



Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency Region 4

*Ms.* Fleming was appointed by President Barack Obama as the Region 4 Regional Administrator in September 2010. She is the first African American to hold this position in Region 4; however, this is not the first time she has made history.

Prior to coming to the EPA Gwen had been the DeKalb County (Georgia) District Attorney since January 2005. She made history by being the first African-American and first woman ever to serve in this post in DeKalb County. As DeKalb's DA her staff prosecuted approximately 11,000 felony cases annually. She also managed and trained approximately 45 attorneys, more than 55 support personnel and administered a \$12 million budget.

Before being elected in November 2004 as the DeKalb County DA, she was DeKalb's Solicitor-General being sworn into office in January 1999. She made history in this post as the first African-American, first woman and the youngest person ever elected as Solicitor-General in DeKalb County.

Gwen is a New Jersey native and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Douglass College, the all-women's college affiliated with Rutgers University. She earned her law degree from the Emory University School of Law.

Gwen credits her parents, Ursula Keyes, a retired registered nurse and her late father, Andrew J. Keyes, a former Tuskegee Airman, as the reason for her commitment to community service. She says that her parents "taught her to have compassion for people who cannot help themselves." She is married to Randal Fleming and they have two sons. The Flemings are members of Green Forest Community Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia.

