



**Rep. Jay Powell**  
**District 171**

Biography

State Representative Jay Powell serves the citizens of House District 171, which includes Mitchell County and portions of Colquitt and Decatur counties. He was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2008 and currently serves as the chairman of the House Rules Committee, which oversees the flow of legislation and determines what bills should be voted on the House floor. He also serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Safety, Governmental Affairs, Judiciary, Judiciary Non-Civil and Ways & Means committees. Prior to serving as chairman of the Rules Committee, Rep. Powell served as the chairman of the Ways & Means Committee and co-chairman of the House Rural Development Council.

Aside from his legislative duties, Rep. Powell practices law with Powell & Erwin, P.C. in Camilla, Georgia. He has previously served as a judge for the Municipal Court of Camilla and as past president of the Mitchell County Bar Association. He has also served as a member of the Mitchell County Law Library Board of Trustees and the Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education Board of Trustees.

Rep. Powell is an active member of his community in Camilla, where he served as mayor from 1996-2007. Additionally, he has held various executive roles with the Camilla Chamber of Commerce and the Camilla Rotary Club. He has also served on the City of Camilla Development Authority, the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority, the Georgia Municipal Association and the Mitchell County Board of Health.

Rep. Powell was born and raised in Quitman, Georgia, and graduated from Brooks County High School. He went on to attend Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science with minors in math and communications. He later received his law degree from the University of Georgia and became a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

Rep. Powell and his wife, Deidra, reside in Camilla. He is the proud father of Jessica, Erica and Elizabeth and step-father to Nicholas and Isabella.