pinkard of Rockmart. They live in the Fish Creek community with their two children, daughter Janae and son Parker, and are active members of their church.

Rick presently serves as a political science professor at Shorter University, a Georgia Baptist Convention institution. Prior to joining the faculty at Shorter, he worked for twenty years as an attorney. Rick served as law clerk to the superior court judges of the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit before starting his own law practice in Cedartown. He has also served as Judge of the Municipal Court of Cedartown, Judge of the Municipal Court of Rockmart, and as Chief Magistrate Judge of Polk County. He was active in the Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges and served several terms on the executive committee of that body.

Rick was born in Cedartown and grew up on his grandfather's farm in the Antioch community. Growing up that way he learned early on values like faith, family, hard work, and community. Rick was the first in his family to graduate from high school and go to college.

After graduating from Cedartown High School, Rick received music and academic scholarships to Jacksonville State University, where he earned a B.A. degree in music. He then studied to be a pastor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. While he still considers that to be one of the most important and rewarding times of his life, he was eventually led in another vocational direction and enrolled in law school at Georgia State University. In addition to his J.D., Rick also completed an M.A. degree in political science at Georgia State, where he is presently completing a Ph.D. in political science.

Rick has also been very active in the community. He has served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Cedartown, president of the Exchange Club of Cedartown, and as chairman of the Polk County Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of Leadership Polk County, as well as the regional economic development program of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.