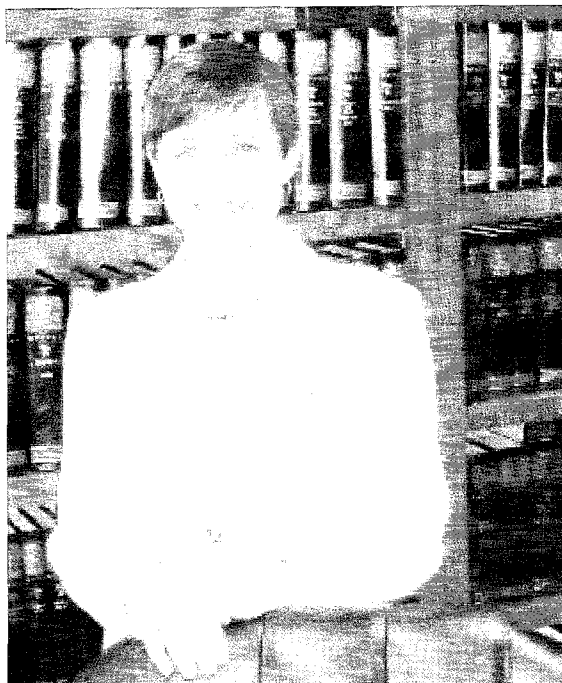


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## About Commissioner Parker



Susan Parker is the newest member of the Alabama Public Service Commission having been elected to Place 2 in 2006. Parker's political career also includes being elected as State Auditor of Alabama in 1998, and she was the first woman in Alabama ever nominated for the U. S. Senate in 2002. Prior to becoming involved in politics, Parker had a 25-year career in public education. In 1972, at the age of 16, she started working at Calhoun Community College as a file clerk and rose through the ranks to become an Associate Dean. Parker worked her last eight years in higher education at Athens State University where she served as Development Officer and Assistant to the President. The accomplishment of which Parker is most proud is that she completed four college degrees by attending college at night and working full-time during the day. It took her 13 years but Parker persevered and completed her associates, bachelors, masters and Ph.D. — all with honors.

Throughout her career, community service has been important to Parker. She has served as president of numerous non-profit organizations including; Boys and Girls Clubs, Heart Association, Cancer Society, Leukemia Society, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and United Way. She has also chaired leadership programs for both Athens and Decatur Chambers of Commerce. Parker has provided training programs throughout the country for non-profits on board development, management, communication and fund-raising. In 1988, Susan Parker became the first woman in Alabama to receive the coveted TOYA Award (Ten Outstanding Young Americans) by the U. S. Jaycees. She also has been recognized by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alabama as Outstanding Volunteer in the State of Alabama.

Parker and her husband of 27 years, Paul Parker, enjoy golf and travel. They are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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**Resume**

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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Elected to Alabama Public Service Commission, Place 2--November 7, 2006**

**President of Parker Plus--2003-2006**

Consulting company providing training in the areas of teambuilding, leadership development, fundraising, and communication. Clients included: Chambers of commerce, city utility companies, professional associations, non-profit organizations, universities, and state government.

**State Auditor, State Of Alabama--1999-2003**

The State Auditor is a statewide elected office and is one of seven constitutional offices in Alabama.

Duties and Responsibilities: Maintained the inventory of all state property. Supervised the work of and provided training for 200 property personnel from over 150 different state agencies.

**Major achievements:**

Brought audits into compliance for the first time in more than two decades, developed and conducted the first statewide training program for all state property personnel, and instituted for the first time the review of no-bid contracts.

**Assistant to the President, Athens State University--1988-1996**  
**Athens, Alabama**

Duties and Responsibilities: Coordinated activities of the College Foundation. Directed operation of the Development Office. Served as advisor to the President on legislative and campus governmental issues.

**Calhoun State Community College--1972-1988**  
**Decatur, Alabama**

Duties and Responsibilities: Started in 1972 as a file clerk and rose through the ranks to hold numerous positions culminating with Associate Dean of Administrative Services.

## **EDUCATION CREDENTIALS**

### **Ph.D., University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1984**

Major: Administration of Higher Education with Specialties in Management, Planning and Finance

Dissertation Topic: Attitudes of Alabama Legislators Toward Higher Education

### **M.A., University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, 1979**

Major: Counseling

### **B.S., Athens State College, Athens, Alabama, 1977**

Major: English Minor: Psychology

### **A.S., Calhoun Community College, 1975**

Major: General Education

**Earned all degrees with honors while working full-time days and attending evening classes.**

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

First woman in Alabama to be nominated for U. S. Senate, 2002

Outstanding Volunteer of Alabama, Boys and Girls Clubs of Alabama, 2001

Alumni of the Year, Athens State University, 2000

Alumni Hall of Fame, Class of 1990, Alabama College System

Selected by the U. S. Jaycees as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans, 1988

Alabama's Most Outstanding Young Career Woman, Business and Professional

Women's Association, 1984

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Served as President of numerous community organizations including: Boys and Girls Clubs, Heart Association, Leukemia Society, Mental Health Association, United Way and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Served as a member of the Board of Directors of Decatur Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Leadership programs for Decatur and Athens Chambers of Commerce.

Sunday school teacher at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Rogersville.

## **Past Speaking Engagements**

Energy in the Southeast Conference

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC)

National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT)

Alabama-Mississippi Telecommunication Association (AMTA)

State Agency Leadership Workshops (State Personnel Managers)

Civic Clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, Civitan, etc)

Women's Leadership Conferences (SWIP, Women's Leadership Institute at Auburn University)

High School and College Graduations (Troy University, Wallace State Community College-Hanceville, Ardmore High School)