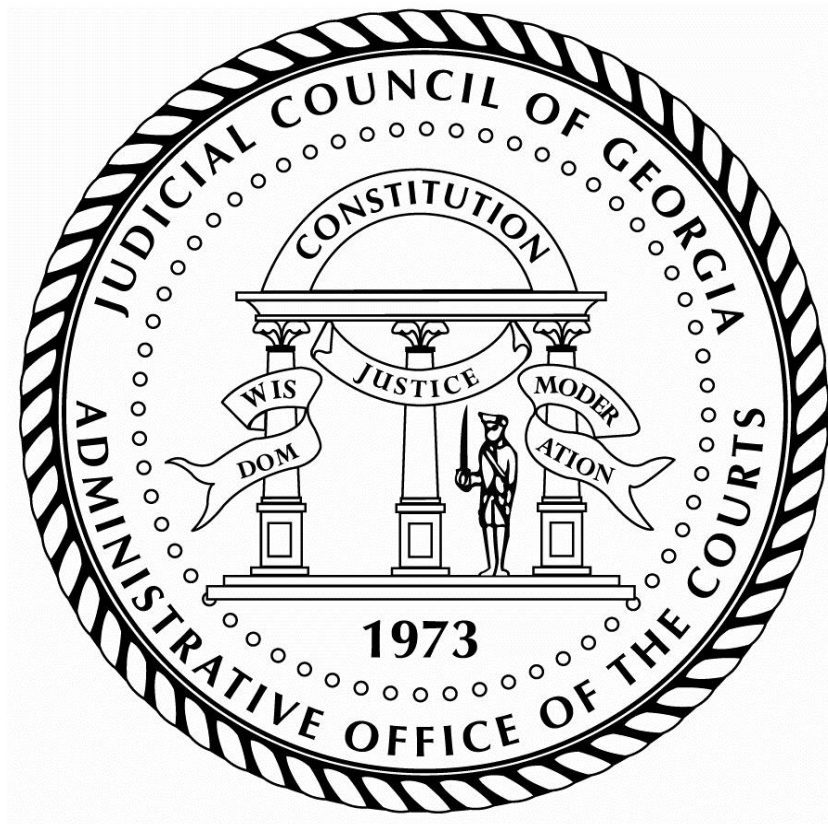


JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA

General Session

Friday, December 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Zoom Conferencing

Judicial Council of Georgia
General Session

By Remote Conferencing

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Livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/judicialcouncilofgeorgia>

- 1. Call to Order & Swearing In of New Members**
(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
- 2. Roll Call of Judicial Council Members**
(Director Cynthia H. Clanton, Est. Time – 2 Min.)
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
(Chief Judge Gregory V. Sapp Est. Time – 1 Min.)
- 4. Approval of Minutes** (*Action Item*)
(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson Est. Time – 2 Min.)
- 5. Presentation: Updates from the State Ethics Commission**
(Mr. David Emadi, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
- 6. Judicial Council Committee Reports**
 - A. Legislation Committee** (*Action Item*)
(Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
 - B. Judicial Security Committee**
(Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
 - C. Technology Committee**
(Justice Benjamin A. Land & Judge Stephen D. Kelley, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
 - D. ARPA Funding Committee**
(Judge Amanda H. Mercier, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
 - E. Georgia Case Management System (GA CMS) Committee**
(Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren, Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua, Judge Robert D. Leonard & GA CMS Staff Est. Time – 10 Min.)
 - F. Judicial Workload Assessment Committee** (*Written Report*)
 - G. Budget Committee** (*Written Report*)

H. Court Interpreters Committee (*Written Report*)

I. Grants Committee (*Written Report*)

7. Report from Judicial Council/AOC

(Director Cynthia H. Clanton, Est. Time – 10 Min.)

8. Reports from Courts, Councils, & State Bar

(Est. Time – 15 min.)

A. Supreme Court

B. Court of Appeals

C. State-wide Business Court

D. Council of Superior Court Judges

E. Council of State Court Judges

F. Council of Juvenile Court Judges

G. Council of Probate Court Judges

H. Council of Magistrate Court Judges

I. Council of Municipal Court Judges

J. State Bar of Georgia

9. Reports from additional Judicial Branch Agencies

(Est. Time – 10 Min.)

A. Council of Accountability Court Judges

B. Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution

C. Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

D. Georgia Council of Court Administrators

E. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

F. Judicial Qualifications Commission

G. Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks

10. Old/New Business

(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Est. Time – 3 Min.)

11. Concluding Remarks & Adjournment of Meeting

(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson Est. Time – 3 Min.)

Next Judicial Council Meeting – General Session

Friday, February 13, 2026	10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Zoom Conferencing
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CY 2026 Meeting Calendar – Judicial Council General Session

Friday, April 17, 2026	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Nathan Deal Judicial Center
Friday, August 21, 2026	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Nathan Deal Judicial Center
Friday, December 11, 2026	10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Zoom Conferencing

Judicial Council of Georgia

Members as of December 1, 2025



Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson Chair	Supreme Court
Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren Vice-Chair	Supreme Court
Chief Judge Trenton Brown III	Court of Appeals
Vice Chief Judge Elizabeth Gobeil	Court of Appeals
Judge William “Bill” Grady Hamrick III	Georgia State-Wide Business Court
Judge Dustin Hightower President, CSCJ	Superior Court
Judge Paige Reese Whitaker President-Elect, CSCJ	Superior Court
Judge D. Jay Stewart 1st JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge T. Craig Earnest 2nd JAD	Superior Court
Judge Maureen Gottfried 3rd JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge Shondeana C. Morris 4th JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge Ural D. Glanville 5th JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge Thomas H. Wilson 6th JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge John E. Niedrach 7th JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge Christopher Hughes 8th JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge Jason J. Deal 9th JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge Sheryl B. Jolly 10th JAD	Superior Court

Judicial Council of Georgia

Members as of December 1, 2025



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Judge Scott Chastain President, CPCJ	Probate Court
Judge Patty Walters Laine President-Elect, CPCJ	Probate Court
Chief Judge Nathan Grantham President, CMCJ	Magistrate Court
Chief Judge B. Shawn Rhodes President-Elect, CMCJ	Magistrate Court
Chief Judge Robert A. Cowan President, CMuCJ	Municipal Court
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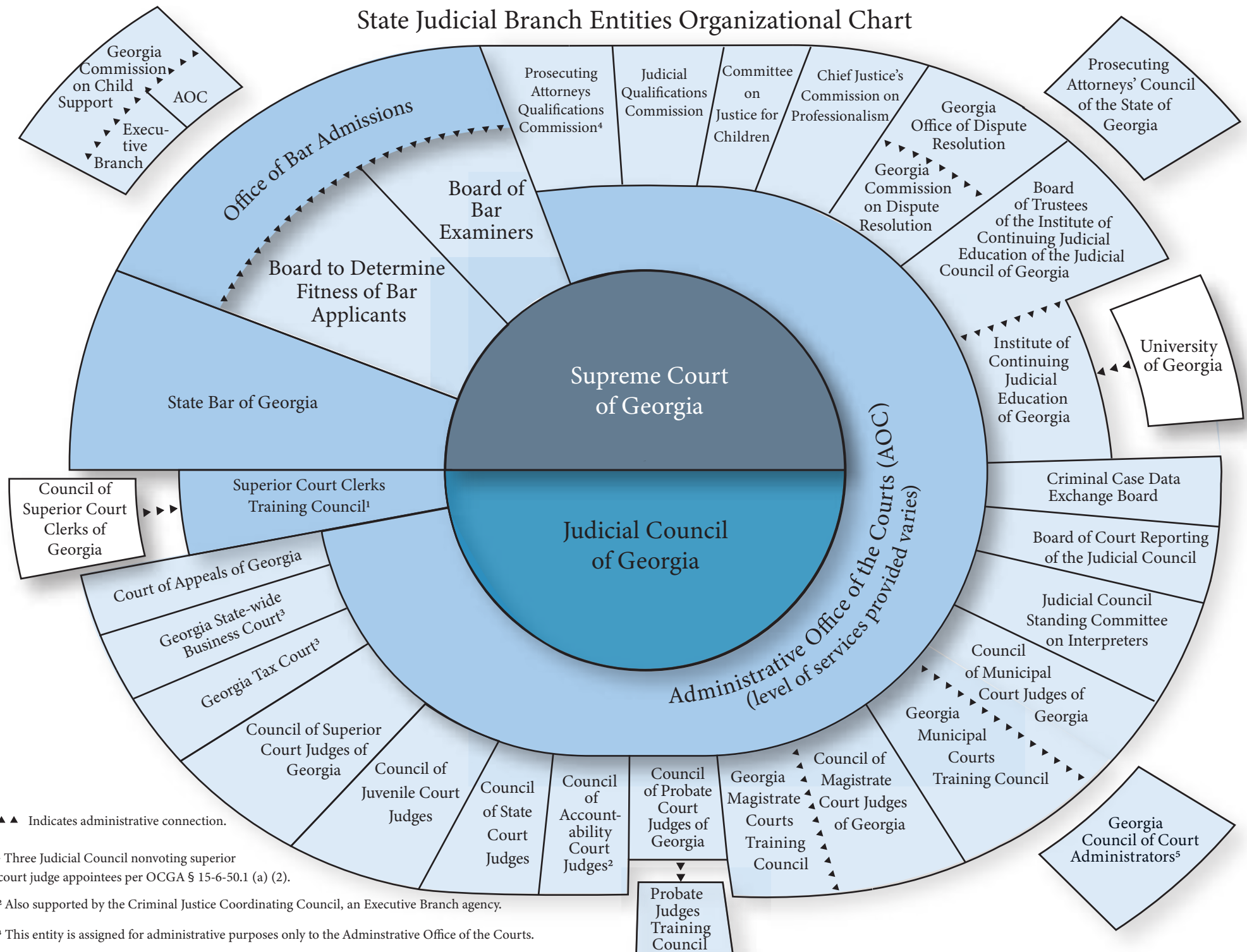
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State Judicial Branch Entities Organizational Chart



▲ ▲ Indicates administrative connection.

¹ Three Judicial Council nonvoting superior court judge appointees per OCGA § 15-6-50.1 (a) (2).

² Also supported by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, an Executive Branch agency.

³ This entity is assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

⁴ Transferred to the Judicial Council Budget, Section 6, effective 7/01/2025.

⁵ AOC serves as fiscal agent.

**Judicial Council of Georgia
General Session
Nathan Deal Judicial Center
Thursday, August 28, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.**

Members Present

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Chair
Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren,
Vice Chair
Chief Judge E. Trenton Brown III
Vice Chief Judge Elizabeth Gobeil
Judge Henry Balkcom (for Chief Judge T.
Craig Earnest)
Chief Judge Robert A. Cowan
Chief Judge Norman C. Cuadra
Chief Judge Jason J. Deal
Judge Susan E. Edlein
Chief Judge Ural D. Glanville
Judge Maureen Gottfried
Chief Judge Nathan Grantham
Judge Bert Guy
Judge William Grady Hamrick
Chief Judge Michelle Harrison
Judge Dustin Hightower
Chief Judge T. Christopher Hughes
Chief Judge Sheryl B. Jolly
Judge Patty Walters Laine
Chief Judge Scott Lewis (for Chief Judge B.
Shawn Rhodes)
Chief Judge Shondeana C. Morris
Chief Judge John E. Niedrach

Judge Emory Palmer (for Chief Judge
Thomas A. Wilson)
Judge McCracken Poston, Jr.
Chief Judge Gregory V. Sapp
Judge D. Jay Stewart
Judge Joshua Suggs (for Judge Scott
Chastain)
Honorable Christopher Twyman

Staff Present

Ms. Cynthia H. Clanton, Director
Ms. Antarica Boyce
Ms. Heidi Faenza
Ms. Stephanie Hines
Ms. Abigail Horvath
Ms. Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez
Mr. Robby Lee
Mr. Ben Luke
Ms. Tracy Mason
Mr. Afzal Masood
Ms. LaShawn Murphy
Mr. Bruce Shaw
Mr. Andrew Zoll
Guest (Appended)

Call to Order and Swearing In of New Members

The meeting of the Judicial Council of Georgia (Council) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chief Justice Peterson. He welcomed everyone and reminded attendees that the meeting would be recorded, livestreamed, and open to the press and public. Guests were asked to submit their attendance via e-mail for the purpose of the minutes. Chief Justice Peterson then recognized designees attending for absent members and special guests. Chief Justice Peterson administered the council oath to the following new members: Vice Chief Judge Gobeil, Chief Judge Deal, Chief Judge Niedrach, Judge Hightower, Judge Edlein, Judge Poston, Judge Laine, Chief Judge Lewis for Chief Judge Rhodes, Chief Judge Cuadra, and Mr. Twyman. At its conclusion, Chief Justice

Peterson asked Vice Chief Judge Gobeil to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Clanton called roll for members.

Approval of Minutes

Chief Justice Peterson directed the Council's attention to the minutes of the April 11, 2025, General Session, provided in the materials. He then asked if there were any amendments or opposition to the minutes as written, there were none. The minutes were approved as written.

Judicial Council Committee Reports

Legislation Committee. Presiding Justice Warren referred members to the written report provided in the materials, and provided a summary of the August 12, 2025, meeting. She stated that the Council would focus on existing legislative initiatives and some clean up language for the judicial security legislation that was passed during the 2025 Legislative Session.

Presiding Justice Warren presented one action item, the Authority to Act, requesting the approval for the Committee to make decisions or take positions on legislation and related policy issues on behalf of the Judicial Council during the CY 2026 Legislative Session when time constraints prevent the convening of the full Judicial Council.

Presiding Justice Warren concluded by announcing that the Committee will meet in November to discuss the judicial security language clean up then and asked everyone to continue to share information and legislative initiatives through the committee process so that the judicial branch remains coordinated.

Chief Justice Peterson reminded the Council that the Authority to Act does not require a separate motion because it comes from a committee; he asked for any discussion and, hearing none, the request was adopted without opposition.

Budget Committee. Justice Bethel referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He provided a status update on the Amended Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget, which includes no enhancement requests, and presented two action items on behalf of the Committee. The first item consists of six enhancement requests for the FY 2027 Judicial Council budget, which include: \$203,711 requested by the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution to fund ADR Case Management maintenance and one Program Coordinator position; \$63,228 requested by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education to fund one accounting position; \$586,649 requested by the Administrative Office of the Courts to continue funding the state-wide court case management project; \$209,500 requested by the AOC to fully fund the grants to civil legal services for families

of indigent patients; and \$125,000 requested by the Georgia Resource Center to help offset reductions in other funding sources and to maintain current staffing levels. Justice Bethel informed members that a request of \$100,000 will be made to annualize funding for recruitment and retention initiatives.

Chief Justice Peterson asked for any discussion; hearing none, the total AFY26 budget request (totaling \$26,262,541), the FY27 enhancement requests (totaling \$1,188,088), and the total FY27 budget request (totaling \$27,450,629 reflecting a 4.52 percent increase over FY 2026) were approved without opposition.

Justice Bethel then presented the committee's request for the authority to make decisions or take positions on budgetary issues on behalf of the Judicial Council during the 2026 legislative session when time constraints prevent the convening of the Judicial Council. Chief Justice Peterson asked for any discussion, hearing none, the request was adopted without opposition.

Artificial Intelligence & the Courts Committee. Justice Pinson referred members to the written report provided in the materials, as well as reported on the committee's findings. He stated that the committee's recommendations may be summed up in three points: the work of the committee continues as a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Technology; that the use of AI does not call in to question the trust or confidence in the judicial system; and that this technology be used in ways to improve access to justice.

Chief Justice Peterson informed the Council that this committee focused on researching AI as it affects Georgia's judiciary, while the State Bar focused on AI as it pertains to the practice of law. Both the Committee and the State Bar agree that the judiciary needs to keep looking at this issue especially as it relates to the authentication of evidence.

Court Reporting Matters Committee. Justice Benjamin Land referred members to the written report in the materials. Justice Land thanked everyone who helped work on the digital takedown bill from the 2025 legislative session that had recently been signed into law. This bill will give judges the option to digitally record certain court proceedings rather than requiring a court reporter for takedown. The next step in implementing this into practice is establishing Uniform Rules along with a working model to submit to the Supreme Court for adoption into the Uniform Rules of Court.

Justice Land presented one action item, to approve the appointments to the Board of Court Reporting: Judge Vi Bennett (reappointment), Ms. Tina Roddenbery (reappointment), Ms. Vickie

Wiechec (appointment), and Ms. Lisa Singley (appointment). Chief Justice Peterson asked if there were any questions or objections to the approval of the committee's recommendations to the Board and with no objection the members were appointed and reappointed to the Board of Court Reporting.

Judicial Security Committee. Justice Shawn LaGrua highlighted the importance of staying vigilant and reporting threats as they arise. She asked the judges to continue reporting threats in writing to increase the amount of data needed to obtain an accurate assessment of the threats here in Georgia.

Additionally, Justice LaGrua answered some of the looming questions and concerns as it relates to personal identifiable information (PII) that is now protected by law following the passage of HB 199. She clarified that the form, developed by the AOC, is requested from the council of the judges' class of court, must be signed by the Chief Judge of the court the judge serves on, and then the government entity can redact the judge's PII. Justice LaGrua also reiterated that the form can only be used to redact PII from government publicly available websites. To remove information from non-governmental sites, Justice LaGrua informed the Council that there are private entities that perform this function for a fee.

In conclusion, Justice LaGrua reminded judges to report threats in writing. She also thanked Mr. Robby Lee and the AOC for their hard work to get HB 199 passed during the 2025 legislative session.

Technology Committee. Judge Stephen Kelley referred members to the written report provided in the materials and provided a summary of the Committee's ongoing work.

Chief Justice Peterson explained to the Council the importance of continuing the work of the AI & the Courts Committee, which will eventually become a subcommittee of the Technology Committee.

American Rescue Plan Act Committee. Ms. Tracy Mason delivered a report on behalf of Committee Chair Judge Amanda Mercier. She provided a summary and status update regarding the ARPA grant program. This fall will mark four years since the beginning of the grant program, and since then nearly the full balance of \$96 million was awarded or obligated. In CY 2022, \$15.5 million was spent and as of August 22, 2025, over \$54 million has been reimbursed for the CY 2023-2025 performance period. With the final year of the grant program approaching, the

application deadline CY 2026 has been extended to three weeks (September 1, 2025 – September 19, 2025), with awards subject to available funding.

Ms. Mason informed members that during the fall application period the Committee will be accepting two types of applications: amendments to current awards in accordance with the Committee's amendment policy (with no request for additional funds), and new awards for CY 2026 only. All funds awarded for CY 2026 must be spent by September 30, 2026, as well as submission of all invoices to the AOC by October 15, 2026, to comply with the grant program end date of December 31, 2026.

The Committee is currently seeking guidance and approval from the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) to include pre-trial psychological assessments when required by law or court order as an ARPA eligible expenditure for CY 2026. As of this meeting, the Committee is awaiting final approval from OPB regarding this request and will update the members once a decision is received. Ms. Mason thanked Mr. T.J. BeMent for his hard work and dedication to this important issue. The Committee is scheduled to meet on November 7, 2025, to consider the applications received and to make the award decisions subject to available funding.

Chief Justice Peterson spoke briefly on the request for pre-trial psychological assessments and the importance of using these grant funds to address this issue.

Judicial Workload Assessment Committee. Judge Leonard referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He stated two new circuits, in addition to the five carryover circuits (two of which requested a re-analyzed workload assessment) that had previously qualified and been recommended, will be presented to the Council for a new judgeship recommendation.

Judge Leonard yielded the floor to Ms. Hines, who presented the two judicial circuits that submitted a new workload assessment request, were found to be qualified, and recommended for a new judgeship by the Committee under the Council's Policy: the Atlanta Judicial Circuit (workload value 1.28) and Middle Judicial Circuit (workload value 1.36). The carryover circuits previously recommended by the Council: the DeKalb Judicial Circuit (workload value 1.25), Gwinnett Judicial Circuit (updated workload value 1.32 as of 7/2025), Northern Judicial Circuit (workload value 1.25), Northeastern Judicial Circuit (updated workload value 1.35 as of 7/2025) and Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit (workload value 1.25). Chief Justice Peterson reminded members that the Judicial Council policy states that votes on judgeships shall be done by secret or electronic ballot but presented a motion to dispense with the policy and approve both new judgeship

recommendations by acclamation. A motion to dispense with the Policy and approve both recommendations was offered by Chief Judge Cuadra, followed by a second from Chief Judge Morris. No discussion was offered, and the motion was approved without opposition. A motion to adopt the re-analyzed numbers of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and Northeastern Judicial Circuit was approved with no opposition.

Chief Justice Peterson reminded members that all recommendations will be reported to the Governor and General Assembly, and per updates to the Policy approved by the Council in 2024, the report to legislative and executive branch partners will list the recommended circuits by judicial workload value per judge, or alphabetical in the event of a tie, with no regard to priority.

Georgia Case Management System Committee. Judge Leonard referred members to the written report provided in the materials. The case management project is progressing according to schedule and staying on budget. He informed the Council that the Committee will be meeting by Zoom at the conclusion of the Judicial Council meeting for those members interested in seeing the progress of the case management project. Judge Leonard also invited members to the weekly roundtables hosted by Mr. Luke and his team to get insights or give feedback on the functionality of each class of courts' current case management system to make the new system more efficient. He then requested that superior court judges reach out to their clerks to enlist their input in making the project more efficient for their class of court.

Grants Committee. Chief Justice Peterson referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Report from the Judicial Council/AOC

Ms. Clanton delivered a report on behalf of the Judicial Council/AOC. She welcomed ten new members to the Judicial Council for the 2025–2026 term and reaffirmed the AOC's commitment to supporting Georgia's judiciary through its 60-member staff. She highlighted Presiding Justice Warren's first meeting as Chair of the Legislation Committee and reminded members that a summary of newly enacted legislation could be found on the AOC's website.

Ms. Clanton highlighted the unveiling of former Supreme Court Chief Justice David Nahmias's portrait, which will hang in the Nathan Deal Judicial Center. She congratulated Justice Land for joining the Supreme Court, Senior Judge Andrew Fuller for being unanimously being designated to the Court of Appeals for the second time, Judge Hamrick for the State-wide Business Court's fifth anniversary, and Mr. Twyman for being sworn in as the new State Bar President. She

expressed congratulations to all the judges and former justices receiving distinguished awards at the State Bar Annual Meeting, to include former Chief Justice Boggs with the 2025 Distinguished Service Award and former Chief Justice Hugh Thompson with the 2025 Professionalism Award. She also recognized those judges giving back to their communities and inspiring future generations through civic engagement.

Ms. Clanton provided highlights of how the AOC served its judicial branch partners over the summer through presentations at conferences or other programs across the state. She also recognized the retirement of long-time AOC staff member Ms. Michelle Barclay and the promotion of Ms. Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez to Division Director. She thanked Judge Prine and Judge Kirk for speaking at the AOC's All-Staff meetings.

Ms. Clanton closed her remarks by reiterating the AOC's role as a service agency to the judiciary.

Reports from Courts, Councils, & State Bar

Chief Justice Peterson noted that everyone submitted a written report and asked if anyone had anything else to report.

State Bar of Georgia. Mr. Twyman highlighted priorities for the upcoming Bar year as well as the Bar's next Board of Governors meeting.

Reports from Other Judicial Branch Agencies

Council of Accountability Court Judges. Ms. Taylor Jones referred members to the written report provided in the materials. She reminded members of the upcoming fall conference in Athens to celebrate the Council's ten-year anniversary.

Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution. Chief Judge Morris referred members to the written report provided in the materials. She thanked the Council for its leadership as well as the Budget Committee for its assistance with the Commission's budget request. She highlighted the swearing in of Judge Carrie Markham as the Commission's Chair-elect.

Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. Ms. Karlise Grier referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Georgia Council of Court Administrators. Mr. Timothy Ezell referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He reminded members of the upcoming fall conference in Savannah, GA and that this would be his final Judicial Council meeting as President.

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. A written report was provided in the materials.

Judicial Qualifications Commission. No report was provided.

Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks. A written report was provided in the materials.

Old Business

No old business was offered.

New Business

No new business was offered.

Adjournment

Chief Justice Peterson thanked everyone for their attendance and for their contribution to the Council and the judicial system. He reminded members that the next General Session meeting will be held on Friday, December 12, 2025, on Zoom only.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Mason and Antarica Boyce
Director's Division, Judicial Council/AOC
For Cynthia H. Clanton, Director and Secretary

The above and foregoing minutes
Were approved on the ____ day of
_____, 2025.

Nels S.D. Peterson
Chief Justice

Judicial Council of Georgia
General Session
Nathan Deal Judicial Center
Thursday, August 28, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Guests Present

Ms. Lynn Ansley, Seventh Judicial Administrative District
Mr. Joseph Baden, Third Judicial Administrative District
Judge Shakara M. Barnes, Office of State Administrative Hearings
Mr. T.J. BeMent, Tenth Judicial Administrative District
Justice Charles Bethel, Supreme Court of Georgia
Ms. Jennifer Boger, Senate Budget & Evaluation Office
Mr. Bob Bray, Council of State Court Judges
Mr. Damon Elmore, State Bar of Georgia
Mr. Timothy Ezell, Georgia Council of Court Administrators
Mr. William Gentry, State Bar of Georgia
Ms. Karlise Y. Grier, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
Mr. Kevin Holder, Council of Probate Court Judges
Ms. Tracy Johnson, Georgia Office on Dispute Resolution
Ms. Taylor Jones, Council of Accountability Court Judges
Ms. Cheryl Karounos, Council of Superior Court Judges
Judge Stephen D. Kelley, Superior Court, Brunswick Judicial Circuit
Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua, Supreme Court of Georgia
Justice Benjamin A. Land, Supreme Court of Georgia
Judge Robert D. Leonard, Superior Court, Cobb Judicial Circuit
Judge Carrie Markham, Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution
Ms. Grace McGowan, Ninth Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Jennifer McNeely, State Bar of Georgia
Mr. David Mixon, Second Judicial Administrative District
Judge Cindy Morris, Superior Court, Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit
Mr. Jay Neal, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Mr. Frank O'Connell, Georgia Department of Revenue
Mr. Brock Perry, House Budget & Research Office
Justice Andrew Pinson, Supreme Court of Georgia
Ms. Lenora Hawkins Ponzo, Fourth Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Sharon Reiss, Council of Magistrate Court Judges
Ms. Karlie Sahs, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution
Mr. Will Simmons, Sixth Judicial Administrative District
Mr. David Summerlin, Fifth Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Kirsten Wallace, Council of Juvenile Court Judges
Mr. Shannon Weathers, Council of Superior Court Judges
Mr. Randall Weiland, First Judicial Administrative District
Judge Paige Reese Whitaker, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council Members

FROM: Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren
Chair, Standing Committee on Legislation

RE: Committee Report

DATE: November 18, 2025

The Standing Committee on Legislation (“Committee”) met on November 18, 2025, to discuss legislative items for the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. The Committee submits the following recommendation to the Judicial Council:

Judicial Security Amendments

The Committee recommends the Judicial Council support legislation to provide for amendments related to OCGA §§ 15-5-110, 112. *(Draft language attached)*

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 5 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, related to administration of courts of record, generally so as to modify provisions related to protection of personally identifiable information of judges and their spouses; to require state and local governments to indicate on any Official Records Index that personally identifiable information that has been restricted within a record pursuant to this Section; ~~to abolish the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a data base of protected persons and information;~~ to provide for the release of personally identifiable information to the protected person upon written request; to provide that a protected person may authorize the release of restricted information to a third-party individual or entity; to provide for the removal of the restriction on personally identifiable information after the death of a protected person; ~~to provide for a state wide form to be used by protected persons seeking to have information restricted from public disclosure; to require state and local governments to restrict from public disclosure personally identifiable information when requested by a protected person;~~ to provide procedures for such requests; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; and to repeal conflicting laws and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of courts of record generally, is amended by revising Article 8, relating to protection of personally identifiable data of judges and spouses as follows:

“ARTICLE 8

15-5-110.

As used in this article, the term:

(1) ‘Personally identifiable information’ means personal phone number and home address (including parcel number thereof) ~~or property tax records~~ of a protected person.

(2) ‘Protected person’ means any ~~current or former~~:

- 27 (A) current or former Judge or justice of this state ~~and his or her spouse~~;
28 (B) current or former Judge of any county or municipality of this state ~~and his or her spouse~~;
29 (C) current or former Judge or justice of the United States ~~and his or her spouse~~; and
30 (D) Spouse of any person who qualifies as a 'protected person' under subsections (A), (B), or
31 (C) of this Section.

32 (3) 'Publicly available content' means any written or electronic document or record that provides
33 information or that serves as a document or record maintained, controlled, or in the possession of
34 a state or local government entity that may be obtained by any person from the state or local
35 government entity's website or from such state or local government agency through other means
36 upon request whether free of charge or for a fee.

37 (4) 'State or local government entity' means any:

38 (A) Agency of the executive branch of this state; or

39 (B) Any county or municipality of this state, including, but not limited to, any country or
40 municipal court clerk's office, board of elections, board of tax assessors, or board of ethics.

41 15-5-111.

42 The Administrative Office of the Courts shall:

43 (1) Establish a method for obtaining information from the Administrative Office of the United
44 States Courts as necessary for purpose of this article;

45 (2) Develop and publish a form for a protected person to use when requesting removal of
46 personally identifiable information pursuant to this article. Such form may include a process for
47 verification of the election or appointment of such person as a judge or justice of this state or the
48 United States or verification of such person's status as the spouse of a person serving as a judge
49 or justice of this state or the United States;

50 (3) Make the form provided for in paragraph (2) of this Code section available to protected persons
51 on its public website; and

52 (4) Coordinate state-wide training and information sharing related to security procedure and
53 practices relative to the judicial branch of government.

54 15-5-112.

55 (a) Notwithstanding any provision Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or
56 local government entity shall restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable
57 information that specifically identifies a protected person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof.

58 The provisions of this subsection shall include, but shall not be limited to, records or filings in the
59 office of the Secretary of State and the State Ethics Commission.

60 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 to the contrary, a state or
61 local government entity that possesses records, filings, or other publicly available content that does
62 not specifically identify such person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof but that includes
63 personally identifiable information of such a protected person, shall, upon request of the protected
64 person, restrict from public disclosure any personally identifiable information. A protected person
65 may request that his or her personally identifiable information be restricted from public disclosure
66 pursuant to this subsection by submitting a request in writing to the state or local government entity
67 on the form provided for in Code Section 15-5-111. A state or local government entity receiving
68 such request shall restrict from public disclosure the personally identifiable information within 30
69 days of receiving a valid request and shall reflect on any Official Records Index entries affected
70 under this Section that personally identifiable information contained within the record has been
71 restricted from public disclosure pursuant to this Code Section. For purposes of this subsection, to
72 restrict from public disclosure means to conceal from a copy of an original public record or to
73 conceal from an electronic image that is available for public viewing that personally identifiable
74 information contained within the record.

75 (c) Any protected person may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any
76 officer or employee of the state or local government entity in his or her individual capacity for
77 failure to comply with subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section. Any relief granted by such action
78 shall be limited to injunctive relief.

79 (d) Any information removed from public disclosure pursuant to this Section shall be provided to
80 the protected person whose information was restricted upon submission of a written request signed
81 by the protected person. Any person making a false attestation under the section is subject to the
82 penalty of perjury under Section 16-10-70.

83 (e) Any protected person may authorize a third-party individual or entity to access information
84 restricted from public disclosure within publicly available content that is maintained by a state or
85 local government agency by submitting a signed authorization form developed by the
86 Administrative Office of the Courts. Upon receipt of the signed form, the government entity shall
87 provide the authorized third-party individual or entity access to an unrestricted copy of the

document(s) listed in the signed authorization form. Any person making a false attestation under the section is subject to the penalty of perjury under Section 16-10-70.

(f) A protected person, their attorney in fact, or their legal representative may submit a written request to release the restriction on personally identifiable information. The state or local government entity in receipt of a request under this section to release the restriction on publication of personally identifiable information shall remove the restriction with 30 days of receipt.

(g) Upon proof of death of a protected person, as verified by a certified copy of a death certificate, the attorney in fact or legal representative of the deceased protected person may request a state or local government entity to release the restriction of publication of personally identifiable information associated with the protected person unless such release is otherwise prohibited by statute or court order. The written request to release the restriction of publication upon the death of a protected person must include a certified copy of the protected person's death certificate and confirm the request for release of the restriction is due to the death of the protected person.

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council

FROM: Judge Stephen Kelley, Co-Chair

RE: JC Standing Committee on Technology Report

DATE: November 25, 2025

The Judicial Council Standing Committee on Technology met on Thursday, September 25, 2025. The following report reflects matters and topics discussed during that meeting.

GA CMS Project – Judge Leonard and Mr. Sean Golan

The CMS team provided a brief status update on ongoing development and court onboarding. The group discussed differences in case structures across probate, magistrate, municipal, state, and superior courts and the continued need for careful mapping during implementation. The committee also considered adding municipal court judges to the CMS Directory; Mr. Luke confirmed this addition would be feasible and helpful for multi-court environments.

AOC Updates – Mr. Ben Luke

Mr. Luke shared statewide technology and security updates, including a reminder about the Georgia Technology Authority's Prohibited Software and Services list. He also highlighted ongoing AOC support for data-exchange projects, court onboarding, and refinement of CMS role and case-type configurations.

Automated Data Collection Project – Ms. Stephanie Hines

Ms. Hines provided an update on the Automated Data Collection initiative, noting progress on dashboard development, improvements to data ingestion, and continued alignment of

data elements across court partners. Her presentation summarized material previously shared with the Ad Hoc Committee on AI.

AI Technology Legislation and Bills – Judge Stephen Kelley

Judge Kelley reviewed current legislative efforts related to court technology, emphasizing continued focus on transparency, data collection, and modernization. He noted that Justice Land and Justice LaGrua remain engaged and that additional updates will follow as legislation advances.

Criminal Case Data Exchange Board – Mr. Ben Luke

Mr. Luke reported on efforts to standardize criminal data exchange across superior, state, and municipal courts. Ensuring consistent data flow, particularly in citation-driven criminal processes, remains a priority and will continue to align with the broader CMS modernization work.

Ad Hoc Committee on AI and Courts – Justice Pinson and Judge Kelley

The committee received an overview of ongoing work to develop guidance on the responsible use of artificial intelligence in the courts. Judge Kelley emphasized transparency, governance, and broad statewide participation as foundational principles.

Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2025.

*The Judicial
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of Georgia*

GENERAL
SESSION

DECEMBER 12, 2025



*Connecting
Communities*

WITH A
STATE-WIDE
SYSTEM
FOR
Court Case
Management



*The State of Georgia is dedicated
to modernizing its court operations
by building a Case Management
System that will increase
consistency and efficiency and
streamline the administration
of justice for all citizens.*

LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

Contact the project team at <https://cms.georgiacourts.gov>

MODERNIZING COURT OPERATIONS

The new Case Management System will significantly strengthen the State's justice system with features and functionality developed in direct collaboration with members of Georgia's judiciary.

VISIBILITY & CONSISTENCY

- >> Streamlined processes and increased sharing of case information, evidence, and data throughout the court system

OVERALL SECURITY

- >> Enhanced security to protect against cyberattacks and other threats

FLEXIBILITY & RELIABILITY

- >> Flexible architecture allowing multiple counties and circuits to share data while maintaining tight security controls

CUSTOM REPORTING CAPABILITIES

- >> Improved reporting and analytics to identify trends and allocate resources

TRULY DIGITAL eFILING

- >> Intuitive eFiling with online processing and integration for criminal cases

CROSS-AGENCY INTEGRATIONS

- >> Integration with a variety of reporting and tracking systems

LONGTERM SCALABILITY & OWNERSHIP

- >> Full ownership of the source code, eliminating 3rd-party vendors and fees

PUBLIC SAFETY FOR GEORGIA

- >> Data-driven decision-making that improves public safety outcomes

IMPROVING LIVES

INTEGRATED
DATA
to
MAKE
GEORGIA
SAFER

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STATE

PROBATE

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ACCOUNTABILITY

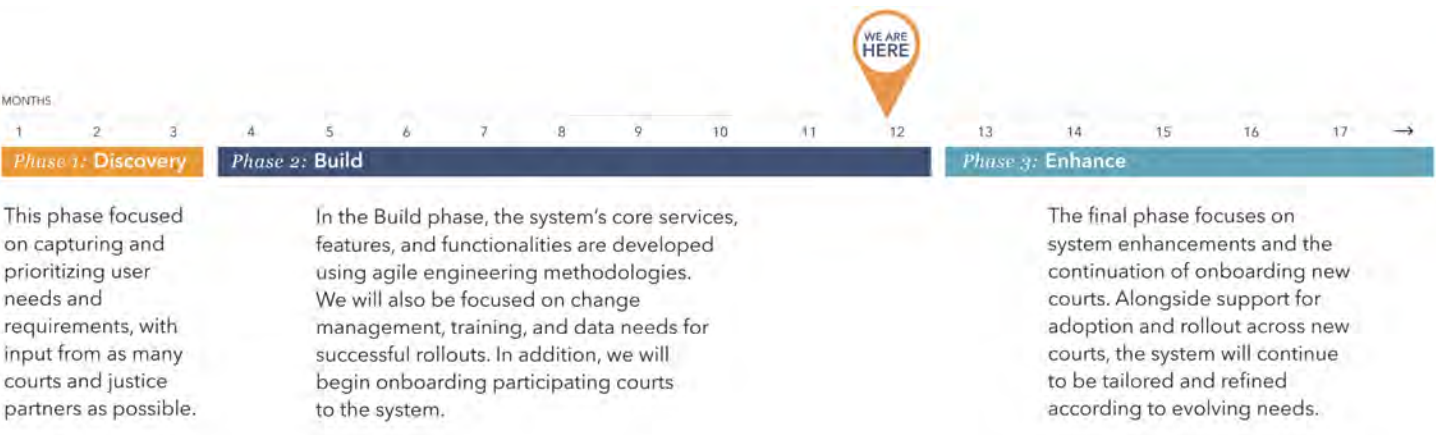
COURTS

by GEORGIANS *for* GEORGIANS

A user-friendly, updated system will improve the experience for everyone involved in our State's court proceedings.

OUR PROJECT TIMELINE

We are iteratively building the new case management system in three phases over the next two years (through June 2026). Our Discovery phase began in January 2025, and we are now nearing the completion of our Build phase.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS *(through Dec. 2025)*





USER EXPERIENCE

- Accessible, user-friendly navigation across all court classifications
- Clean visual identity across sidebars, tables, top bars, calendars, buttons, alerts, badges, input/form fields, fonts, filters, displays, etc.
- Consistent look and feel across all court classifications and counties
- ADA-compliant user interface that works on modern browsers and platforms
- Responsive for desktop, tablet, and mobile screens

SECURITY & ACCESS

- Multi-tenant infrastructure with data encryption
- Backup, parallel instances to mitigate security breaches
- Customized role-based Identity Management & Permissions
- Role-based auditing and accounting of user actions
- Secure Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for access
- Self-service password reset
- Email address validation
- User account effective dates section
- Browser session expirations for security
- User photo for additional verification
- Attorney user verification with State Bar

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

- Role-based permissions specific to document retrieval and review auditing
- View, search, sort, filter, export, and tag documents
- Easy drag-and-drop or file browse for document upload
- Bulk upload, partitioning and display of documents
- Manage documents across court classifications
- Electronically transfer documents from case to case or court to court
- Secure electronic signature process with auditing capabilities
- Update document classification based on case classification
- Link documents, including error handling
- Document comparison and versioning

CASE MANAGEMENT & EFILING

- Manage case life cycle from initiation through disposition
- Collaborative, role-based task management with internal system notifications
- Criminal and civil eFiling of court documents including all classes of court
- eFiling status visibility
- Apply digital stamps to accepted documents
- Integration with financial management, search and reporting, and auditing mechanisms
- Templated, customizable orders and case actions
- Integrations with DDS, GCIC, GAVERS, PASP, Tracker (PAC)
- API integrations with GDC, DCS, DBHDD
- Seal and unseal cases
- Automated judge assignment (e.g., Judge Wheeling)
- Tool tips for ease of use
- Add, view, update, sort case notes
- Court-specific forms for eFiling
- Visibility of forms across courts/counties
- Link/associate cases
- Electronically transfer cases to other courts
- Submit Attorney Leave of Absence
- Electronic warrant application and approval
- Encrypted digital signatures
- Integrated electronic applications (e.g., Marriage, Weapons Carry)
- Probate Court eFiling with all Georgia Supreme Court approved forms
- Automated electronic and printed bulk mail notices
- Supports multiple court workflows while maintaining separation of each court's data

SEARCH & REPORTING

- Templated reports (case count, case assignments, case openings, case types, dispositions, activity, etc.)
- Custom reports (create, save, edit, and export)
- Advanced, system-wide searching by case number, case type, parties, and other case details
- Personalized home page with foundational widgets
- Consistent folder structure for search
- Public Search (eAccess)
- Frequently used reports widget
- Frequently used documents widget
- Relevant case list widget
- Shortcuts on home page

DATA MODEL

- Established configurations for workflows, forms and templates, fee schedules, etc.
- Mapped data fields for critical information (e.g., case types, payments, orders, contacts, parties)
- API integrations to vital judicial partner systems, including GCIC
- Compliance with NODS and national standards
- Includes State Case Count
- Comprehensive table of state statutes
- Supports upload of local laws and ordinances

CALENDARING & SCHEDULING

- Docket management by case type, case category, judge, etc.
- Create, view, and edit docket, event, and case calendars
- Create, view, and edit case assignments
- Personalized calendar view
- Add court-specific color-coding for easy filtering
- Add participants and parties to calendar sessions
- Convert calendar to PDF and export calendar events

CONTACT MANAGEMENT

- Create, view, edit, and favorite contacts (persons and organizations)
- Integration to validate State Bar ID
- State-wide and local contact directories (e.g., court reporters, interpreters, court staff)
- Search, sort and filter across common fields within a directory
- Opt-In/Out to statewide public directory
- Manage photos for individuals and organizational contacts
- Integration with case management workflows

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Add, edit, and delete fine and fee schedules
- Track/log fines and fees associated with a case, filing, or application
- Accept multiple payment methods online through secure, trusted, financial payments provider
- Petty cash log
- Generate and email case receipts
- Financial reporting in standard formats
- Print disbursement checks
- Schedule garnishments/fees in payments over time
- Fund distribution accounting rules engine
- Process refunds or void unpaid invoices

Subject to change. Some features vary by class of court.

The image displays five screenshots of a legal case management application. The top-left screenshot shows the 'Create Case' form, which includes a sidebar with navigation icons, a search bar, and a main form area with tabs for 'Case Details', 'Parties', 'Documents', and 'History'. The 'Case Details' tab is active, showing fields for case number, title, and status. The top-right screenshot shows the 'State of Georgia v. Matthew Holloway, et al.' case summary, including case number, status, category, and assigned judge. The bottom-left screenshot shows a 'Cases' list with columns for status, county, court, case number, case title, and filing date. The bottom-right screenshot shows a 'Case Search' interface with search filters and a list of search results. The middle-right screenshot shows the 'Relevant Tasks & Deadlines' section, which is currently empty.

eFILING

The first screenshot displays the 'eFilings' dashboard. It features a sidebar with navigation icons and a main content area with a search bar and a table of filings. The table has columns for 'Status', 'County', 'Court', 'Case number', 'eFiling date', 'Case title', 'eFiling type', 'eFiled to', and 'Case category'. The table lists several filings, including 'Case 19-01-00001' and 'Case 19-01-00002'.

The second screenshot shows the 'Review eFiling' page. It displays the details of a specific filing, including the 'Case category', 'Case title', 'Case number', 'eFiling date', 'eFiling type', and 'eFiled to'. The page also includes a 'Details' section with a table of 'Case details'.

The third screenshot shows the 'Documents' page. It displays a list of documents associated with the filing, including 'Document 1', 'Document 2', and 'Document 3'. Each document entry includes a 'Document title', 'Document date', and 'Document type'.

CALENDARING & SCHEDULING

Calendar & Scheduling > Schedule > EV3904234

DUI Docket - Morning Session

April 18, 2025 • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM • Judge John Smith

Details

Court
Cobb County Accountability

Courtroom
Courtroom 4A

Event category
Hearing

Event type
Jury Hearing

Case types
DUI • Criminal

Event description

Cases 12 Attendees 5

Cases

Q Search + Add Case

#	Case title	Case number	Case type	Case status
1.	Larry James VS Henry Casey	STAT-CR-AB20250298	DUI	Open
2.	State of Georgia vs. Michael Thompson	STAT-CR-AB2342563	DUI	Open
3.	People vs. Sarah Johnson	STAT-CR-AB3453452	DUI	Open
4.	City of Atlanta vs. David Lee	STAT-CR-AB3462345	DUI	Open
5.	State of Georgia vs. Emily Carter	STAT-CR-AB2344564	DUI	Open
6.	People vs. Robert Brown	STAT-CR-AB6345234	DUI	Open
7.	City of Atlanta vs. Jessica White	STAT-CR-AB2342352	DUI	Open
8.	State of Georgia vs. William Davis	STAT-CR-AB3534521	DUI	Open
9.	People vs. Linda Martinez	STAT-CR-AB2345643	DUI	Open
10.	City of Atlanta vs. Christopher Wilson	STAT-CR-AB2342098	DUI	Open

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Calendar & Scheduling > Schedule > EV3904234

Create Docket Calendar

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

General

Judge
Sarah Johnson

Case category
DUI Docket

Event category
Hearing

Case types
DUI • Criminal

Event description

Calendar

January 2025

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

DUI Docket - Morning Session

DUI Docket - Afternoon Session

Calendar & Scheduling > Schedule

Schedule

Monday, December 15, 2025

1 **Calendar Call**
Judge Sarah Johnson • Cobb County Accountability

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

2 **DUI Docket - Morning Session**
Judge Sarah Johnson • Cobb County Accountability

Friday, December 19, 2025

5 **Criminal Docket - Morning Session**
Judge Sarah Johnson • Cobb County Accountability

5 **Criminal Docket - Afternoon Session**
Judge Sarah Johnson • Cobb County Accountability

Calendar & Scheduling > Schedule

Schedule

January 12, 2025

Monday

1 **Calendar Call**
Judge Sarah Johnson • Cobb County Accountability

2 **DUI Docket - Morning Session**
Judge Sarah Johnson • Cobb County Accountability

5 **Criminal Docket - Morning Session**
Judge Sarah Johnson • Cobb County Accountability

5 **Criminal Docket - Afternoon Session**
Judge Sarah Johnson • Cobb County Accountability

CONTACT MANAGEMENT

Calendar & Scheduling > My Courts

My Courts

Q Search + Add Contact

Name	Organization	Position	Title	Email
Chen, Benny	Cobb County Magistrate	Chief Clerk	Chief Clerk, Cobb County Magistrate	b.chen@cobbcounty.org
Chen, Benny	Cobb County Magistrate	Chief Clerk	Chief Clerk, Cobb County Magistrate	b.chen@cobbcounty.org
Chen, Benny	Cobb County Magistrate	Chief Clerk	Chief Clerk, Cobb County Magistrate	b.chen@cobbcounty.org
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Chen, Benny	Cobb County Magistrate	Chief Clerk	Chief Clerk, Cobb County Magistrate	b.chen@cobbcounty.org
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Calendar & Scheduling > Favorites

Favorites

Q Search + Add Contact

Name	Organization	Position	Title	Email
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Chen, Benny	Cobb County Magistrate	Chief Clerk	Chief Clerk, Cobb County Magistrate	b.chen@cobbcounty.org
Chen, Benny	Cobb County Magistrate	Chief Clerk	Chief Clerk, Cobb County Magistrate	b.chen@cobbcounty.org

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Calendar & Scheduling > Create Contact

Create Contact

Contact Information

Name
First Name
Last Name

Organization Type
Cobb County Magistrate

Emails
Email Address

Phone Numbers
Phone Number

Address
Address Line 1
Address Line 2
City
State
Zip

Notes
Notes

Save

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

This screenshot shows the 'Case Docket' for the case 'In Re: Estate of Rose Gardner, Deceased' (PRO-WE-12344). The page includes a search bar, tabs for Overview, Case Details, Tasks, Case Docket (selected), Parties, Participants, Calendar Events, Financials, and Case Notes. The Case Docket table lists several documents:

Date Filed	Document Title	Document Type	Status
1/18/2025	Order of Service - RG	Order	Signed
1/11/2025	Oath	Summons	Filed
1/10/2025	Petition to Probate in Solemn Form - RG 2025	Bidgo	Filed
1/10/2025	Will - RG 2025	Bidgo	Pending

This screenshot shows the 'Sign Document' interface. It displays a document titled 'In The Estate of ROSE GARDNER, Deceased' with a signature. The interface includes a 'Document Tools' sidebar and a 'Sign' button.

This screenshot shows the 'Sign Document' interface with a signature overlay. The signature is a stylized 'V' followed by 'H'. The interface includes a 'Document Tools' sidebar and a 'Sign' button.

SEARCH & REPORTING

This screenshot shows the 'Reports' section. It includes a search bar and a table of reports:

Report Name	Report Type	Created On	Last Modified
Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025
Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025
Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025
Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025
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Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025

This screenshot shows the 'Untitled Custom Report' interface. It includes a search bar and a table of reports:

Report Name	Report Type	Created On	Last Modified
Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025
Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025
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Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025
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Test Report	Test Report	1/10/2025	1/10/2025

This screenshot shows the 'Active Cases' section. It includes a search bar and a table of active cases:

Case Name	Case Type	Case Status	Case Date	Case Time
Case 1	Case Type 1	Case Status 1	Case Date 1	Case Time 1
Case 2	Case Type 2	Case Status 2	Case Date 2	Case Time 2
Case 3	Case Type 3	Case Status 3	Case Date 3	Case Time 3
Case 4	Case Type 4	Case Status 4	Case Date 4	Case Time 4
Case 5	Case Type 5	Case Status 5	Case Date 5	Case Time 5
Case 6	Case Type 6	Case Status 6	Case Date 6	Case Time 6
Case 7	Case Type 7	Case Status 7	Case Date 7	Case Time 7
Case 8	Case Type 8	Case Status 8	Case Date 8	Case Time 8
Case 9	Case Type 9	Case Status 9	Case Date 9	Case Time 9
Case 10	Case Type 10	Case Status 10	Case Date 10	Case Time 10

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This screenshot shows the 'Financials' section for the case 'Calamus Ventures VS Wes Tanley'. It includes a search bar and a table of financials:

Date	Item	Amount	Balance	Outstanding	Interest	Payment
1/10/2025	Card Deposition	\$475.00	\$475.00			
1/10/2025	Card Deposition	\$475.00	\$475.00			
1/10/2025	Card Deposition	\$475.00	\$475.00			
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1/10/2025	Card Deposition	\$475.00	\$475.00			

This screenshot shows the 'Cart 39349' interface. It includes a search bar and a table of items:

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Item 1	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 2	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 3	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 4	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 5	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 6	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 7	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 8	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 9	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 10	1	\$475.00	\$475.00

This screenshot shows the 'Fees & Fines Schedule' interface. It includes a search bar and a table of fees:

Fee Name	Fee Type	Fee Amount	Fee Status
Fee 1	Fee Type 1	\$475.00	Active
Fee 2	Fee Type 2	\$475.00	Active
Fee 3	Fee Type 3	\$475.00	Active
Fee 4	Fee Type 4	\$475.00	Active
Fee 5	Fee Type 5	\$475.00	Active
Fee 6	Fee Type 6	\$475.00	Active
Fee 7	Fee Type 7	\$475.00	Active
Fee 8	Fee Type 8	\$475.00	Active
Fee 9	Fee Type 9	\$475.00	Active
Fee 10	Fee Type 10	\$475.00	Active

This screenshot shows the 'Pay' interface. It includes a search bar and a table of payment summary:

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Item 1	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 2	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 3	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 4	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 5	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 6	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 7	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 8	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 9	1	\$475.00	\$475.00
Item 10	1	\$475.00	\$475.00



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia
FROM: Judge Robert D. Leonard II
RE: Standing Committee on Judicial Workload Assessment
DATE: December 1, 2025

The Standing Committee on Judicial Workload Assessment (Committee) met virtually on November 14, 2025. Staff presented an overview of the 2026 Caseload collection period that begins on January 2, 2026. Other note-worthy dates include March 16, which marks the end of on-time reporting, and the last date for all 2025 caseload data submissions is April 16. Caseload reports submitted after April 16 must be accompanied by a written letter from the chief judge.

The Committee also considered proposed updates to the juvenile, municipal, and superior court sections of the Georgia Guide on Statistical Reporting. Juvenile court changes include updates to dependency dispositions, dependency case characteristic definitions on pages 12-13, and termination of parental rights, emancipation, and special proceeding dispositions located on page 13 of the [Statistical Guide](#).

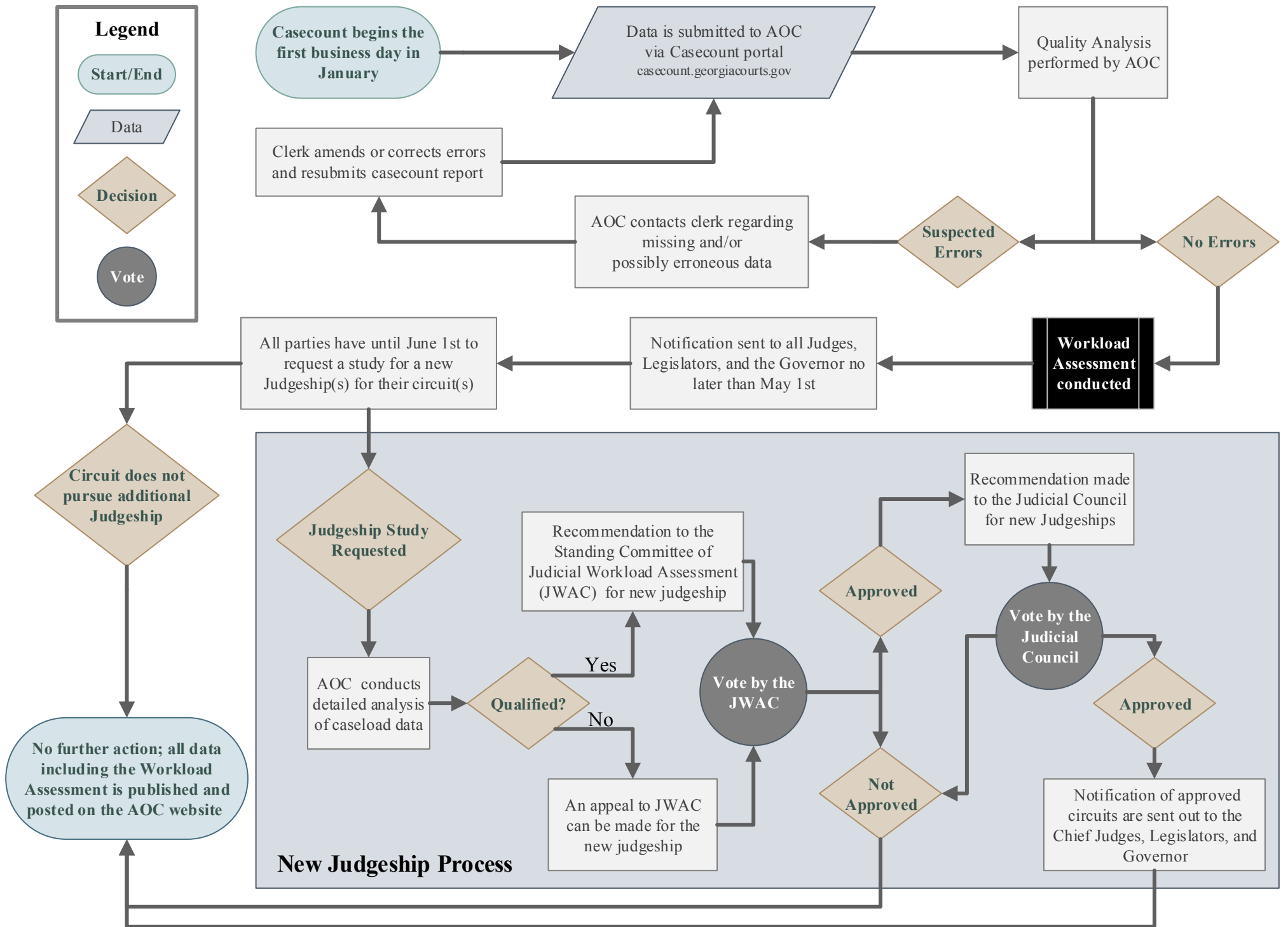
The “Common Definitions” section on pages 3 and 5 has been updated and now includes references to dead docket orders in the “disposed cases” and “non-trial” dispositions headings. The intention going forward is for clerks to report cases with dead docket orders as a closed case. Since those cases have no ongoing action, leaving them as open cases gave the appearance of higher open caseloads and low clearance rates. When a case is removed from the dead docket for further prosecution, it will be reopened under the original case number until resolution. All updates received unanimous approval by the Committee, with an effective date of January 2027.

The municipal court proposed changes involving the unit of count and non-criminal traffic violations were tabled for future discussion. Judge Leonard and the Council’s president will meet to discuss proposed language to ensure it doesn’t adversely impact other courts such as state court.

JWAC also received a request from Clayton County Superior Court to amend its 2022, 2023, and 2024 caseload reports and update the General Civil, Domestic, and Criminal data. The most significant updates impact probation revocations, where an incorrect unit of count had been used previously. The Committee accepted the amended reports. Superior Court of Dougherty County also submitted amendments to their 2024 caseload report, which only requires approval by JWAC chair.

Staff provided a status update on the Justice Counts Initiative Project and presented a revised copy of the Caseload Workflow Chart attached. Additional updates include highlights about the Statewide CMS Project.

The 2026 Judicial Workload Assessment Committee tentative meeting dates are March 13, July 10, and November 13, 2026.





Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

Date: November 18, 2025

To: Judicial Council Members

From: Standing Committee on Budget
Justice Charlie Bethel, Chair

RE: Judicial Council Budget and Financial Report

This report will provide an update on the Judicial Council's Fiscal Year 2026 budget and the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 enhancement requests.

Fiscal Year 2026

The Judicial Council received \$26,262,541 in State Appropriations for FY2026 (HB 68). The attached Financial Report highlights the Judicial Council's expenditures and remaining balances as of November 3, 2025.

Amended Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Judicial Council Budget Requests

The Standing Committee on Budget is preparing presentations for the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee meetings during the 2026 legislative session. In addition, the House Appropriations Judicial Subcommittee has scheduled a meeting prior to the legislative session for December 9th.

Amended Fiscal Year 2026

The Standing Committee on Budget did not submit any requests for Amended Fiscal Year 2026. The Georgia State-wide Business Court and the Georgia Tax Court, which both fall under the Judicial Council Section 6 budget both submitted two requests in the Amended Budget.

Fiscal Year 2027

The Judicial Council approved seven requests for the FY2027 General Budget totaling \$1,288,088:

1. Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts, \$586,649 to increase funds for personnel for continuity of the GA CMS project

2. Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts, \$100,000 to annualize recruitment and retention initiatives
3. Grants for Civil Legal Services, \$209,500 to increase funds for civil legal services for families of indigent patients
4. Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, \$78,000 to support the Schedule ADR case management system
5. Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, \$125,711 to fund one program coordinator
6. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, \$63,228 to fund one accounting paraprofessional position
7. Resource Center, \$125,000 to offset reductions in other funding sources

The Section 6 budget also includes enhancement requests for the Judicial Qualifications Commission, the Georgia State-wide Business Court and the Georgia Tax Court. It is anticipated that funds not originally included in the budget submission from the Georgia Tax Court will be required to compensate judges pro tempore who will be required in the event of recusals. Analysis of need and conversations to ensure coverage are ongoing and we anticipate favorable resolution.

Attachments:

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Financial Report as of November 3, 2025

Fiscal Year 2026 - Judicial Council Operations
November 3, 2025

Department	Project	FY 2026 Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining	Budget Spent
Administrative Office of The Courts		\$ 10,805,171	\$ 4,152,821	\$ 6,652,350	38%
Legal Services for Domestic Violence	103	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,910,000	\$ 90,000	97%
Georgia Council of Court Administrators	141	\$ 16,389	\$ -	\$ 16,389	0%
Council of Municipal Court Judges	142	\$ 32,870	\$ 12,329	\$ 20,542	38%
Child Support Collaborative	174	\$ 138,841	\$ 38,557	\$ 100,284	28%
Council of Magistrate Court Judges	204	\$ 231,181	\$ 70,729	\$ 160,452	31%
Council of Probate Court Judges	205	\$ 215,464	\$ 162,601	\$ 52,863	75%
Council of State Court Judges	206	\$ 288,569	\$ 88,740	\$ 199,829	31%
Council of State Court Judges Ret.	207	\$ 2,588,814	\$ 34,671	\$ 2,554,143	1%
Legal Services for Kinship Care Families	1103	\$ 750,000	\$ 727,500	\$ 22,500	97%
Legal Svc for MLP	1203	\$ 409,500	\$ 198,607	\$ 210,893	48%
Other Judicial Council Subprograms		\$ 7,671,628	\$ 4,243,733	\$ 3,427,895	55%
Accountability Court Council	195	\$ 1,251,518	\$ 178,373	\$ 1,073,145	14%
CACJ-Peer Review Process	199	\$ 74,374	\$ 13,644	\$ 60,730	18%
Inst of Continuing Jud Ed Administration	301	\$ 844,596	\$ 217,951	\$ 626,645	26%
Judicial Qualifications Commission	400	\$ 1,593,094	\$ 520,653	\$ 1,072,442	33%
State-wide Business Court	14207	\$ 1,997,160	\$ 708,908	\$ 1,288,252	35%
Resource Center	500	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -	100%
PAQC	550	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 386,575	\$ 738,425	34%
Separate Judicial Council Programs		\$ 7,785,742	\$ 2,539,527	\$ 4,121,215	33%
TOTAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL		\$ 26,262,541	\$ 10,936,081	\$ 14,201,460	42%



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

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Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
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Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia
FROM: Justice Benajmin Land
Chair, Standing Committee on Court Interpreters
RE: Committee on Court Interpreters Report
DATE: December 2, 2025

The following is a summary of activities and initiatives discussed at the Committee on Court Interpreters November 17th meeting.

After five years of distinguished leadership and steady stewardship of the Committee's work, Justice Carla W. McMillian stepped down as Chair. Throughout her tenure, she guided the Committee through significant initiatives aimed at strengthening interpreter standards, such as ushering in the approval of the 2024 Rules of Legal Court Interpreting in the State of Georgia, improving outreach, and enhancing the quality of language access across Georgia's courts.

With her transition, Justice Benjamin Land assumed the role of Chair, and presided over the recent November meeting.

The Committee received information concerning recent interpreter outreach efforts conducted by AOC Office of Court Professionals staff, including engagement with the University of Georgia (UGA), Kennesaw State University (KSU), and the Fulton Schools College and Career Academy. These initiatives aim to strengthen the pipeline of future court interpreters and expand awareness of credentialing and training opportunities.

Additionally, the Committee affirmed that interpreters holding an Apprentice designation will no longer receive interpreter identification cards.

The Committee also established an Interpreter Continuing Education Subcommittee, with Judge Norman Cuadra, Ms. Michelle Gonzalez, and Mr. Paul Panusky serving as members. This subcommittee is tasked with developing and implementing the newly adopted continuing education standards for court interpreters. In alignment with industry best practices, the professional development framework is designed to ensure that Georgia court interpreters maintain the highest levels of competence, accuracy, and ethical conduct in judicial proceedings.

The next COCI meeting is March 20, 2026. For more information about interpreters, email Program Manager Malcolm.Sinkfield@georgiacourts.gov.



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FROM THE CHAMBERS OF
NELS S.D. PETERSON
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SUPREME COURT REPORT December 2025

Now that Justice Land has settled into the Court, I have made several new Judicial Council assignments, as summarized below.

Judicial Council Committee	Chair/Co-Chair or Liaison
Access to Justice	Justice Colvin
Budget	Justice Bethel
Court Interpreters	Justice Land
Court Reporting Matters	Justice Land
Court/Commission* Rules (*along with liaison Justice)	Justice Colvin
Georgia Case Management System	Presiding Justice Warren Justice LaGrua
Judicial Workload Assessment	Justice LaGrua Justice Ellington
Judicial Security	Justice LaGrua
Justice for Children	Justice Bethel
Legislation	Presiding Justice Warren
Technology	Justice Land

As always, I appreciate my colleagues' willingness to undertake these additional responsibilities and their continued commitment to the work of the Judicial Council.



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Report to Judicial Council of Georgia
December 12, 2025 Meeting

The Court of Appeals judges continued to reach out and engage in community activities last quarter, and Presiding Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard was honored with one of the nation's highest judicial honors.

The National Center for State Courts honored Presiding Judge Dillard with the 30th annual William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence. This prestigious award recognizes a state court judge who demonstrates qualities of judicial excellence, including integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics, creativity, sound judgment, courage, and decisiveness. Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. presented Presiding Judge Dillard with the award at a ceremony held at the Supreme Court of the United States. The Court congratulates Judge Dillard on this monumental and well-deserved honor.

In September, Presiding Judge Sara Doyle welcomed visiting lawyers and paralegals from the JAG Corps of the Air National Guard, who toured the Nathan Deal Judicial Center. Later that month, Presiding Judge Christopher McFadden presided at the Judge Clarence Cooper American Inn of Court, where attorneys presented arguments about the Declaration of Independence to the Court of History.

On September 24, Presiding Judge Dillard, Judge Amanda Mercier, and Senior Judge C. Andrew Fuller heard oral arguments in Valdosta at the Lowndes County Historic Courthouse. Faculty and students from six local schools, including Valdosta State University, observed firsthand the judicial process at the appellate level, and then engaged in a lively question and answer session with the judges after the arguments ended.

A delegation from several African nations from the International Visitor Leadership Program visited the Court of Appeals. The delegation met with Presiding Judge McFadden and Presiding Judge Brian Rickman, who discussed Georgia's appellate procedures and system for establishing legal precedent.

On October 9, several judges attended the Red Mass and Awards Luncheon hosted by the St. Thomas More Society of Atlanta. This annual event celebrates the legal community with a special dedication to spiritual inspiration for lawyers, judges, and other public servants.

Trenton Brown
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Georgia



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VIA E-MAIL (petersonn@gasupreme.us)

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Supreme Court of Georgia
Chairman, Judicial Council of Georgia

Dear Chief Justice Peterson,

I hope you are well and are enjoying the start of the holiday season. The Georgia State-wide Business Court has submitted its quarterly report for inclusion with the materials for the December 12th Judicial Council General Session. This quarter's report, a copy of which is enclosed, notes that 134 cases have been filed in the Business Court since we opened in 2020. That represents a nearly 50% increase in the number of cases filed in 2025 compared to 2024.

To assist with those cases, the Court recently welcomed two new term clerks and will soon welcome our 17th class of interns and externs. Since 2020, we have hosted 11 law clerks and 66 student interns and externs. Our next class of students notably come from four of Georgia's law schools, reflecting our commitment to offer hands-on, experiential opportunities for law students throughout the State. In 2026, we look forward to continuing to work with our local law schools and judicial partners to provide enriching learning opportunities for students and young lawyers.

We wish you, the Judicial Council, and the Administrative Office of the Courts a safe and happy holiday season.

Best regards,

William "Bill" Grady Hamrick, III
Judge, Georgia State-wide Business Court

Enclosure

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EFFICIENT WITH GOVERNMENT FUNDS



1055

Orders issued

315 days

average disposition time for the 102 cases closed to date

10 days

Average wait time for an order on a ripe motion/request

SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE IN BUSINESS LAW



134

Cases filed since inception

113

Hearings

106

Case conferences conducted

3

Jury trials

RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF GEORGIA BUSINESSES



\$1.11 Billion

Approximate amount in controversy

16,698

online views of Court proceedings



13,357

online hours watched

*All data as of November 21, 2025.



Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia

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Council of Superior Court Judges Report to Judicial Council December 2025

The Council of Superior Court Judges (CSCJ) will hold its annual meeting and winter training conference in Athens on January 20-23, 2026. Planned topics for the educational seminar presented by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE) include sentencing in sex offense cases; DNA evidence; presiding over medical malpractice cases AI in the courts; jury charges in criminal cases; jury selection issues including *Batson* challenges; dealing with a difficult attorney in the courtroom; in camera inspections in sex offense cases; family law-parenting time deviations; RICO cases; and an update from the Department of Corrections. CSCJ will elect officers and receive committee reports at its business meeting.

On October 10, 2025, Judge Dustin W. Hightower of the West Georgia Circuit assumed the office of President and Judge Paige Reese Whitaker of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit assumed the office of President-Elect after the resignation of former President Judge Robert W. Guy, Jr. of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit. We thank Judge Guy for his service and wish him well. CSCJ elected Judge D. Jay Stewart of the Atlantic Circuit to fill the vacant office of Secretary-Treasurer for the term ending May 30, 2026. Judge Ann B. Harris of the Cobb Judicial Circuit will continue to serve as a member of the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President.

Chief Judge Alison Burleson of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit and Judge Robert McBurney, in conjunction with ICJE, trained new judges at the New Judge Orientation this week in Athens.

CSCJ congratulates Judge Jane Barwick of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit and Judge Fletcher Sams of the Griffin Judicial Circuit. Both judges have announced their retirement effective at the end of January. Governor Brian Kemp will appoint judges to fill both vacancies, as well as the vacancy in the Brunswick Judicial Circuit, and the new judgeships in the Alapaha Judicial Circuit, the Augusta Judicial Circuit, and the Douglas Judicial Circuit



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Report of the Council of State Court Judges **Judicial Council Meeting** **December 12, 2025**

The Council held its Fall Educational Conference at the Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens on October 15th – 17th. Over 100 Judges attended the Conference in person. The presentations included: AI for Court Management by Judge Scott Schlegel with the US 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. Other topics were: Case Management System Modernization by Sean Golan and Bharath Parthasarathy; a panel on Practical Application of Tort Reform with Judges Allison Salter, Jeff Hanson and Josh Thacker; Case Assistance Exchange moderated by Judge Michelle Helhoski; Voir Dire Best Practices with Judges Diane Bessen, Ronda Colvin and Jason Thompson; Media in the Courtroom with Judges Kelly Hill (Cobb Circuit), Scott McAfee and Robert McBurney (Fulton Circuit); Attorney's fees with Judges Susan Edlein and Eric Richardson; JQC Update by Ashton Murphy; Garnishments by Cobb Magistrate Court Judge Quinn Kasper; and Criminal Law Updates by Senior Judge Ben Studdard.



Justice Benjamin A. Land was the speaker at our Council banquet. In his address, the remarks on the role of Judges to the access of justice and the importance to the rule of law was inspirational and much appreciated.

The Council of State Court Judges mourns the recent passing of two Judges. Judge Ronald B. Ramsey of the State Court of DeKalb County who passed away in October. Prior to serving in the State Court, Judge Ramsey served his community as a Senator in the State Legislature beginning in 2006 until his appointment as Judge of the State Court in 2015. We also mourn the recent passing of Senior Judge Jesse T. Copelan, Jr., who served as State Representative for two terms and State Court Judge of Putnam County for three terms.

Judge R. Vi Bennett of the State Court of Wayne County was presented the Ogden Doremus / Kent Lawrence Award. The award is given to a State Court Judge that has

achieved the highest level of respect from his or her peers as being a Judge recognized for judicial ethics and professionalism on the bench and their involvement in their communities.



*Judge Vi Bennett presented
the Ogden Doremus / Kent
Lawrence Award by President
Chief Judge Greg Sapp*

The Bob Bray Award honors a judge, court administrator, or public official who has assisted the work of the State Courts and the Council of State Court Judges by improving the quality of justice that they deliver to the citizens in the communities they serve. This year the award was presented to Ms. Cynthia Clanton, Director of the Judicial Council's Administrative Office of the Courts. In remarks shared during the presentation, Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson of the Supreme Court of Georgia described Clanton as "a model of servant leadership," emphasizing that "her focus on customer service to Georgia's judges and courts is second to none, and she has shaped the AOC culture around that focus." Former Chief Justice Harold Melton added that Clanton's leadership "transformed the Administrative Office of the Courts through responsiveness, collaboration, and trust — she won the room slowly and steadily by serving others first.



*Immediate Past-President
Judge Jeff Hanson presents
Cynthia Clanton with the
Bob Bray Award for 2025.*

Almost 50 Judges participated in a Webinar by Ms. Haley Barrett, an instructor at the Georgia Ethics Commission, to learn about the new filing requirements for 2026 and 2027 as provided for by SB 199. The Executive Committee also voted to pursue a proposed amendment to Rule 36.10 of the Uniform Rules for State Courts.

The Council welcomes Kevin W. Drummond who was appointed to a new position as the second Judge to the State Court of Carroll County; and, Judge Susan S. Camp as a third Judge to the State Court of Douglas County.

Our Council congratulates Judge Ana Maria Martinez (State Court of DeKalb County) for recently being selected as one of the 2025 Hall of Fame 50 Most Influential Latinos in Georgia by the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. We also congratulate Judge Pete Temesgen (State Court of Muscogee

County) on his selection by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of **40 Under 40** leaders in Georgia. “They work in public service and private companies; they are CEOs and lawyers, culinary experts and medical professionals, educators and executive directors. And while all have undoubtedly excelled professionally, they are also known for giving back to their communities.” Judge Temesgen was also recently featured by his alma mater in the Princeton Alumni Weekly: “Pete Temesgen ’09 Built a Career as a Judge in a Small Georgia City.” Speaking of Columbus, Judge Temesgen said: “All the things I liked about it when I first visited — the people, the pace of life — just felt even more pleasant.”

Senior State Court Judge Ben Studdard was presented the Glen Ashman Education Award by Chief Judge Lisa Reeves, Chair, Municipal Court Training Council. The Glen Ashman award honors judges who exemplify judicial education through extensive time and efforts towards educating municipal court judges and (clerks). Senior Judge Ben Studdard was recently honored by the Council of Municipal Court Judges at their Fall Conference.

The Council congratulates Judge Vi Bennett (Wayne) on her swearing-in as Chair of the Board of Court Reporting.

Lastly, in November, Judges Jason Thompson (Fayette), Eddie Barker (Douglas), Alan Jordan (Cherokee), Eric Brewton (Cobb), Brian Fortner and Susan Camp (Douglas) attended DUI Court Tune Up Training by the Council of Accountability Court Judges.



Respectfully submitted,

Gregory V. Sapp

Chief Judge Gregory V. Sapp, President



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Since the Council's last report, the Juvenile Court Judges have had their 2025 Fall Conference at the University of Georgia's Continuing Education Center and Hotel in mid-October. At the conference, Senior Juvenile Court Judge Phil Spivey was presented with the Council's annual Judge Aaron Cohn Award. The Award is given to a judge who has made significant contributions to the Council and/or field of juvenile justice and child welfare. Ms. Benita Brown, a retired employee of the Council with over 30 years of service, was presented with the Council's annual Judge Martha K. Glaze Award. This Award is given to a non-judicial individual who has made significant contributions to the Council and/or field of juvenile justice and child welfare.

The Council staff and judges continue to collaborate closely with our partners at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), juvenile and superior court clerks, and representatives from JCATS, Tyler Technologies, and ICON. These efforts are focused on creating a meaningful and streamlined data pull of dependency cases across the state, as mandated by the General Assembly in the FY 2025 General Appropriations Act (HB 916) and in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-11-64.1.

Honorable Michelle Harrison, President, 2025-26



Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia

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Judge Christopher Ballar
Immediate Past President (Gwinnett)

Report to Judicial Council of Georgia December 12, 2025

The following is a summary of activities and current initiatives by the Council of Probate Court Judges:

CPCJ Leadership Retreat

Our Council's annual leadership retreat was held August 1-3, 2025, at the Chateau Elan Winery & Resort in Braselton. We are thankful to each of our invited judges who made time to attend and for their valuable feedback regarding the Council's priorities for this year. In addition, we would also like to offer special thanks to Sean Golan, Ben Luke, and Tracy Mason of the AOC and Bharath Parthasarathy of Slalom for being in attendance as well.

CPCJ Strategic Plan Retreat

Our Council's strategic plan retreat was held August 22-24, 2025, at the Hilton Peachtree City Atlanta Hotel & Conference Center in Peachtree City. During the retreat, our judges had the opportunity to discuss the issues and priorities relative to our class of court. Subsequently, the multi-year plan was approved in October by our Council's Executive Committee and full membership, respectively. We would like to thank Jim Poulakos of Glen Forest Consulting for assisting our Council with formulating our newly approved strategic plan.

2025 Fall COAG Conference

The annual Fall COAG Conference was held on October 20-22, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. As always, we extend our appreciation to the Probate Judges' Training Council and the staff of the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education for facilitating this event.

Judge Marc D'Antonio

In October, at its conference in Oklahoma City, the National Guardianship Association honored Judge Marc D'Antonio of the Muscogee County Probate Court as its NGA Member of the Year. We congratulate Judge D'Antonio who is one of our cherished colleagues and well-deserving of this recent recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Scott Chastain
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December 1, 2025

Judicial Council Report

The Council of Magistrate Court Judges had two training sessions this fall. Both were in Athens. The civil 40 hour for new judges in late August and our Fall Recertification meeting in early October at the Classic Center. We received great feedback from the attendees on both the classes and the venue for both training sessions.

Our legislative agenda was continued since the two items of legislation are still live from last year. These two items were discussed and approval was continued. The first is the bill allowing a constitutional amendment that would make probate judge elections nonpartisan. Our council received enormous support from our Probate judges to get our bill passed that allows for nonpartisan elections. It is now our turn to support the Probate Council as they try to get a similar bill passed. Since a constitutional question would not be relevant til 2026, this bill only passed the house and is still live this year.

The second bill is our retirement bill that needs a small revision that will help all the chiefs across the state. Since retirement bills are required to be a 2 year process this bill is also still pending for January.

We are also planning our Magistrate Day at the Capitol for February of next year. We had been doing this concurrently with the Probate Judges for the last few years. We plan to have another concurrent day with them next year as well. We do not have a date set yet but hope to have one in mid-December.

Our training council is busy working with ICJE and wrapping up administrative tasks for the end of year. In addition, they have been already reviewing last year's curriculum and planning curriculum for both the criminal 40 hour and the recertification seminars for next year.

Finally, we had our first quarterly meeting with our District Reps in late September. We invited the District Court Administrators (DCAs) and two were able to attend in person. The meeting mostly focused on recusals, but also on how we can better help our DCAs to support us if needed. Our next meeting is over zoom on December 5, and we will again include DCAs as this open line of communication has been invaluable.

During that meeting we also decided to develop a bench card for our judges about recusals vs judicial assistance. Judge Alex Myers and ED Sharon Reiss have almost completed this task.



Council of Accountability Court Judges

Presiding Judge Thomas L. Cole
Executive Committee

Taylor Jones
Executive Director

Council of Accountability Court Judges Report to Judicial Council December 2025

Since the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) last reported to the Judicial Council, the organization hosted its annual training conference from September 14–17, 2025, in Athens, Georgia. This year’s event was especially meaningful, as it marked CACJ’s 10th anniversary. In recognition of this milestone, Governor Brian P. Kemp issued a proclamation declaring September 15–19, 2025, as “Council of Accountability Court Judges Week” in Georgia. Signed on July 21, 2025, the proclamation was formally presented during the conference by the Honorable Thomas L. Cole, Presiding Judge of the Chatham County Anchor Court and Chair of CACJ’s Executive Committee, to Ms. Taylor Jones, CACJ Executive Director. Among the many highlights of the event was a special plenary session titled “*A Look Back at the Beginnings of Georgia’s Accountability Courts and the Creation of the Council of Accountability Court Judges*,” featuring former Governor Nathan Deal, whose visionary leadership was instrumental in the development of Georgia’s accountability court system and the founding of CACJ.

As part of its 10th anniversary celebration, CACJ recognized the 2025 Model Adult Felony Drug Courts selected to serve as model courts and learning sites through 2027. The Model Court Program highlights accountability courts that demonstrate exemplary performance and strong adherence to Georgia’s Standards, as shown through certification and peer review outcomes. All certified Adult Felony Drug Courts were evaluated using objective criteria, with final selections made by CACJ’s Nominations Committee, a group of judges representing all court types. The committee is committed to selecting model courts that reflect the diversity of Georgia’s communities and serve as mentors for other programs statewide. The following courts have been designated as the 2025 Model Adult Felony Drug Courts, recognizing their outstanding performance and commitment to best practices:

- The Appalachian Judicial Circuit Drug Court is presided over by Chief Judge Brenda Weaver.
- The Carroll County Drug Court is presided over by Judge Dustin Hightower.
- The Cherokee Judicial Circuit Drug Court is presided over by Chief Judge D. Scott Smith.
- The Colquitt County Drug Court is presided over by Chief Judge Brian A. McDaniel.
- The Forsyth County Drug Court is presided over by Chief Judge Jeffrey Bagley.
- The Muscogee County Drug Court is presided over by Judge Maureen Gottfried.
- The Newton County Drug Court is presided over by Chief Judge W. Kendall Wynne, Jr.
- The Rome/Floyd County Drug Court is presided over by Judge William F. Sparks.
- The South Enotah Judicial Circuit Drug Court is presided over by Judge Raymond George.
- The Western Judicial Circuit Drug Court is presided over by Judge Lawton Stephens.

On November 7, 2025, CACJ's Funding Committee convened to review both mid-year grant applications and proposals submitted under the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust (GOCAT) opportunity. As a result of this review:

- The committee was awarded \$425,667 through the FY26 Enhancement and Innovative Grant program.
- An additional \$267,636 was awarded through the FY26 Accountability Court Law Enforcement Grant program.
- Finally, the committee awarded \$1,282,151 in funding through the GOCAT Grant program.

Looking ahead to 2026, CACJ remains committed to advancing and strengthening Georgia's accountability courts through sustained judicial leadership, strategic collaboration with stakeholders, and data-driven decision-making. The Council will continue to prioritize expanding access to high-quality programming, encouraging local innovation, and promoting long-term sustainability across all court types. By cultivating strong partnerships and maintaining a clear, forward-thinking vision, CACJ aims to ensure that accountability courts continue to deliver meaningful outcomes for participants and contribute to safer, healthier communities across the state.



GEORGIA COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The following provides an update on the recent activities and ongoing work of the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution:

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32nd Annual ADR Institute

The 32nd Annual ADR Institute was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center. Chair M. Cindy Morris opened the program and welcomed the 608 registered attendees. Of those, 191 participated in person and 417 joined by livestream.

Plenary speaker Kwame Christian, Esq., M.A., a nationally recognized negotiation expert and CEO of the American Negotiation Institute, delivered two highly engaging sessions on effective negotiation and the role of strategic curiosity in difficult conversations. Attendees gained practical tools and insights to sharpen their skills.



The Commission is grateful for the assistance of many partners and individuals who helped ensure the success of the Institute; specifically, we thank Cynthia Clanton, Director of the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts, for her continued support. Special appreciation is extended to Division Director Noelle Lagueux Alvarez and her team: Mr. Bruce Shaw for utilizing his photography skills to capture the days' events and staff from the Georgia Child Support Commission Ms. Joanna Deering, Mr. Kurt Bryan, and Mr. Lazaro Quintanilla whose presence and informational table were well received by attendees. The Commission also thanks Ben Luke, Chief Technology Officer, and his team for their extensive support. We are especially grateful to Kristy King for her oversight of the conference ticketing system and to Amber Range and Audrianna Smith of the Georgia Courts Registrar team for assisting attendees onsite with neutral registration renewal.

The event also benefited from the service of student volunteers from Georgia State University College of Law; Atlanta's John Marshall Law School; Kennesaw State University's School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development; and the University of Georgia School of Law. Their professionalism and enthusiasm contributed significantly to the smooth execution of the program.

We also acknowledge our 2025 Institute sponsors: [Henning Mediation and Arbitration Services, Inc.](#) (Diamond Sponsor); [IAMS](#) and [FourthParty](#)



GEORGIA COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

(Platinum Sponsors); [American Arbitration Association](#) (AAA), [Kennesaw State University Center for Conflict Management](#), and the [Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire](#) (Gold Sponsors); and [Miles Mediation & Arbitration](#) (Silver Sponsor). The Commission is grateful for their ongoing support of dispute resolution in Georgia.

2025 Chief Justice Harold G. Clarke Award



(L-R) Judge Carrie B. Markham, GCDR Chair-Elect, Chief Judge M. Cindy Morris, GCDR Chair, Caleb Davies, Tracy B. Johnson, GODR Executive Director; and Hal Gray, GCDR member

The Commission and the Dispute Resolution Section of the State Bar of Georgia proudly announced Mr. Caleb Davies as the recipient of the 2025 Chief Justice Harold G. Clarke Award. The award, recognizing outstanding contributions to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in Georgia, was presented on November 19 during the 32nd Annual ADR Institute.

Mr. Caleb Davies served as a Circuit Mediator with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit from 1997 until his retirement in

2024. Over his career, he conducted more than two thousand appellate mediations and became Acting Chief Circuit Mediator in 2012 and Chief Circuit Mediator in 2014. Before joining the Court, he spent fifteen years in private practice as a mediator, arbitrator, trainer, and attorney, and contributed significantly to the development of ADR at both the national and state level. He is a graduate of Emory University School of Law.

The Clarke Award honors the legacy of Chief Justice Harold G. Clarke, whose leadership from 1990-1994 established Georgia's ADR system. Today, this system helps resolve tens of thousands of civil cases annually.

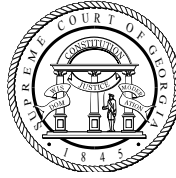
2025 & 2026 Commission Meeting Dates

The final meeting of the Commission for 2025 will be held on December 10 at 11 a.m. in Dalton. During this meeting the Commission will recognize Chief Judge M. Cindy Morris for her service as Chair.

The Commission will meet on the following dates in 2026: February 25 (*in person in Newnan*); May 13 (*virtual*); August 19 (*virtual*); and December 9 (*in-person*). Meeting information as well as minutes from past meetings are posted on the GODR website at www.godr.org.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM

Hon. Nels S.D. Peterson, Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Georgia, Chair



Karlise Y. Grier
Executive Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia

FROM: Karlise Y. Grier, Executive Director

RE: Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

DATE: December 12, 2025

The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (Commission), the first body of its kind in the nation, was created in 1989 by the Supreme Court of Georgia with the primary charge to enhance professionalism among Georgia's judges and lawyers. **Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson** serves as the current Chair of the Commission. Other judges who serve on the Commission are as follows: **Judge Elizabeth Gobeil** for the Court of Appeals of Georgia; **Judge Benjamin S. Richardson** (Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit) for the Council of Superior Court Judges; and **Chief Judge Jeffrey B. Hanson** (State Court of Bibb County) for the Council of State Court Judges. **Judge Steven D. Grimberg** serves on the Commission for the federal judiciary. **Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua** is the Supreme Court of Georgia advisor to the Commission. You may find a complete list of Commission members, advisors, and liaisons at the Commission's website at <https://cjcpga.org/commission-members-2025-2026/>. A brief update of some of the Commission's activities as of November 26, 2025, is as follows.

COMMISSION ASSISTANCE WITH BAR ASSOCIATION AND SECTION PROFESSIONALISM CLE PROGRAMS

The Commission's Executive Director is available to assist State Bar of Georgia sections, local and voluntary Bar associations, and other law-related organizations with their professionalism CLE programming. Please contact the Commission's Executive Director if you would like assistance in planning a professionalism CLE program or if you would like to have the Commission's Executive Director to make a professionalism presentation to your organization. Please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Karlise Y. Grier, via e-mail at kygrier@cjcpga.org for information or assistance.

THE 26TH ANNUAL JUSTICE ROBERT BENHAM AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Commission, in partnership with the Georgia Legal History Foundation (GLHF), will host the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service (CSA26). The Commission accepted

nominations for CSA26 from **Monday, September 15, 2025, until Tuesday, November 11, 2025**. The Commission's Benham Awards Selection Committee, chaired by **Attorney Michael D. Hobbs, Jr.**, Partner, Troutman, Pepper, Locke, met on November 20, 2025, and the Commission hopes to publicly announce the proposed award recipients by December 15, 2025. **Attorney LaToya Simone Williams** and **Mr. David M. "Dave" Paule**, Principal and Managing Director, Our Fundraising Search, co-chair the Benham Awards Planning Committee. **The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center on Tuesday, April 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., with a reception to follow.** Please save the date and plan to join us.

For more information regarding the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service, visit: <https://cjcpga.org/benhamcsa26/>



COMMISSION 2026 CONVOCATION ON PROFESSIONALISM AND THE RULE OF LAW

The Commission has authorized the Commission's Executive Director to plan the Commission's 2026 Convocation, which will focus on ***Professionalism and The Rule of Law***. Planning for the Convocation is in its initial stages and is slated to occur during the Fall or Winter of 2026. Please look for additional details about the Convocation in the Commission's February 2026, Judicial Council memorandum.

JOINT CLE PROGRAM WITH STATE BAR OF GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONALISM AND STATE BAR OF GEORGIA YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

The Commission is in the early stages of discussions with the State Bar of Georgia Committee on Professionalism and the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia to provide information and encouragement to lawyers who might consider running for the Georgia General Assembly. Commission member, **Professor Clark D. Cunningham**, has offered to assist with the program.

CLE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS BY THE STATE BAR OF GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONALISM AND STAFFED BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission staffs the State Bar of Georgia Committee on Professionalism (Committee), which is chaired by **Mr. Carlos Vilela** for the 2025-2026 Bar year. **Ms. J. Maria Waters** serves as the Committee's Vice-Chair of the 2025-2026 Committee. Some of the Committee's initiatives are summarized below.

2025 LAW SCHOOL ORIENTATIONS ON PROFESSIONALISM

The Commission funds in part and provides staff support for the Committee's work on the Law School Orientations on Professionalism. **Ms. Maria Waters** was the Chair of the 2024-2025 Law School Orientations

on Professionalism sub-committee that planned the August 2025 law school orientations. **Ms. Samantha Beskin-Schemer** was the Vice Chair of the 2024-2025 sub-committee. **Ms. Samantha Beskin-Schemer** is also serving as Chair of the Law School Orientations on Professionalism sub-committee during the 2025-2026 Bar year.

The orientations are designed to provide incoming first-year law students with their first introduction to professionalism. Georgia judges and lawyers served as “Group Leaders” during the orientations to help students learn the meaning of professionalism and why it is important for them as law students. Neither the Committee, nor the law schools, nor the Commission could offer the orientations without the help of our hundreds (literally) of volunteer attorney and judge Group Leaders and professionalism plenary speakers. In addition, the support of the law school partners is invaluable to the Committee and the Commission. To each and every one of our Group Leaders, professionalism plenary speakers, and law school partners, both the Committee and the Commission say thank you! A summary of the 2025 Fall Law School Orientations on Professionalism is as follows.

2025 Law Schools Orientations on Professionalism Summary Chart				
Name of School	Date	# of Students	# Group Leaders	Professionalism Speaker
Atlanta's John Marshall Law School	August 2, 2025	131	38	Judge Eric Richardson State Court of Fulton County
Emory University Law School	August 14, 2025	415	50	Judge Steven D. Grimberg U.S. District Court Northern District of Georgia
Georgia State University Law School	August 12, 2025	260	27	Justice Andrew A. Pinson Supreme Court of Georgia
Mercer University Law School	August 8, 2025	155	19	Justice Verda M. Colvin Supreme Court of Georgia
University of Georgia School of Law	August 15, 2025	205	31	Dean Andrea Dennis Assoc. Dean for Academic Affairs
Totals		1,166	165	

For additional information regarding the Law School Orientations on Professionalism, including a complete list of the 2025 Group Leaders and the orientation evaluation results, please visit <http://cjcpga.org/law-school-orientations-on-professionalism-2025/>.



LAW DAY 2026

As you plan your May 2026 calendars, please consider scheduling time for a 2026 Law Day activity on a date and at a time and place of your choosing. Each year, the State Bar, along with many other bar associations and legal organizations, partner with the American Bar Association to promote Law Day. **The 2026 Law Day Theme is *The Rule of Law and the American Dream***. The leaders for the State Bar's 2026 Law Day initiative are **the Honorable Ashley Palmer**, Judge, State Court of Cobb County; **Attorney Denise Warner**, Senior Staff Attorney to the Honorable Brian E. Lake, Superior Court of DeKalb County; and **Attorney Marlan J. Eller**, Staff Attorney to Judge Howard C. Kaufold, Jr., Oconee Judicial Circuit. The State Bar's Law Day sub-committee will send suggested talking points to volunteers regarding the 2026 Law Day Theme by May 1st.

The Law Day sub-committee was pleased that lawyers and/or judges in at least five (5) out of the ten judicial circuits participated in the Bar's Law Day 2025 activities. Under the leadership of **Attorney Denise Warner**, the Law Day sub-committee drafted suggested talking points for the judges and lawyers who presented about the 2025 Law Day theme. Commission Member, **Judge Jeff Hanson**, spoke to 4th Graders at the Academy for Classical Education in Macon (Judicial District 3) for Law Day 2025. **Judge Kimberly A. Alexander** (Judicial District 4) hosted the first official Decatur High School Legal Career Symposium on Friday, May 2, 2025, to educate students about different careers in the legal field and to commemorate Law Day 2025. Dodge County Juvenile Court **Judge Stephanie Burton (Judicial District 8)** made a 2025 Law Day presentation to Dodge County Elementary school's student council on May 12, 2025. With the assistance of **Judge Cheveda D. McCamy** (Judicial District 10), the Law Day Committee planned and held as a pilot project – a Law Day 2025 Social Media Contest – for Newton High School students. The pilot project was a great success; therefore, the Law Day Committee has secured Dodge County High School (Judicial District 8) as a second pilot project location for Law Day 2026. Attorneys also organized Law Day events in Judicial Districts 5. Photos from the law day events with the judges are below.



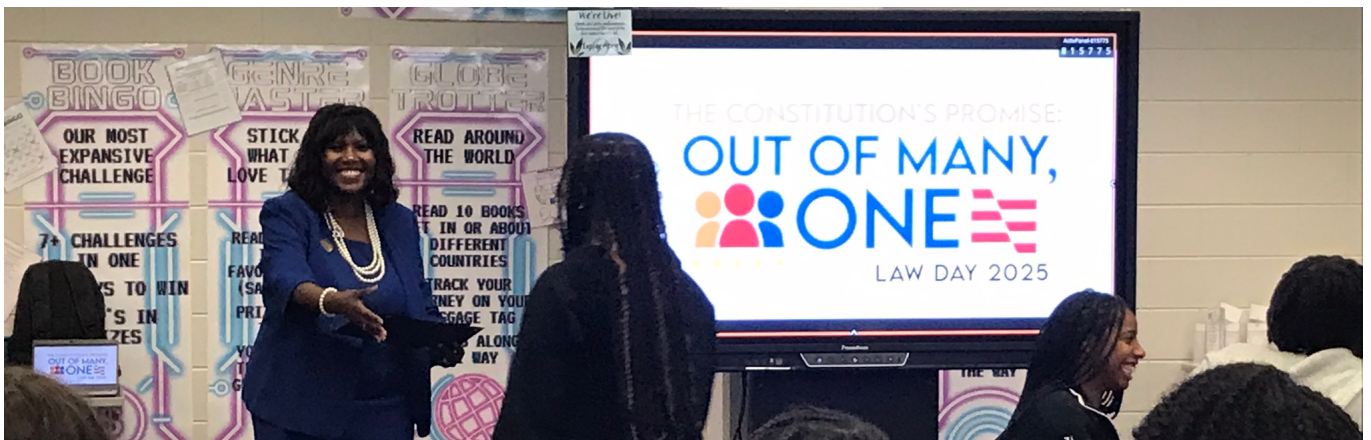
Judge Jeff Hanson (Judicial District 3)
Chief Judge, State Court of Bibb County



Judge Kimberly A. Alexander (Judicial District 4)
State Court of DeKalb County



Judge Stephanie Burton (Judicial District 8)
Dodge County Juvenile Court



Judge Cheveda D. McCamy (Judicial District 10)
Superior Court, Alcovy Judicial Circuit

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Law Day 2025 a great success! Please look for a link to volunteer for Law Day 2026 in the Commission's February 2026, Judicial Council memorandum.

CONNECT WITH A COLLEAGUE CONTEST

The Committee's Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee is co-chaired by **Ms. Cathy Hampton** and **Ms. Samantha M. Mullis** with staff support from the Commission. In 2023, 2024, and 2025, the Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee received gubernatorial proclamations declaring April as Legal Professionalism Month. The original idea to seek a proclamation for a Legal Professionalism Month was that of Mr. Carlos Vilela, the current Chair of the Bar's Committee on Professionalism. At its meeting on September 10, 2025,

the Bar's Committee on Professionalism approved the Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee's request to submit a proposed resolution declaring April 2026 as Legal Professionalism month. On September 30, 2025, Ms. Cathy Hampton and Ms. Samantha M. Mullis presented the proposal to the Bar's Advisory Committee on Legislation, which also approved the proposal. At its meeting on October 11, 2025, the Board of Governors approved the proposal for inclusion in the Bar's legislative program for the upcoming Georgia General Assembly session. The Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee also anticipates holding its 3rd Connect With A Colleague Contest March 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026.

For more information about the Connect With A Colleague contest on its website at <https://cjcpga.org/cwac/>.



SPEAKERS AND WRITERS BUREAU

The Speakers and Writers Bureau sub-committee of the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism is currently co-chaired by **Mr. Kevin Patrick** and **Mr. Michael Perez**. The sub-committee had its first sub-committee meeting of this Bar year on October 20, 2025. The sub-committee decided to organize at least two CLEs during 2026, one of which will be geared towards transactional attorneys and which will be held in February 2026. **Mr. Taewoo Paul Nam**, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Bluefin Payment System and a new member of the State Bar's Committee on Professionalism, will moderate the February CLE entitled ***Artificial Intelligence: Innovation without Regulation***. The panel will discuss the professionalism and ethical issues the topic raises. The currently confirmed panelists are as follows: **Mr. Norm Brothers** (UPS Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Compliance Officer); **Mr. Jonathan Lippert** (General Counsel, Porsche Financial Services) and **Professor Nancy B. Rapoport, J.D.**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law. The Committee is in the process of confirming a fourth invited panelist. The sub-committee has also decided to consider working on a broader AI program for attorneys from a cross-section of practice areas in March 2026. **Judge Rhonda B. Kreuziger**, a Committee member is part of the planning team and has offered to moderate the March 2026 program.

PROFESSIONALISM PAGE ARTICLES

The Commission communicates with lawyers and judges through the Professionalism Page that appears in each issue of the Georgia Bar Journal, which is published four times per year. The Summer 2025 Georgia Bar Journal Professionalism Page entitled ***25th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service*** is attached as "Exhibit A." Many of the Commission's Professionalism Page articles are available on the Commission's website at the following link: <https://cjcpga.org/georgia-bar-journal-articles/>.

COMMISSION WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We invite you to visit the Commission website, www.cjcpga.org. The Commission also enjoys communicating with judges and lawyers about #professionalism on the Commission's social media platforms. Connect with us!

X (f/k/a Twitter): <https://x.com/CJCPGA>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cjcpga/>

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cjcpga/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cjcpga2/>



25th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service

The awards ceremony was held in April at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center in Atlanta.

BY KARLISE Y. GRIER

On April 15, 2025, Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson welcomed award recipients and other guests to the Supreme Court of Georgia for the 25th Annual Justice Robert

Benham Awards for Community Service (CSA25). Since 1998, the prestigious statewide awards have been presented to honor lawyers and judges in Georgia who have made significant contributions to

their communities and who demonstrate the positive contributions of members of the State Bar of Georgia beyond their legal or official work. Sarah “Sally” Lockwood, who served as the assistant director of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism when the Benham Awards were established, recalled:

Early in his tenure as chief justice and chair of the Commission on Professionalism, Justice Benham expressed his concern about the declining numbers of lawyers involved in community and public service. He proposed that the Commission explore means of heightening the community and public service aspects of professionalism and stated his deep conviction, ‘That’s what the law is all about—improving the quality of life for all our citizens.’ He then asked the Commission to create a Community Service Task Force, composed of members of the bench and bar, to develop goals and strategies for promoting civic mindedness and public spiritedness among Georgia lawyers



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Justice Robert Benham and Sally Lockwood, former assistant director of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, at the 2025 Benham Awards.

and judges. The first recommendation of the Task Force was the creation of the Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service to honor Justice Benham and give continuing impetus to the Commission's renewed focus on community and public service. After the Commission's and the State Bar's enthusiastic approval, the first awards were presented at the Annual Meeting of the State Bar on June 18, 1998, in Atlanta.

The concern that lawyers should serve and lead pre-dated Justice Benham's focus on the issue, however. In a May 1989 *Georgia Bar Journal* article entitled "Professionalism: Repaying the Debt," Justice Harold Clarke, one of the founders of Georgia's Professionalism movement, also noticed a decline in the willingness of lawyers to serve and lead, and encouraged them to reassert these commitments.¹

The award recipients of CSA25 served in a wide gamut of ways, including board service, mentoring, delivering furniture to the formerly unhoused. They demonstrated that whatever gifts or talents a lawyer has, there is a way in which the lawyer can serve his or her community. In what ways are you serving your community?

The CSA25 awards ceremony was a tremendous success because of the hard work of many individuals whom I would like to thank. First, the Commission appreciates the work of the Benham Awards Selection Committee members who determined the awards recipients.

Benham Awards Selection Committee

Hon. Joy Lampley-Fortson, *chair*
Thua G. Barlay
Hon. Joshua Clark Bell
John Michael Dugan
Jena G. Emory
Terrica Redfield Ganzy



Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson welcomed award recipients and other guests to the 25th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service.

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Laverne Lewis Gaskins
Michael D. Hobbs Jr.
Chung H. Lee
William J. Liss
Jennifer Mock
Cindy Wang
Hon. Brenda Carol Youmas
Hon. Herbert E. Phipps, *honorary member*

CSA25 Planning Committee

LaToya S. Williams, *chair*
Hon. William P. "Bill" Adams
Ann Baird Bishop
William C. "Bill" Gentry
Norbert D. "Bert" Hummel IV
Gerond J. Lawrence
Kenneth A. Mitchell
Scott Mills
Cathy L. Scarver

Cathy Clark Tyler
Jeff Smith
Cathy Hampton
Shinnay Richards
Anissa Floyd
Jasmine Smith Reaves

Event Day Volunteers

Dr. Sparkle Adams
Samantha Beskin-Schemer
Ann Baird Bishop
Jena G. Emory
Ira L. Foster
Elicia N. Hargrove
Noah Henley
Azalea Hutchins
Eryn Jenkins
Gerond J. Lawrence
Yiyang Liu



(Front row, left to right) Cathy Cox, Steven J. Labovitz, Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Justice Robert Benham, Nell Benham and Hon. Sonja N. Brown. (Back row, left to right) Annette Ellington Dious, Wade W. Herring II, Hon. William H. McClain, Hon. Bryan C. Ramos and Karlise Y. Grier.

Julie Ly
Kermit McRae
Yaritz Meja
Paula Myrick
Trang Nguyen
Uche Nibo
Aliyah Perez
Yaremi N. Canas Periban
Ky Nguyen "Oscar" Pham
Adrianna Prosdocimo
Jasmine Smith Reaves
Shinnay Richards
Cathy L. Scarver
Michayla Stephens
LaToya S. Williams
Angie Wright-Rheaves
Joleigh Yim
Ranee Zilton

Program Participants

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Justice Robert Benham
William J. Liss
Jeffrey M. Smith
LaToya S. Williams

The Commission also thanks the justices and the staff of the Supreme Court of Georgia for their assistance; in particular, Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Justice Andrew A. Pinson, former Chief Justice Michael P. Boggs and former Chief Justice Robert Benham for their guidance regarding the Benham Awards. The Commission also thanks Therese "Tee" Barnes, Tia C. Milton, Lynnita Terrell, Bob McAteer, Mike Harkness, Ashley Rankins, Anita Harrison, Marti Head, Sgt. Dexter Harden and all of the staff of the Supreme Court of Georgia who helped to make this event possible. Thank you also to Michael D. Hobbs Jr., a former Benham Award recipient and a member of the Selection Committee, for his work in helping to update the selection criteria.

In addition, the Commission thanks its fundraising partner, the Georgia Legal History Foundation, and in particular John C. Bell, Gregory K. Smith and Kathie N. Daniel, for their assistance.

Thank you to the members, advisors and liaisons of the Chief Justice's Com-

mission on Professionalism for your service. Also, Zaria Page, former administrative and communications specialist for the Commission, and Erin Nicole Smith, Commission intern, for their work during the ceremony. For more information regarding the 25th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service, visit cbcpga.org/benhamcsa25. ●



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Endnote

1. See Harold G. Clarke, *Professionalism: Repaying the Debt*, 25 GA. ST. B.J. 170 (1989). See also <https://cjcpga.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/25-GSBJ-170-1989-Professionalism-Repaying-the-Debt.-Harold-Clarke-ethics-minimum.pdf>.

THANK YOU, SPONSORS

The Commission is grateful to the 27 sponsors who made the awards ceremony possible since no Commission professionalism fees are used to fund the awards ceremonies. Also, thanks to fundraising partner, the Georgia Legal History Foundation, for its assistance and support.

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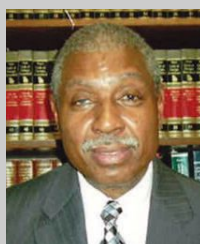
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25th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service Recipients

Lifetime Achievement Award



Cathy Cox
Georgia College
& State University



Kenneth Dious
Kenneth Dious
& Associates

District Award



Hon. Sonja N. Brown
Superior Court, Cobb
Judicial Circuit



Steven J. Labovitz
Dentons US LLP



Hon. Bryan C. Ramos
Municipal Court
of Brookhaven



Wade W. Herring II
HunterMaclean



Hon. William H. McClain
Superior Court, Douglas
Judicial Circuit

Nominations for the 26th Annual Benham Awards will open on or about Sept. 15. Information about the eligibility criteria and nominations process will be available at cjcpnga.org/nominationsbenhamcsa.



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The Georgia Council of Court Administrators (GCCA) continues its mission to provide court administrators and managers with the education, training, and networking opportunities necessary to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of Georgia's courts. Below is an update on our ongoing initiatives and upcoming events.

GCCA Swears in New Executive Board

On September 23, 2025, GCCA administered the oath of office to its new Executive Board. The Executive Board is comprised of the Executive Committee, Lindsay Mobley (President), Kimberly Ciccaglione (President-Elect), Abby Carter (Vice President), Justin Dobson (Treasurer), Mallory Minor (Secretary), and Tim Ezell (Immediate Past President). In addition to the Executive Committee, the Executive Board is comprised of five board members, Katie Young, DeAndre Moore, Torian Weldon, Mark Spaulding, and Darlene Mitchell. The new Board is looking forward to delivering the same level of resources, training, and opportunities that has come to be associated with our professional organization through the years. 2026 is all about ethics and purposes and responsibilities of the courts, two NACM Core Competencies that guide our everyday job performances.

Georgia Court Administrators Week

On August 8, 2025, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed a Proclamation declaring September 22–26, 2025 as Georgia Court Administrators Week, in recognition of our Fall Conference and the contributions of court leaders across the state. To commemorate this honor, we were honored with a photo opportunity with Governor and First Lady Kemp on October 15, 2025. As always, we truly value the support of GCCA by our state leaders and look forward to working closely with them in the coming year.

2026 Fall Conference

We are pleased to report that our Fall Conference was successfully held from March 23-26, 2025, at Callaway Resort & Gardens. The conference theme, "From Vision to Victory: Strategic Planning for Court Leaders," provided attendees with valuable insights and strategies to navigate the complexities of court administration. Chris Womack, Chairman, President and CEO of Southern Company served as our keynote speaker, offering an invaluable perspective on leadership and strategic planning.

Upcoming Spring Conference & Annual Business Meeting

We look forward to our Spring Conference scheduled for March 8-14, 2026, at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Georgia. This event will focus on ethics and purposes and responsibilities of courts, bringing together court leaders from across the state to exchange best practices and collaborate on initiatives to strengthen Georgia's courts. The conference theme, "Grounded in Purpose, Guided by Ethics," aims to equip attendees with the tools necessary for effective court management.

The GCCA remains steadfast in its dedication to equipping court administrators and court managers with the tools and knowledge needed to excel in their roles. We thank the Judicial Council of Georgia and our valued partners for their continued support in advancing our mission. We look forward to another impactful year of training, collaboration, and professional growth.

Lindsay Mobley

Lindsay Mobley, President



To: ICJE Board of Trustees
Court of Class Constituents

From: Lynne Moore Nelson, Esq.
Executive Director, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

RE: Executive Director Monthly Report – September Financials

Date: October 30, 2025

This report provides a financial overview and program updates for ICJE and its constituent groups.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Attached is the Financial Report, a PDF outlining year-to-date revenues and expenditures for all ICJE constituent groups.

In partnership with a CPA firm, AOC Fiscal Office, and UGA Law School Business Office, this report addresses four key questions:

1. How much funding did ICJE receive on behalf of the Councils?
2. From whom was the funding received?
3. How were the funds allocated and spent?
4. What is the remaining balance?

The report details all revenue sources, including appropriations, CJE support fees, contracted fees, and grants, along with related expenditures. The AOC fiscal manager has verified the report's accuracy. An AOC financial source document is also included for review.

MONTHLY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

New Policies Effective January 1, 2026

As noted at the Board's October 10 meeting, two new policies will take effect to strengthen the accountability and engagement in continuing judicial education.

1. No-Show Policy

- a. Learners who miss a scheduled training without written notice at least three (3) business days in advance will be marked as No-Show.
- b. First occurrence: Excused
- c. Second occurrence: \$50 fee
- d. Third occurrence: \$50 fee and a written letter to the Class of Court Education Chair addressing the attendance issue

2. Synchronous Training Participation ("Camera On") Policy



To ensure active engagement and maintain the integrity of continuing education credit, learners must keep their cameras on for at least 75% of the training session. Failure to meet this requirement may result in removal from the session and loss of continuing education credit hours.

FALL 2025 TRAINING SUMMARY

ICJE delivered five major training programs during the Fall term, serving 520 learners and providing 74 continuing judicial education hours.

- **Municipal Court Judges' Fall 20-Hour Certification and Law & Practice Update**
UGA Center for Continuing Education, Athens
109 learners, 16 hours
- **Magistrate Court Judges' Fall Recertification**
The Classic Center, Athens
106 learners, 12 hours
- **Juvenile Court Judges' Fall Conference**
UGA Center for Continuing Education, Athens
111 learners, 16 hours
- **State Court Judges' Fall Conference**
Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain
100 learners, 16 hours
- **Probate Court Judges' Fall COAG Conference**
Hyatt Regency, Savannah
94 learners, 14 hours

ICJE IN PICTURES

Municipal Court Judges' Fall 20-Hour Certification, Law & Practice Update at UGA Center for Continuing Education, Athens



JQC Deputy Director Ashton Murphy

On behalf of the ICJE team, thank you for your continued support.



FY2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

SEPTEMBER 1 – 30, 2025

FOR REVENUE AND EXPENSES ADMINISTERED BY ICJE OF GEORGIA*

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**To promote constituent confidence and to foster transparency, this information is made available to all ICJE constituent groups. These reports include ICJE – administered expenses only. For ICJE – administered expenses, any ICJE – maintained document (e.g. contract, invoice, travel reimbursement claim, etc.) is available for review upon request. These expenditures do not include any event expense authorized or administered by a constituent group's leadership or educational apparatus that was not administered by ICJE.*

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INSTITUTE OF CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION

AOC - Fund Source: 01 Project Code: 301

UGA - Project RADOC000197980A

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 844,596.00	\$ 844,596.00	\$ 789,187.90	\$ 687,093.82										
2	PERSONNEL	FY2026 Budget	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 683,766.00	\$ -	\$ 97,878.45	\$ 54,693.17										\$ -
4	Total Personnel	\$ 683,766.00	\$ -	\$ 97,878.45	\$ 54,693.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152,571.62
5	OPERATING	FY2026 Budget	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
6	Board of Trustees' Meetings	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	IT - Communications - AOC	\$ 60,085.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 456.12										\$ 456.12
8	IT - Communications - UGA		\$ 51.86	\$ 51.86	\$ -										\$ 103.72
9	IT - Internet		\$ -	\$ 2,965.86	\$ 1,482.93										\$ 4,448.79
10	IT - Copier		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166.30										\$ 166.30
11	IT - Copier Overages		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.19										\$ 1.19
12	IT - Equipment		\$ 1,818.72	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 1,818.72
13	IT - Equipment Materials		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
14	IT - Software Mgmt Renewal		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143.50										\$ 143.50
15	IT - Software Subscriptions		\$ 3.90	\$ 5.40	\$ 267.30										\$ 276.60
16	IT - Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
17	Office Supplies	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 157.58	\$ 158.17	\$ 346.70										\$ 662.45
18	Professional Fees	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
19	Publications & Printing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	Rent	\$ 52,536.60	\$ 52,536.60	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 52,536.60
21	Travel	\$ 6,700.00	\$ -	\$ 106.40	\$ 2,148.41										\$ 2,254.81
22	Utilities	\$ 10,208.00	\$ 830.49	\$ 927.94	\$ 742.79										\$ 2,501.22
23	Other	\$ 500.40	\$ 8.95	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 8.95
24	Total Operating	\$ 160,830.00	\$ 55,408.10	\$ 4,215.63	\$ 5,755.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,378.97
25	Monthly Personnel & Operating Totals		\$ 55,408.10	\$ 102,094.08	\$ 60,448.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217,950.59
26	Total Remaining Funds		\$ 789,187.90	\$ 687,093.82	\$ 626,645.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

STATE COURT JUDGES

Fund Source: 42006 Project Code: 319

Training Mandates: These training events are mandated by Uniform State Court Rule 43.1(A) & 43.1(B). The venues are contracted in collaboration with the CSCJ Educational Programs Committee; CSCJ NJO & Mentoring Committee; and, the CSCJ Executive Committee.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 272,336.16	\$ 238,856.56	\$ 239,856.56										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 415.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 830.00										\$ 2,245.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 415.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 830.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,245.00
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Fall Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
10	New Judges Orientation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Spring Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Past & Future Events	\$ 33,894.60	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 33,894.60
14	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
15	Total:	\$ 33,894.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,894.60
16	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
17	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	NJO Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
19	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
21	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
22	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
23	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 238,856.56	\$ 239,856.56	\$ 240,686.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

Fund Source: 42003 Project Code: 308

Training Mandates: These training events are mandated by OCGA §15-11-59(d); §15-11-62; Uniform Juvenile Court Rule 4.3; 4.4; & CJCJ Executive Committee Protocol. The venues are contracted in collaboration with CJCJ Educational and Certification Committee; and, the CJCJ Executive Committee.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 122,851.73	\$ 123,240.78	\$ 127,080.78										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 398.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ -										\$ 4,238.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 384.00										\$ 384.00
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 398.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 384.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,854.00
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Fall Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
10	Spring Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44.95										\$ 44.95
13	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
14	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44.95
15	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
16	Council Meetings	\$ -		\$ -										\$ -
17	Quarterly Postage	\$ 8.95		\$ -										\$ 8.95
18	Additional Supplies	\$ -		\$ -										\$ -
19	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -		\$ -										\$ -
20	Total:	\$ 8.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.95
21	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 123,240.78	\$ 127,080.78	\$ 126,651.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

JUVENILE COURT CLERKS

Fund Source: 42000 Project Code: 306

Training Mandates: These training events are mandated by OCGA §15-11-65. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 28,966.60										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Fall Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
10	Spring Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
15	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
16	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
17	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
19	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 28,966.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

PROBATE COURT JUDGES : NON-TRAFFIC

Fund Source: 42005 Project Code: 315

Training Mandates: These training events are mandated by OCGA §15-9-1.1(a); §15-9-1.1(b); §15-9-2.1(c)(2); Uniform Probate Court Rule 14.2(A) & 14.2(B); & Probate Judges Training Council Policy. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Probate Judges Training Council.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 160,891.71	\$ 160,891.71	\$ 163,314.99										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ -	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 2,424.00										\$ 4,848.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ -	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 2,424.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Fall COAG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,542.00										\$ 1,542.00
10	New Judge Orientation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Spring Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
14	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
15	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,542.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,542.00
16	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
17	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	Certificate Program	\$ -	\$ 0.72	\$ 371.01										\$ 371.73
19	Mentoring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
21	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
22	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
23	Total:	\$ -	\$ 0.72	\$ 371.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371.73
24	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 160,891.71	\$ 163,314.99	\$ 163,825.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

PROBATE COURT JUDGES : TRAFFIC

Fund Source: 42005 Project Code: 352

Training Mandates: These training events are mandated by OCGA §15-9-1.1(a); §15-9-1.1(b); §15-9-2.1(c)(2); Uniform Probate Court Rule 14.2(A) & 14.2(B); & Probate Judges Training Council Policy. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Probate Judges Training Council.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 44,113.05	\$ 39,166.05	\$ 38,390.05										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Annual Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
10	New Judge Orientation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Past & Future Events	\$ 4,947.00	\$ 776.00	\$ -										\$ 5,723.00
13	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
14	Total:	\$ 4,947.00	\$ 776.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,723.00
15	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
16	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
17	Certificate Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	Mentoring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
19	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
21	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.95										\$ 10.95
22	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.95
23	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 39,166.05	\$ 38,390.05	\$ 38,379.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

PROBATE COURT CLERKS

Fund Source: 42004 Project Code: 314

Training Mandates: These training events are not mandated by statute, uniform rule, or educational apparatus policy. ICJE is pleased to provide them as an accommodation for this group. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Probate Judges Training Council.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 95,090.65	\$ 97,148.65	\$ 83,043.69										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 2,058.00	\$ 6,144.00	\$ 857.50										\$ 9,059.50
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 2,058.00	\$ 6,144.00	\$ 857.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,059.50
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Annual Conference	\$ -	\$ 20,248.96	\$ 707.75										\$ 20,956.71
10	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Total:	\$ -	\$ 20,248.96	\$ 707.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,956.71
14	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
15	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
16	Certificate Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240.42										\$ 240.42
17	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	Additonal Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
19	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240.42
21	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 97,148.65	\$ 83,043.69	\$ 82,953.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGES

Fund Source: 42001 Project Code: 337

Training Mandates: These training events are mandated by OCGA §15-10-25; §15-10-131; §15-10-136(2); §15-10-137(a); §15-10-137(c)(1); §15-10-233; & Magistrate Court Training Council Policy. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Executive Council of the Council of Magistrate Court Judges of Georgia.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 216,369.57	\$ 217,583.06	\$ 225,360.06										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 1,228.50	\$ 8,777.00	\$ 2,047.50										\$ 12,053.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 1,228.50	\$ 8,777.00	\$ 2,047.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,053.00
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	40 Hr. Basic Civil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,972.58										\$ 2,972.58
10	Fall Recertification	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -										\$ 1,000.00
11	40 Hr. Criminal Cert.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Chief's Update	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Spring Recertification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
14	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
15	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 937.55										\$ 937.55
16	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
17	Total:	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,910.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,910.13
18	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
19	MCTC Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	National Trainings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
21	Mentoring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
22	Benchbook	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
23	Quarterly Postage	\$ 15.01	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 15.01
24	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
25	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
26	Total:	\$ 15.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.01
27	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 217,583.06	\$ 225,360.06	\$ 223,497.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

MAGISTRATE COURT CLERKS

Fund Source: 42008 Project Code: 331

Training Mandates: These training events are not mandated by statute, uniform rule, or educational apparatus policy. ICJE is pleased to provide them as an accommodation for this group. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Executive Council of the Council of Magistrate Courts Clerks Incorporated.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 56,470.59	\$ 55,025.76	\$ 57,792.78										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -										\$ 3,500.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Annual Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
10	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Past & Future Events	\$ 1,444.83	\$ 708.80	\$ 585.00										\$ 2,738.63
12	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Total:	\$ 1,444.83	\$ 708.80	\$ 585.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,738.63
14	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
15	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
16	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ 24.18	\$ -										\$ 24.18
17	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
19	Total:	\$ -	\$ 24.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.18
20	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 55,025.76	\$ 57,792.78	\$ 57,207.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES														
Fund Source: 42002 Project Code: 344														
Training Mandates: These training events are mandated by OCGA §36-32-27 (b) & (c); Municipal Court Training Council Policy. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Municipal Court Training Council.														
1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 93,878.90	\$ 95,045.90	\$ 108,469.82										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 14,292.00	\$ 3,487.00										\$ 18,946.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 14,292.00	\$ 3,487.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,946.00
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Fall Recert / L&P	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
10	Summer Recert / L&P	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	National Trainings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ 868.08	\$ 5,000.00										\$ 5,868.08
14	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
15	Total:	\$ -	\$ 868.08	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,868.08
16	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
17	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	Benchbook	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
19	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
21	Misc. Adjustments/PO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
22	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
23	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 95,045.90	\$ 108,469.82	\$ 106,956.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

MUNICIPAL COURT CLERKS

Fund Source: 42009 Project Code: 345

Training Mandates: These training events are mandated by OCGA §36-32-13(b)(1); §36-32-13(b)(2); & Municipal Court Training Council Policy. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks Council.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 109,303.77	\$ 110,600.60	\$ 128,170.60										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 17,570.00	\$ 1,038.75										\$ 20,168.75
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 250.00
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 17,570.00	\$ 1,038.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,918.75
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	September Certification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,307.85										\$ 2,307.85
10	November Recertification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	February Certification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,333.00										\$ 5,333.00
12	April Recertification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00										\$ 1,000.00
14	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
15	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,640.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,640.85
16	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
17	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	Quarterly Postage	\$ 13.17	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 13.17
19	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
21	Total:	\$ 13.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13.17
22	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 110,600.60	\$ 128,170.60	\$ 120,568.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

Fund Source: 42007 Project Code: 323

Training Mandates: Training expenses are addressed by OCGA §15-6-32; training is mandated by Uniform Superior Court Rule 43; and, by CSCJ MCJE Committee Protocol. The venues are contracted in collaboration with CSCJ MCJE Committee; and, CSCJ Executive Committee.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 20,544.64	\$ 846,842.20	\$ 369,093.70										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 835,120.00	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 835,120.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 835,120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 835,120.00
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Summer Conference	\$ 8,822.44	\$ 477,748.50	\$ 66,510.30										\$ 553,081.24
10	Winter NJO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Winter Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
13	Encumbrances/Adjust.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
14	Total:	\$ 8,822.44	\$ 477,748.50	\$ 66,510.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 553,081.24
15	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
16	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
17	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.94										\$ 36.94
18	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
19	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
20	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.94
21	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 846,842.20	\$ 369,093.70	\$ 302,546.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

JUDICIAL STAFF ATTORNEYS

Fund Source: 42006 Project Code: 367

Training Mandates: These events fulfill Continuing Legal Education Requirements promulgated in State Bar of Georgia Rule 8-104. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Superior Court Judges' MCJE Committee; and, the State Court Judges' Educational Programs Committee.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 16,197.64	\$ 39,686.95	\$ 37,127.92										
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 23,504.00	\$ 4,008.00	\$ -										\$ 27,512.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 23,504.00	\$ 4,008.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,512.00
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Annual Conference	\$ -	\$ 6,567.03	\$ 5,370.11										\$ 11,937.14
10	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
11	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
12	Total:	\$ -	\$ 6,567.03	\$ 5,370.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,937.14
13	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
14	Educational Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
15	Quarterly Postage	\$ 14.69	\$ -	\$ -										\$ 14.69
16	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
17	Misc. Adjustments/PO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
18	Total:	\$ 14.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14.69
19	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 39,686.95	\$ 37,127.92	\$ 31,757.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

GEORGIA COMMISSION ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

Fund Source: 42012 Project Code: 353

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	VAWA Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
4	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5	EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
6	Attorney Payment #1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
7	Attorney Payment #2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
8	Benchcard Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										\$ -
9	Future Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										
10	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11	ENDING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

ADJUSTMENTS / NOTES

JULY 1 - 31, 2025

1. ICJE (UGA: RADO000197980A) - The University of Georgia Sponsored Projects Administration has not sent the July 2025 invoice for all personnel and operating expenditures. These expenses will be included in the financial reports once the invoice is received and submitted for payment.

AUGUST 1 - 31, 2025

1. ICJE (UGA: RADO000197980A) - The expenditures for all July 2025 salaries and benefits were included in the August 2025 invoice and are reflected in the August 2025 financial reports.



ICJE Fund Source & Project Analysis

Fiscal Year 26	Fund Source	Jul-25 42006	Aug-25 42006	Sep-25 42006
State Court Judges	Project	319	319	319
Beginning Balance		272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16
(Expenses)		(33,894.60)	(33,894.60)	(33,894.60)
Revenues		415.00	1,415.00	2,245.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		238,856.56	239,856.56	240,686.56

Fund Source	42003	42003	42003
Juvenile Court Judges	Project	308	308
Beginning Balance		122,851.73	122,851.73
Adjustments		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		122,851.73	122,851.73
(Expenses)		(8.95)	(53.90)
Revenues		398.00	4,238.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00
Balance		123,240.78	126,651.83

Fund Source	42000	42000	42000
Juvenile Court Clerks	Project	306	306
Beginning Balance		28,966.60	28,966.60
Adjustments		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		28,966.60	28,966.60
(Expenses)		0.00	0.00

ICJE Fund Source & Project Analysis

Revenues	0.00		0.00		0.00
Future Adjustments	0.00		0.00		0.00
Balance	<u>28,966.60</u>		<u>28,966.60</u>		<u>28,966.60</u>

	Fund Source	42005		42005		42005
Probate Judges NTRF	Project	315		315		315
Beginning Balance		160,891.71		160,891.71		160,891.71
Adjustments		0.00		0.00		0.00
Total Balance		<u>160,891.71</u>		<u>160,891.71</u>		<u>160,891.71</u>
(Expenses)		0.00		(0.72)		(1,913.73)
Revenues		0.00		2,424.00		4,848.00
Future Adjustments		0.00		0.00		0.00
Balance		<u>160,891.71</u>		<u>163,314.99</u>		<u>163,825.98</u>

	Fund Source	42005		42005		42005
Probate Judges TRF	Project	352		352		352
Beginning Balance		44,113.05		44,113.05		44,113.05
Adjustments		0.00		0.00		0.00
Total Balance		<u>44,113.05</u>		<u>44,113.05</u>		<u>44,113.05</u>
(Expenses)		(4,947.00)		(5,723.00)		(5,733.95)
Revenues		0.00		0.00		0.00
Future Adjustments		0.00		0.00		0.00
Balance		<u>39,166.05</u>		<u>38,390.05</u>		<u>38,379.10</u>

	Fund Source	42004		42004		42004
Probate Court Clerks	Project	314		314		314

ICJE Fund Source & Project Analysis

Beginning Balance	95,090.65		95,090.65		95,090.65
Adjustments	0.00		0.00		0.00
Total Balance	95,090.65		95,090.65		95,090.65
(Expenses)	0.00		(17,374.56)		(21,197.13)
Revenues	2,058.00		8,202.00		9,059.50
Future Adjustments	0.00		(2,874.40)		0.00
Balance	97,148.65		83,043.69		82,953.02

	Fund Source	42001		42001	42001
Magistrate Court Judges	Project	337		337	337
Beginning Balance		216,369.57		216,369.57	216,369.57
Adjustments		0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		216,369.57		216,369.57	216,369.57
(Expenses)		(15.01)		(1,015.01)	(4,925.14)
Revenues		1,228.50		10,005.50	12,053.00
Future Adjustments		0.00		0.00	0.00
Balance		217,583.06		225,360.06	223,497.43

	Fund Source	42008		42008	42008
Magistrate Court Clerks	Project	331		331	331
Beginning Balance		56,470.59		56,470.59	56,470.59
Adjustments		0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		56,470.59		56,470.59	56,470.59
(Expenses)		(1,444.83)		(2,177.81)	(2,762.81)
Revenues		0.00		3,500.00	3,500.00
Future Adjustments		0.00		0.00	0.00
Balance		55,025.76		57,792.78	57,207.78

ICJE Fund Source & Project Analysis

	Fund Source	42002		42002	42002
Municipal Court Judges	Project	344		344	344
Beginning Balance		93,878.90		93,878.90	93,878.90
Adjustments		0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		93,878.90		93,878.90	93,878.90
(Expenses)		0.00		(868.08)	(868.08)
Revenues		1,167.00		15,459.00	18,946.00
Future Adjustments		0.00		0.00	(5,000.00)
Balance		95,045.90		108,469.82	106,956.82

	Fund Source	42009		42009	42009
Municipal Court Clerks	Project	345		345	345
Beginning Balance		109,303.77		109,303.77	109,303.77
Adjustments		0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		109,303.77		109,303.77	109,303.77
(Expenses)		(13.17)		(13.17)	(8,654.02)
Revenues		1,310.00		18,880.00	19,918.75
Future Adjustments		0.00		0.00	0.00
Balance		110,600.60		128,170.60	120,568.50

	Fund Source	42007		42007	42007
Superior Court Judges	Project	323		323	323
Beginning Balance		20,544.64		20,544.64	20,544.64
Adjustments		0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		20,544.64		20,544.64	20,544.64

ICJE Fund Source & Project Analysis

(Expenses)	(8,822.44)	(475,553.48)	(553,118.18)
Revenues	835,120.00	835,120.00	835,120.00
Future Adjustments	0.00	(11,017.46)	0.00
Balance	846,842.20	369,093.70	302,546.46

	Fund Source	42006	42006
Judicial Staff Attorneys	Project	367	367
Beginning Balance		16,197.64	16,197.64
Adjustments		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		16,197.64	16,197.64
(Expenses)		(14.69)	(6,581.72)
Revenues		23,504.00	27,512.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00
Balance		39,686.95	37,127.92

	Fund Source	42012	42012
Domestic Violence	Project	353	353
Beginning Balance		0.00	0.00
Adjustments		0.00	0.00
Total Balance		0.00	0.00
(Expenses)		0.00	0.00
Revenues		0.00	0.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00
Balance		0.00	0.00