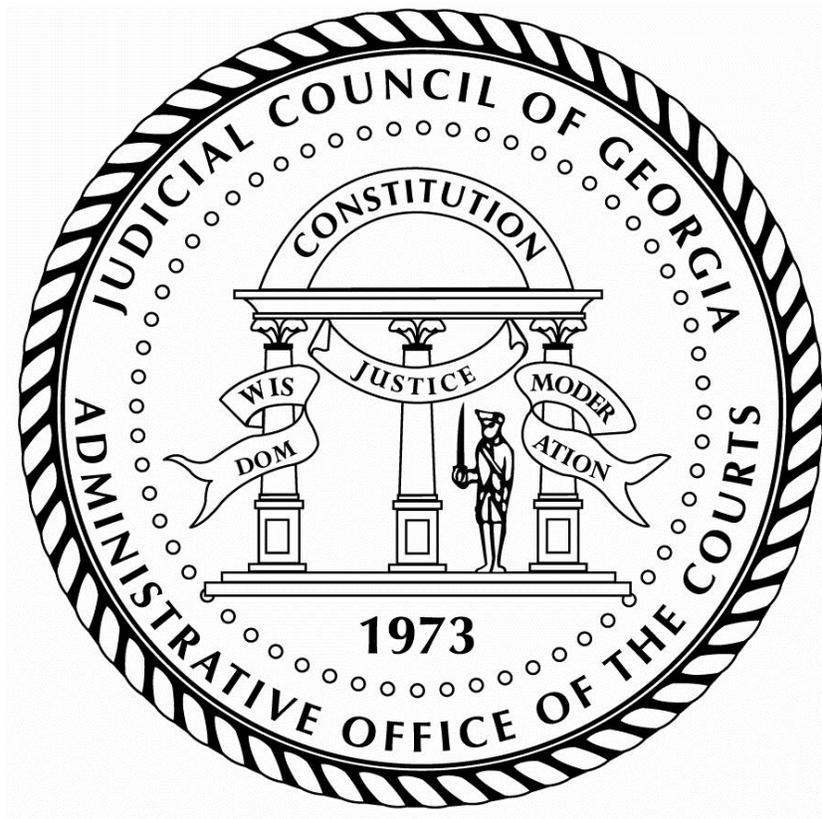


JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA

General Session

Friday, February 13, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



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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**
(Judge Dustin Hightower, Est. Time – 1 Min.)
- 4. Approval of Minutes (*Action Item*)**
(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Est. Time – 2 Min.)
- 5. Debrief and Discussion: Future Best Practices for Weather Emergencies**
(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Est Time – 5 Min.)
- 6. Judicial Council Committee Reports**
 - A. Legislation Committee**
(Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
 - B. Budget Committee**
(Justice Charles J. Bethel, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
 - C. Judicial Security Committee**
(Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
 - D. Technology Committee**
(Justice Benjamin A. Land & Judge Stephen D. Kelley, Est. Time – 5 Min.)
 - E. ARPA Funding Committee (*Written Report*)**
 - F. 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. Council of Superior Court Clerks**
- D. Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism**
- E. Georgia Council of Court Administrators**
- F. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education**
- G. Judicial Qualifications Commission**
- H. 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, April 17, 2026

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Nathan Deal Judicial Center

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CY 2026 Meeting Calendar – Judicial Council General Session

Friday, August 21, 2026	10 a.m. – 11:30 a.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 January 23, 2026



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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
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Judge Maureen Gottfried 3rd JAD	Superior Court
Chief Judge Shondeana C. Morris 4th JAD	Superior Court
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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

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Chief Judge Nathan Grantham President, CMCJ	Magistrate Court
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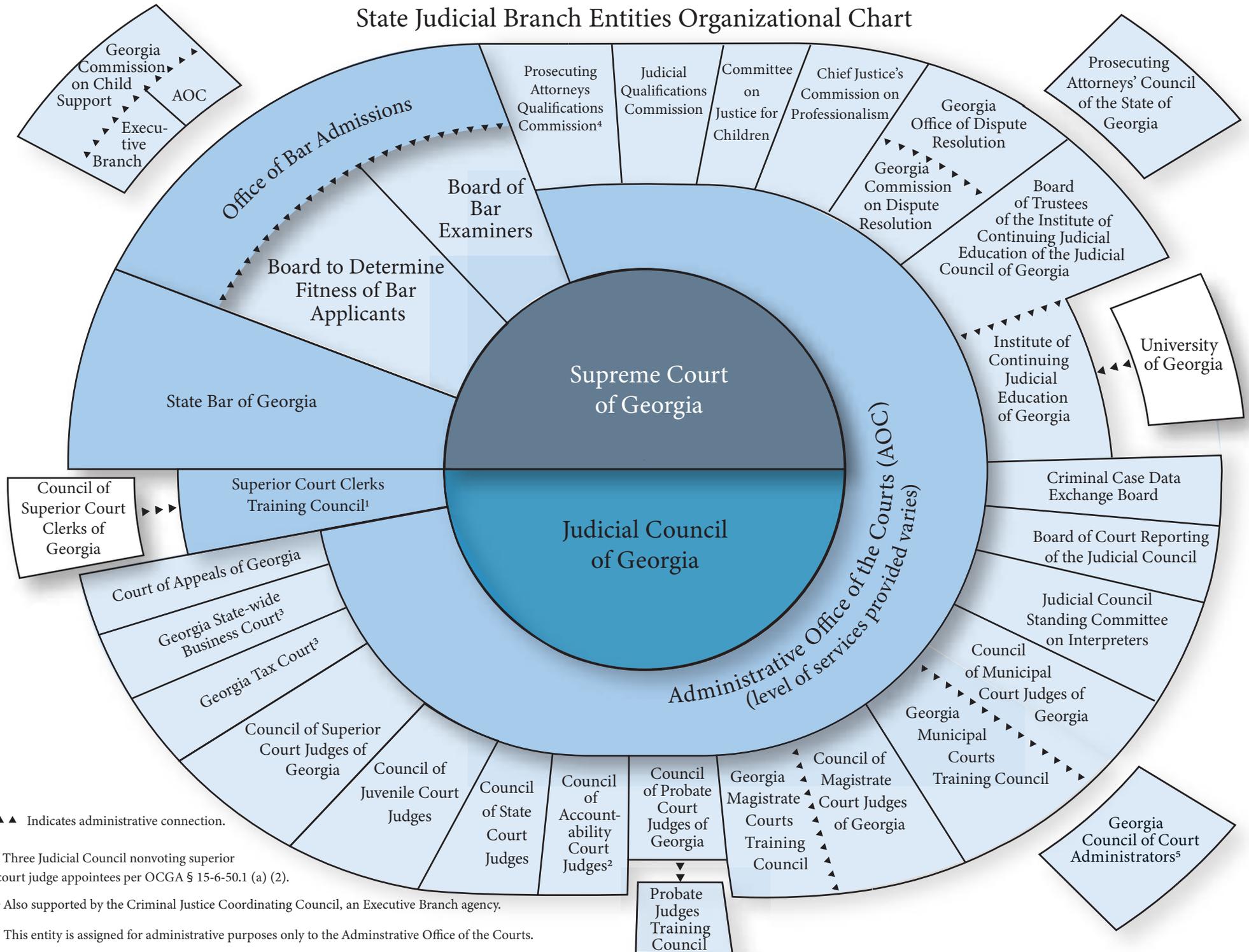
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State Judicial Branch Entities Organizational Chart



▲▲ 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.

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Friday, December 12, 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 Scott Chastain
Chief Judge Robert A. Cowan
Chief Judge Norman C. Cuadra
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Judge Susan E. Edlein
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Chief Judge John E. Niedrach
Judge McCracken Poston, Jr.
Chief Judge B. Shawn Rhodes
Chief Judge Gregory V. Sapp

Judge D. Jay Stewart (for Judge Dustin Hightower)
Honorable Christopher Twyman
Chief Judge Brenda Weaver (for Chief Judge Jason J. Deal)
Chief Judge Thomas H. Wilson
Judge Paige Reese Whitaker

Staff Present

Ms. Cynthia H. Clanton, Director
Ms. Alexis Bauman
Ms. Antarica Boyce
Mr. Devin Cooper
Ms. JoAnna Deering
Ms. Shimike Dodson
Mr. Sean Golan
Ms. Stephanie Hines
Ms. Abigail Horvath
Ms. Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez
Mr. Robby Lee
Mr. Ben Luke
Ms. Tracy Mason
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 members¹ and special guests. Chief Justice Peterson administered the council oath to the following new members: Judge Whitaker, Judge Kight, and Chief Judge

¹ See Members Present on page 1.

Rhodes. At its conclusion, Chief Justice Peterson asked Chief Judge Sapp 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 August 28, 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.

Presentation: Updates from the State Ethics Commission

Mr. Emadi provided an update from the State Ethics Commission and reported on several upcoming changes resulting from recently enacted legislation. Mr. Emadi informed the Council that, effective January 1, 2026, campaign finance filing deadlines will change pursuant to Senate Bill 199. Campaign finance reports will now be due quarterly each year on January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 20.

Mr. Emadi further reported that financial disclosure statements will be due annually on April 1. He noted that residential addresses, regardless of the number of residences, will no longer be viewable by the public but will remain accessible to authorized internal users in compliance with House Bill 199.

Mr. Emadi closed by announcing that PeachFile will be implemented as the new filing system for the Ethics Commission beginning January 1, 2026, and encouraged members and guests to register in advance of the transition.

Judicial Council Committee Reports

Legislation Committee. Presiding Justice Warren referred members to the written report provided in the materials. She highlighted that the Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Judicial Security legislation, SB 508 and HB 199. The proposed amendments include technical revisions and clean-up language. On behalf of the Committee, Presiding Justice Warren offered a motion to adopt the legislative recommendation. With no discussion, the recommendation was approved with no opposition. Presiding Justice Warren concluded by asking the Council to continue to share information and legislative initiatives through the committee process so that the judicial branch remains coordinated.

Judicial Security Committee. Presiding Judge Brian Rickman referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He reported that the Committee is preparing to roll out a new information sheet and reporting form for all classes of court to document judicial threats. He

concluded by noting that the Georgia Sheriff's Association is working in coordination with the Committee to assist in responding to and addressing judicial threats as they are reported.

Chief Justice Peterson thanked the Committee for its work and encouraged judges to continue reporting threats to ensure accurate statewide data collection to support meaningful analysis and policy decisions.

Technology Committee. Judge Stephen Kelley referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He reported that a new Artificial Intelligence subcommittee will be formed following the sunset of the Ad Hoc AI Committee on June 30. He noted that the subcommittee plans to hold six meetings during 2026 to follow up on prior recommendations. Judge Kelley closed by noting that the Committee is currently seeking members interested in serving on the new subcommittee.

American Rescue Plan Act Committee. Judge Mercier reported that the Committee is winding down activities for the current calendar year and is preparing for the final award year in CY26.

Judge Mercier reported that as of December 5, over \$59 million has been reimbursed for CY23-25 expenses. All 23 applications submitted for award year CY26 were approved for a total of approximately \$3,365,000. She highlighted that all ARPA funds have now been awarded, expended, or obligated. Shortly after the August Judicial Council meeting, the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) approved the use of ARPA funds for pre-trial psychological assessments as an eligible expense.

Judge Mercier concluded by highlighting that invoices for reimbursement of CY23-25 expenses must be submitted no later than March 15. Due to the conclusion of the ARPA program on December 31, 2026, all CY26 funds must be expended and invoiced by September 30, and all reimbursement requests must be submitted by October 15. No funds may be expended after September 30.

Georgia Case Management System Committee. Judge Leonard referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He highlighted that the Committee remains on schedule to deliver a minimum viable product by the end of the year. The system is currently scheduled for rollout to 28 courts. Mr. Baharath Parthasarathy was introduced to provide a status update. Development of the CMS project began in early 2025 and a soft launch is scheduled for December 29. Mr. Parthasarathy highlighted that system development is complete and the focus in CY26 will

shift to implementation and refinement across the participating courts. Mr. Parthasarathy concluded by reviewing the judicial dashboard and interface from the judge's perspective and highlighted that the software developer will provide multiple training formats, including live training sessions, one page reference materials, and virtual training options.

Judicial Workload Assessment Committee. Judge Leonard referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He highlighted that the annual case count collection period will open January 2 and close March 16. On behalf of the Committee, Judge Leonard offered a motion to adopt the recommended definition changes to the Statistical Guide, particularly as the relates to dead dockets and their impact on case counts, as outlined in the materials. With no discussion, the recommendation was approved with no opposition.

Budget Committee. Justice Bethel referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Court Interpreters Committee. Justice Land referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He highlighted that he was recently appointed as the new Chair of the Committee.

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 the newly appointed Chairs for the Court Interpreters Committee and the Board of Court Reporting and announced that the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board (CDX) will launch a new dashboard in January 2026.

Ms. Clanton highlighted statewide initiatives undertaken by AOC staff and congratulated Presiding Judge Dillard on his recognition at the United States Supreme Court. She also congratulated the Council of Accountability Court Judges on celebrating 10 years of service. Ms. Clanton reported that the FY25 Annual Report is currently in the drafting stage and requested that all edits from Council members be submitted no later than January 7.

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

Reports from Courts, Councils, & State Bar

Supreme Court. Chief Justice Peterson referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Court of Appeals. Chief Judge Brown referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

State-wide Business Court. Judge Hamrick referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Council of Superior Court Judges. Judge Whitaker referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Council of State Court Judges. Chief Judge Sapp referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He acknowledged the passing of former President of the Council of State Court Judges, Judge Richard Slaby.

Council of Juvenile Court Judges. Chief Judge Harrison referred members to the written report provided in the materials. She highlighted that the Council has been working on its April 15 data submission pursuant to SB 401.

Council of Probate Court Judges. Judge Chastain referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He amended his report to clarify that although it indicated HB 530 had passed during the last legislative session, the bill ultimately is still working through the process.

Council of Magistrate Court Judges. Chief Judge Grantham referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Council of Municipal Court Judges. Chief Judge Cowan referred members to the written report provided in the supplemental materials.

State Bar of Georgia. Mr. Twyman reported that the Supreme Court recently approved changes to the CLE rules effective January 1, including a biennial requirement of 18 hours.

Reports from Other Judicial Branch Agencies

Council of Accountability Court Judges. Ms. Taylor Jones referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution. Chief Judge Morris referred members to the written report provided in the materials. She highlighted that the Waycross Judicial Circuit was approved for an ADR program, adding six counties and bringing the total number of counties with ADR programs to 117.

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

Georgia Council of Court Administrators. Ms. Lindsay Mobley referred members to the written report provided in the materials. She highlighted that Georgia is leading the nation with 8 CORE Champions and 47 additional participants in training.

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. Ms. Lynne Moore Nelson referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Judicial Qualifications Commission. No report was provided.

Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks. No report was provided.

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, February 13, 2026, on Zoom only.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

The above and foregoing minutes
Were approved on the ____ day of

_____, 2026.

Nels S.D. Peterson
Chief Justice

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Judicial Council of Georgia
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Friday, December 12, 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
Mr. Bob Bray, Council of State Court Judges
Ms. Lalaine Briones, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
Judge Geronda V. Carter, Superior Court, Clayton Judicial Circuit
Mr. Stan Cooper, Supreme Court of Georgia
Mr. Damon Elmore, State Bar of Georgia
Mr. David Emadi, State Ethics Commission
Mr. William Gentry, State Bar of Georgia
Ms. Karlise Y. Grier, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
Mr. Evan Gross, Council of Superior Court Clerks
Mr. Eric John, Council of Juvenile 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 Amanda Mercier, Court of Appeals of Georgia
Ms. Grace McGowan, Ninth Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Jennifer McNeely, State Bar of Georgia
Mr. David Mixon, Second Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Lindsay Mobley, Georgia Council of Court Administrators
Chief Judge Cindy Morris, Superior Court, Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit
Mr. Bob Nadekow, Eight Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Lynne Moore Nelson, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education
Mr. Bharath Parthasarathy, Managing Director, Slalom
Ms. Sharon Reiss, Council of Magistrate Court Judges
Judge Eric Richardson, State Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit
Judge Brian Rickman, Court of Appeals of Georgia
Ms. Karlie Sahs, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution
Mr. Will Simmons, Sixth Judicial Administrative District
Judge Jason B. Thompson, State Court, Griffin Judicial Circuit
Ms. Courtney Veal, Judicial Qualifications Commission
Mr. Grant Walraven, Superior Court Clerk
Ms. Kirsten Wallace, Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Mr. Shannon Weathers, Council of Superior Court Judges
Mr. Randall Weiland, First Judicial Administrative District
Mr. Torian Weldon, Georgia Council of Court Administrators
Judge Robert Wolf, Magistrate Court of Fulton County

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Judicial Council of Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Date: January 21, 2026

To: Judicial Council Members

From: Standing Committee on Budget
Justice Charlie Bethel, Chair

RE: Judicial Council Budget and Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2026 Judicial Council Budget and Financial Report as of January 2, 2026

The Judicial Council Budget and Financial Report is attached for review.

House Appropriations Judicial Subcommittee Meeting

The House Appropriations Judicial Subcommittee held a meeting on December 9, 2025 to hear from different judicial branch entities on specific questions posed by members of the Subcommittee. Justice Bethel presented for the Judicial Council/AOC responding to questions about the Georgia Case Management Project and retention at the AOC.

Joint Appropriations Meetings

The 2026 Joint Appropriations Meetings took place from January 20 – January 22, 2026. Chief Justice Nels Peterson and Chief Judge Trent Brown spoke to the Committee about their respective Courts on the afternoon of January 20th.

Amended FY26 – House Appropriations Subcommittee on Judicial

The House Subcommittee has scheduled a hearing on the Amended FY2026 Budget on January 27th, 2026. The Judicial Council is not on the agenda, however Budget staff will be present to assist both the State-wide Business Court and the Tax Court.

Attachments:

FY2026 Judicial Council Budget and Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2026 - Judicial Council Operations

January 2, 2026

Department	Project	FY 2026 Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining	Budget Spent
Director's Division	101	\$ 1,599,274	\$ 738,791	\$ 860,483	46%
Judicial Council Operations	102	\$ 28,878	\$ 6,863	\$ 22,015	24%
Gov and Trial Court Liaison	105	\$ 826,295	\$ 387,589	\$ 438,706	47%
Office of Court Professionals	106	\$ 140,063	\$ 44,104	\$ 95,960	31%
Human Resources	107	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,198	\$ 2,802	65%
Court Process Reporting System	109	\$ 194,183	\$ -	\$ 194,183	0%
AOC Operations	110	\$ 1,023,025	\$ 823,180	\$ 199,845	80%
Financial Administration Div.	111	\$ 1,088,634	\$ 534,735	\$ 553,899	49%
Research and Data Analysis	130	\$ 811,154	\$ 313,605	\$ 497,549	39%
Publications	150	\$ 358,529	\$ 149,387	\$ 209,142	42%
Justice for Child. Cash Match	173	\$ 329,898	\$ 153,966	\$ 175,932	47%
Family Law Information Center	176	\$ 49,266	\$ 49,266	\$ -	100%
Technology Administration	190	\$ 3,712,398	\$ 2,014,031	\$ 1,698,367	54%
DJJ Juvenile Data Reporting	208	\$ 269,887	\$ 148,639	\$ 121,248	55%
Cold Case Program	209	\$ 175,033	\$ 104,646	\$ 70,387	60%
Public Access and Fairness	210	\$ 190,654	\$ 45,007	\$ 145,647	24%
Administrative Office of The Courts		\$ 10,805,171	\$ 5,519,007	\$ 5,286,164	51%
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	\$ 12,406	\$ 20,464	38%
Child Support Collaborative	174	\$ 138,841	\$ 56,386	\$ 82,455	41%
Council of Magistrate Court Judges	204	\$ 231,181	\$ 104,012	\$ 127,169	45%
Council of Probate Court Judges	205	\$ 215,464	\$ 163,165	\$ 52,299	76%
Council of State Court Judges	206	\$ 288,569	\$ 149,895	\$ 138,674	52%
Council of State Court Judges Ret.	207	\$ 2,588,814	\$ 42,538	\$ 2,546,276	2%
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	\$ 4,364,508	\$ 3,307,120	57%
Accountability Court Council	195	\$ 1,251,518	\$ 355,187	\$ 896,331	28%
CACJ-Peer Review Process	199	\$ 74,374	\$ 19,037	\$ 55,337	26%
Inst of Continuing Jud Ed Administration	301	\$ 844,596	\$ 350,058	\$ 494,538	41%
Judicial Qualifications Commission	400	\$ 1,593,094	\$ 785,032	\$ 808,062	49%
State-wide Business Court	14207	\$ 1,997,160	\$ 915,035	\$ 1,082,125	46%
Resource Center	500	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ -	100%
PAQC	550	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 503,946	\$ 621,054	45%
Separate Judicial Council Programs		\$ 7,785,742	\$ 3,324,349	\$ 3,336,393	43%
TOTAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL		\$ 26,262,541	\$ 13,207,865	\$ 11,929,676	50%



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: January 20, 2026

The Judicial Council Standing Committee on Technology met on Thursday, December 5, 2025, and January 15, 2026. The following report reflects matters and topics discussed during those meeting.

GA CMS Project –Mr. Sean Golan, Judge Rob Leonard and Mr. Bharath Parthasarathy

The GA CMS team provided a status update on ongoing development efforts and court onboarding activities. Mr. Bharath Parthasarathy presented a demonstration of the system, highlighting the end-to-end clerk user experience and reviewing the project timeline. Committee members engaged in discussion regarding case management specific functionality, access to data within the system, and potential approaches to e-signature functionality.

AOC Updates – Mr. Ben Luke and Mr. Devin Cooper

Mr. Cooper provided a security-focused update, reminding committee members to remain vigilant as security risks and malicious actors become increasingly targeted. He also noted that the AOC remains available as a resource to support security-related needs. Additionally, Mr. Cooper shared that the AOC has onboarded a new front-end developer to support website development and enhance overall user experience.

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.

Criminal Case Data Exchange Board – Mr. T.J. BeMent

Mr. BeMent reported that multiple subcommittees continue work focused on education and outreach. The development of scripted materials and AI-generated training videos is being explored to support ongoing training efforts. Training sessions have continued across several groups and agencies, with next steps planned to include sheriff's offices and prosecutors' offices.

Ad Hoc Committee on AI and Courts – Judge Kelley

As approved by the Supreme Court, the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Courts will transition to a subcommittee of the Technology Committee. Judge Kelley invited interested members to participate as the subcommittee seeks a diverse group of participants. The subcommittee anticipates beginning its work early next year, with Judge Morris serving as co-chair. The first meeting is planned for early February.

Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2026.



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Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council Members

FROM: Judge Amanda H. Mercier
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act Funding

RE: Committee Report

DATE: January 26, 2026

Since the Committee's report at the December 12, 2025, Judicial Council meeting, the CY 2023-2025 award performance period has ended and final closeout has begun. All requests for reimbursement for expenses under this award must be submitted by March 15, 2026.

The performance period for CY 2026 awards began on January 1 and will expire on September 30. All funds awarded for CY 2026 must be spent and invoiced by September 30, and all invoices must be submitted for reimbursement by October 15, 2026. Under no circumstances will funds spent after the September 30, 2026, deadline be reimbursed or untimely requests for reimbursement be considered. This will allow AOC ARPA staff the time necessary to complete closeout by December 31, 2026.

Circuits are asked to please monitor their award dashboard and please reach out to ARPA staff with questions or concerns.



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Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia

FROM: Judge Melanie Cross, Chair

RE: Standing Committee on Grants Report

DATE: January 26, 2026

The Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Grants met on December 8, 2025, to discuss the progress of the Civil Legal Assistance to Families Victimized by Domestic Violence Grant, the Civil Legal Services to Kinship Care Families Grant, and the Civil Legal Assistance to Families of Indigent Patients Grant ("MLP"). The Committee awarded additional funds to the recipients of the MLP grant as follows:

Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc.	\$25,000.00
Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Inc.	\$50,000.00
Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.	<u>\$34,080.00</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FUNDS AWARDED	\$109,080.00



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Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia

FROM: Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, Division Director

RE: AOC's Communications, Children, Families, and the Courts Division

DATE: February 13, 2026

The Communications, Children, Families, and the Courts Division of the Judicial Council/AOC provides communications services to Georgia's Judicial Branch and staffs: (1) the Georgia Child Support Commission, chaired by Troup County Juvenile Court Senior Judge R. Michael Key; (2) the Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children, chaired by Justice Charlie Bethel; and (3) the Judicial Council Standing Committee on Access to Justice, chaired by Justice Verda Colvin. This Division also assists with general grant work for courts in partnership with the legal staff in the Director's Division.

The following is a brief synopsis of our current work:

- **Communications:** Enhancing communication fosters the administration of justice in all Georgia courts by promoting collaboration and driving innovation. Our Division produces the [Judicial Council's Annual Report](#) and manages the Georgia Courts Directory at <http://georgiacourts.knack.com/gcd2/>. One of our key communication tools is our monthly e-newsletter—the *Georgia Courts Journal*—which is distributed to all Georgia judges statewide and archived online at <https://georgiacourtsjournal.org/>. In addition to back issues of the *Georgia Courts Journal*, that website also features dedicated pages on wellness and civics, offering a wide range of resources—from chair yoga and tips for managing decision fatigue on the wellness page, to lists of civics-themed read-aloud books organized by grade level and subject matter on the civics page. We continue to curate and promote positive content about Georgia's judicial branch—every class of court—via our accounts on the following major social media platforms:

[Bluesky](#), [X \(f/k/a Twitter\)](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#). In October 2025, we produced a series featuring [success stories from Georgia’s Model Drug Courts](#) all over the state. In November 2025, we ran a similar feature series on [success stories from Georgia’s Model Veterans Treatment Courts](#).

Our ongoing goal is to instill faith in Georgia’s court system and the rule of law. To increase community engagement, we anchor our community outreach around three civic holidays: Law Day (May 1st), Constitution Day (September 17th), and Bill of Rights Day (December 15th), by working with judges and schools to host events—in person or virtually as needed. In December 2025, we updated our [Bill of Rights Day Video](#) that features members of the Judicial Council of Georgia each reading one of the ten Amendments that comprise the Bill of Rights. That video was then shared with social studies teachers statewide.

- **Georgia Child Support Commission:** Through a contract with Georgia’s Department of Human Services (DHS), our Child Support Team provides support services to the Georgia Child Support Commission. Such services include staffing all Commission and Subcommittee meetings and handling technical logistics for meetings to ensure compliance with Georgia’s Open Meetings Act. Staff also maintains an online child support calculator for court and public use at <https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/>; provides training on the child support guidelines statute, O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15; provides training on the child support calculator for courts, lawyers, and the public; supports the Parental Accountability Courts (PAC) by providing evaluations of those programs; provides self-represented litigants and the courts with resources on Georgia’s Income Withholding Order (IWO) process in private cases; and generally supports the process and the law related to Georgia’s child support system.
 - The Child Support Commission’s last meeting was held on October 24, 2025. Updates from all subcommittees were provided. At that meeting, the Technology and Calculator Subcommittee requested that the Commission vote to approve the archiving of any worksheets five years or older and the disabling of access by users to those worksheets for purposes of ameliorating the financial and logistical burdens of data storage. The Commission unanimously voted to approve this recommendation of the Subcommittee.
 - **Subcommittees:**
 - **Economic Subcommittee** – Chair Dr. Roger Tutterow. The Subcommittee last met on June 12, 2025. Preliminary activities for the 2026 Economic Study have commenced, and two listening sessions were held to obtain public comments. The first session, held in Macon, occurred on August 27, 2025, and the second session, held virtually via Zoom Webinar, occurred on August 28, 2025. The Subcommittee has made the appropriate selections for county sampling and is now gathering cases to use for the 2026 Economic Study in accordance with state and federal law.

- ***Statute Review Subcommittee*** – Co-Chairs Katie Connell, Esq. and Judge Connie L. Williford. During its meeting on August 1, 2025, the Commission approved the Subcommittee’s recommendation to move dental and vision insurance from Schedule E to Schedule D of the child support worksheet and to remove the 7% test in the deviation for special expenses for child rearing, expressly providing that extraordinary expenses for child rearing may be handled outside of the worksheet. Commission staff subsequently drafted the language for potential legislation to amend O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15, in accordance with the recommendation, and such changes are currently pending approval by the Commission.
 - ***Technology and Calculator Subcommittee*** – Chair Regina Quick, Esq. The Subcommittee last met on October 22, 2025. At that meeting, the Subcommittee members discussed the new parenting time and low-income adjustments that will become effective on January 1, 2026, in accordance with Senate Bill 454. Commission staff presented a demonstration of how such adjustments will function within the child support calculator and explained the addition of a new line on the child support worksheet that displays the amount owed by the payer of child support to the other party. Subcommittee members were also made aware that the calculator would be taken offline for maintenance from 6:00 pm on December 31, 2025, through 8:00 am on January 5, 2026, for purposes of allowing the AOC IT team to deploy the newest version of the calculator that includes the new parenting time and low-income adjustments.
- ***Legislation:*** SB 454 was signed into law by the Governor on May 6, 2024. Its passage entailed four (4) substantial changes to O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15. Changes effective July 1, 2024, included the updating of Georgia’s Basic Child Support Obligation (BCSO) table and the addition of a Veteran’s Affairs disability credit for benefits paid to the custodial parent for the benefit of the child due to the noncustodial parent’s VA disability. Changes effective January 1, 2026, include the new parenting time and low-income adjustments. On January 2, 2026, the JC/AOC IT Division successfully launched these statutory changes within the child support calculator.
- ***Child Support Calculator:*** Courts, attorneys, mediators, and the public alike use the child support calculator that was deployed on August 8, 2016. (The original calculators, web-based and Excel versions, were initially deployed at the end of December 2006.) All Excel versions of the child support calculator were permanently retired on October 1, 2018. Staff continue to provide virtual training to court personnel, attorneys, mediators, DCSS, and the public on a routine basis. Training includes, but is not limited to, use of the child support calculator generally, steps to impute income, and the avoidance of common mistakes identified in the 2022 case sampling. Online training has been well received and

has consistently strong attendance across all sessions, with the last training session held on January 21, 2026. Staff has also produced training videos for parents (self-represented litigants) that are available on demand on the Child Support Commission website. We have found that many people, including lawyers and their staff, access those videos as well and find them to be useful resources.

- ***Parental Accountability Court (PAC) Evaluations:*** Staff continue to support the Parental Accountability Courts (PAC), a program of the Division of Child Support Services (DCSS). The PAC database was transferred to DCSS on September 15, 2022, and that agency now manages the database. Staff worked with DCSS on the evaluation of six courts (by judicial circuit), specifically: Atlanta, Dublin, Gwinnett, Mountain, Pataula, and Rockdale. The evaluation was published on August 10, 2023, and made available to the Superior Court judges in the respective judicial circuits identified here as well as with the federal Office of Child Support Services. The results of the evaluation reflected that after becoming active in PAC, participants in the six selected circuits experienced an increase in average monthly child support payments. On average, graduated participants saw a 171% increase in monthly child support payments, while removed participants experienced a 105% increase in monthly child support payments. Accordingly, interaction with a PAC program appeared to correlate strongly with an increase in average monthly child support payment for both participants and referrals.
- **Committee on Justice for Children (J4C):** The Georgia Court Improvement Program (CIP) has been approved by the Children’s Bureau for FY 2026 funding.
 - J4C continues work on its ***Joint Project*** with the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) which is focused on reducing the time from removal to reunification for children in Georgia’s foster care system. The teams for the five pilot counties (Chatham, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett) will continue working with CIP and DFCS to address barriers to timely reunification in their jurisdictions and will participate in quarterly all-site meetings throughout 2026.
 - The ***Cold Case Project*** began as a joint project of J4C and DFCS. Using a computer model, the Project identifies children in foster care with cases that are not moving towards permanency and convenes stakeholders in roundtable meetings to review the substantive due process rights of the children and brainstorm ways to navigate around roadblocks to permanency. In addition to this case-specific work, J4C is focused on using lessons learned via the Project to inform child welfare policies and practices.
 - Georgia has 70 attorneys and 15 judges who are certified as ***Child Welfare Law Specialists*** (CWLS). J4C remains focused on the recruitment and retention of professionals having the CWLS certification and offers financial assistance for application fees as well as annual renewal and recertification fees. Due to funding

- uncertainties, J4C did not hold a CWLS meeting in 2025, but plans to resume this annual meeting in the spring of 2026.
- J4C, the Office of the Child Advocate, and Georgia CASA held their ninth annual statewide ***Child Welfare Law Summit*** on December 3 – 5, 2025, which included a pre-conference training session for new Juvenile Court judges and a pre-conference meeting for attorneys who represent parents in dependency cases. Additional Summit hosts now include the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Georgia Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, the University of Georgia Law School’s Wilbanks Child Endangerment and Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) Clinic, and the Barton Child Law and Policy Center at Emory University School of Law. This year’s Summit is scheduled for December 2 –5, 2026.
 - J4C sponsors the ***Justice P. Harris Hines Awards*** for outstanding advocacy for children in dependency proceedings. Justice Charlie Bethel presented the 2025 Hines Awards at the State Bar of Georgia’s Annual Meeting in June to attorney Ashley Stinson of the Gwinnett County Department of Child Advocacy & Juvenile Services (in absentia) and permanency supervisor Quandula Wright of the Worth County Division of Family and Children Services. Both winners were also recognized in person at the Committee on Justice for Children meeting on June 17, 2025, and were celebrated again at the opening session of the ***Child Welfare Summit*** on December 3, 2025. Nominations for the 2026 Hines Awards will open at the end of January.
 - Most recently, the Committee on Justice for Children met in-person on December 16, 2025, at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center. J4C’s 2026 meetings are scheduled for April 13th (in-person), July 15th (virtual), September 18th (virtual), and December 7th (in-person).
 - **Access to Justice Committee (A2J):** The mission of the Access to Justice Committee (A2J) is to improve the public's trust in the judicial branch by promoting meaningful and effective access to courts and fairness for all. The A2J Committee is currently working on several projects and initiatives.
 - The A2J Committee’s **Landlord/Tenant Working Group**, which includes Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk (Magistrate Court of Fulton County), Chief Judge Shawn Rhodes (Magistrate Court of Wilcox County), and Executive Director Tracy Johnson (Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution), worked on research into the current state of Georgia’s housing crisis and the creation of possible statewide landlord/tenant rental assistance webinars. This project was completed by Georgia State University students, and the scorecard regarding Georgia’s landlord/tenant laws may be viewed at [Georgia-Eviction-Policy-Report.pdf](#). This Group has submitted its final edited Eviction Forms to the Council of Magistrate Court Judges for review, and we are awaiting confirmation from the Council.

- The A2J Committee continues to partner with and has adopted the Access to Justice Committee of the State Bar of Georgia's ***Justice for All (JFA) Strategic Plan*** and suggested projects. A local-level model for assisting self-represented litigants was created through work assisting the Southwest Georgia Legal Self-Help Center. Currently, the Self-Help Center is undergoing a change in leadership and will shortly be advertising for a new director. Judge Ingrid Driskell has been serving as the Interim Director until a permanent director is hired. A record restriction clinic was hosted by the Self-Help Center and sponsored by the Gate City Bar Association in August 2024. The Gate City Bar Association has agreed to partner with the Center in sponsoring two additional clinics this year. The Committee is focused on a combination of strengthening local law libraries, creating online forms for self-filing, hosting local pop-up legal clinics, and facilitating low-pro bono models of attorney representation. The SWGA Self-Help Center has requested our assistance with another pop-up clinic to be held this spring after acquiring funding for the project from the Georgia Civil Justice Foundation.

- We have received a final draft of Georgia State University's ***ROI Study***, which was instrumental in the recent local fundraising efforts of Dougherty County's Law Library/Southwest Georgia Legal Self-Help Center. The final report may be viewed at [GSU Economic Impact Report](#). Unfortunately, we are still searching for sustainable funding for this project. On July 21, 2023, the Center celebrated its fifth anniversary, measured from when Georgia first received the NCSC seed grant. On February 14, 2024, we held a joint meeting with the State Bar of Georgia's ATJ Committee to discuss the most recent Carl Vinson Institute of Government's Access to Justice study and to brainstorm potential ways to move forward with Georgia's access to justice efforts. The Carl Vinson Institute of Government's report may be viewed at [Civil Access to Justice Report](#). Additional funds were obtained from the Georgia Legislature in 2024, and a new study has begun to demonstrate a return on investment. We have now received the final draft of this report which may be viewed at [2025 Civil Access to Justice Benefits and Efficiencies of Two Self-Help Centers in Georgia.pdf](#).

- The A2J Committee's ***Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Working Group*** collaborated with several Americans with Disabilities Act attorney specialists to create a Best Practices for DHH Courthouse Accessibility counter card. This counter card is for all court personnel, and its purpose is to instruct on the ADA-required steps that must be taken when someone presents with a DHH need. The third draft was submitted for final review, and changes were suggested by the Commission on Interpreters. We collaborated with GTA and Georgia Tech to have the 159 Counter Cards translated into Braille format. The DHH Braille cards were sent to all district court administrators for dissemination to every county in Georgia. This Group has identified a grant opportunity with the National Center for State Courts and will be applying for it. In our continuing efforts to become ADA-compliant, funds are needed to secure hearing devices. The devices will be strategically placed in every judicial administrative district so that all courts will have access to hearing devices, as needed. This Group also applied for a CJCP

grant to fund several DHH teaching modules on ADA compliance for judges, court staff, and Georgia Bar members. CJCP granted the proposal and awarded the Committee \$15,000. We then successfully held four classes. The webinars, as well as class materials, may be found via ICJE and ICLE and at [DHH Webinar 1 of 4.mp4](#), [DHH Webinar 2 of 4.mp4](#), [DHH Webinar Part 3 of 4.mp4](#), and [DHH Webinar Part 4 of 4.mp4](#). In 2024, new ADA regulations regarding DHH requirements were adopted. Accordingly, we have contracted to have our DHH Counter Card updated. A few months ago, we successfully updated the Counter Card which may be viewed at [FINAL-Judicial-Council-of-GA-Standing-A2J-Committee -DHH-Benchcard_Rev.2025.pdf](#).

- The A2J Committee's ***Self-Represented Litigants (SRL) Forms Working Group*** continues its work on the most frequently used family law forms. This Group will ensure that all forms may be completed via pdf and will be translated into "plain language." This Group is creating several self-help family law videos to accompany the related forms. The first set of forms, "Divorce without Children," along with a "how-to" video is currently available on [georgiacourts.gov](#). Also recently completed and uploaded to the website is the "Divorce with Children" forms and accompanying materials. The next set of forms will be custody and record restriction dispositions. We are very grateful to the Council of Superior Court Judges for its approval to use these forms. Through a partnership with the Appalachian Family Law Information Center (FLIC) and the Dougherty County Law Library/Southwest Georgia Legal Self-Help Center, the approved family law forms have been tested over a period of several months. Testing of the family law pro se forms went well. Legitimation forms were submitted to and approved by the A2J Committee of the Council of Superior Court Judges. We await final approval by the full Council. Most recently, we met with a group of law students from Georgia State University while on their Rural Justice Alternative Spring Break, and they agreed to render assistance in creating an accompanying video for the legitimation forms with the use of AI.
- The A2J Committee has agreed to revise the ***Georgia Self-Help Toolkit*** printed by the AOC in 2019. In furtherance of this endeavor, Jana Edmondson-Cooper, an A2J Committee member, was hired as a consultant contractor to provide support in making those revisions. The Committee solicited comments and edits regarding the draft edition through December 3, 2025. The draft edition may be viewed at [Draft Updated Self-Help Toolkit \(as of 10.29.2025\).docx](#). A final draft of the Toolkit should be available for review in our next report to the Judicial Council.
- A relatively new working group was formed to research how court notices are dispersed, common problems with the current system, and more efficient ways to improve court appearance rates across Georgia. Specifically, the ***Court Notices Working Group*** will investigate best practices for gathering electronic contact information, i.e., telephone numbers and email addresses, at time of citation, booking, and arraignment, as well as implementation of electronic notifications from all classes of Georgia courts. The Group will build on local and national best

practices to develop a proposal for the integration of electronic notifications with both statewide and local case management systems. Recommendations for this project may be viewed at [A2J Court Notices One-Pager](#).

- Most recently, the A2J Committee met on February 11, 2026. The Committee's next meeting will be on **May 6, 2026**.
- Judges who are interested in learning about or participating in any Access to Justice projects may contact Tabitha Ponder at tabitha.ponder@georgiacourts.gov.



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Report to Judicial Council of Georgia
February 13, 2026 Meeting

The Court of Appeals has concluded another busy year. In 2025, our Court issued decisions in 2308 direct appeals and adjudicated 798 discretionary and interlocutory applications. The Court saw its highest case numbers since 2019, prior to the onset of the pandemic, while remaining committed to the efficient administration of justice as well as civic engagement. At the close of 2025, in conjunction with the Supreme Court of Georgia, we also held our annual CLE program for our appellate staff attorneys.

In January 2026, the Court updated its domain name from gaappeals.us to gaappeals.gov. This transition promotes greater consistency with other state agencies and is part of the Court's ongoing technological improvements and modernizations to better serve the citizens of Georgia.

On January 15, my colleagues and I gathered in the Capitol as Governor Brian Kemp delivered his final State of the State address to a joint session. January also saw the first oral arguments of the new year. On January 20, a group of pre-law students from Oglethorpe University attended an oral argument session and witnessed the judicial process at the appellate level. Following the arguments, the students participated in a question and answer session with Presiding Judge Christopher J. McFadden, Judge Jeffrey A. Watkins, and Judge J. Wade Padgett.

On February 10, the Young Lawyers Division Leadership Academy visited the Court. Presiding Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard and Judge Kenneth B. Hodges gave the participants an overview of the Court's history, shared their personal journeys to the bench, and also led the group on a tour of the Nathan Deal Judicial Center. Following their visit, eligible participants were sworn in to the Court in a mass admission ceremony held in the Supreme Court.

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Chief Judge
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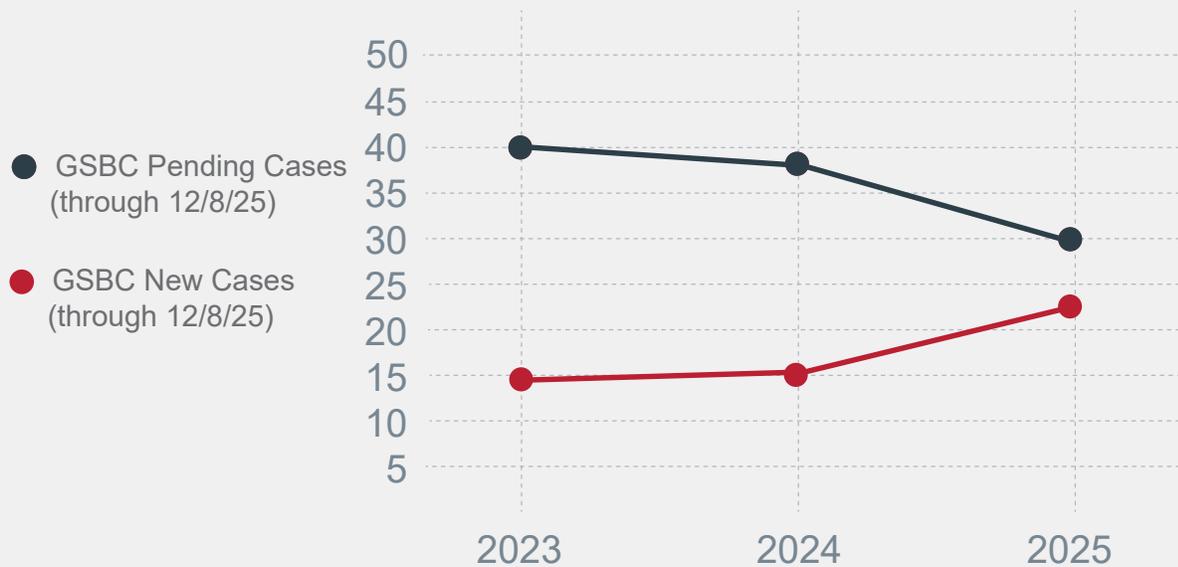
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A Comparison of the GSBC's New Cases Filed and Pending Cases Resolved

With case filings up 50% this year and pending cases dropping from 40 (2023) to just 30 in 2025 representing a three-year decline of 25%, the Georgia State-wide Business Court is managing increased demand while improving efficiency.

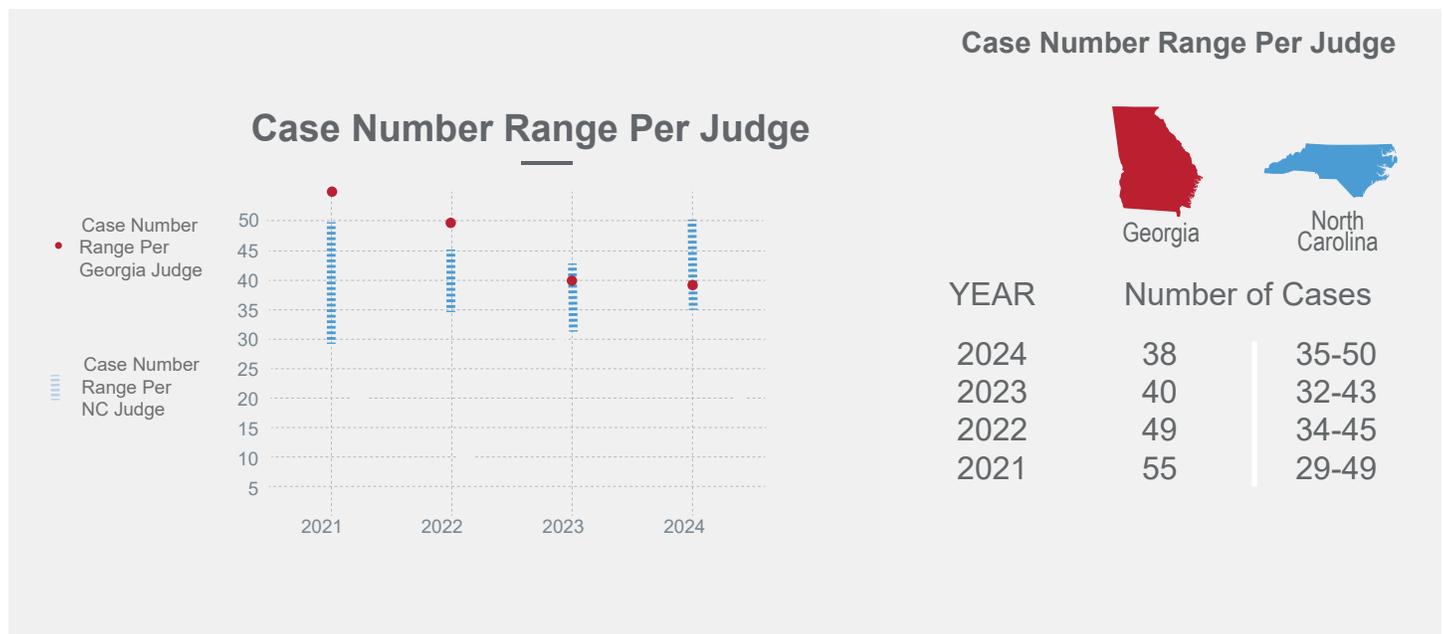
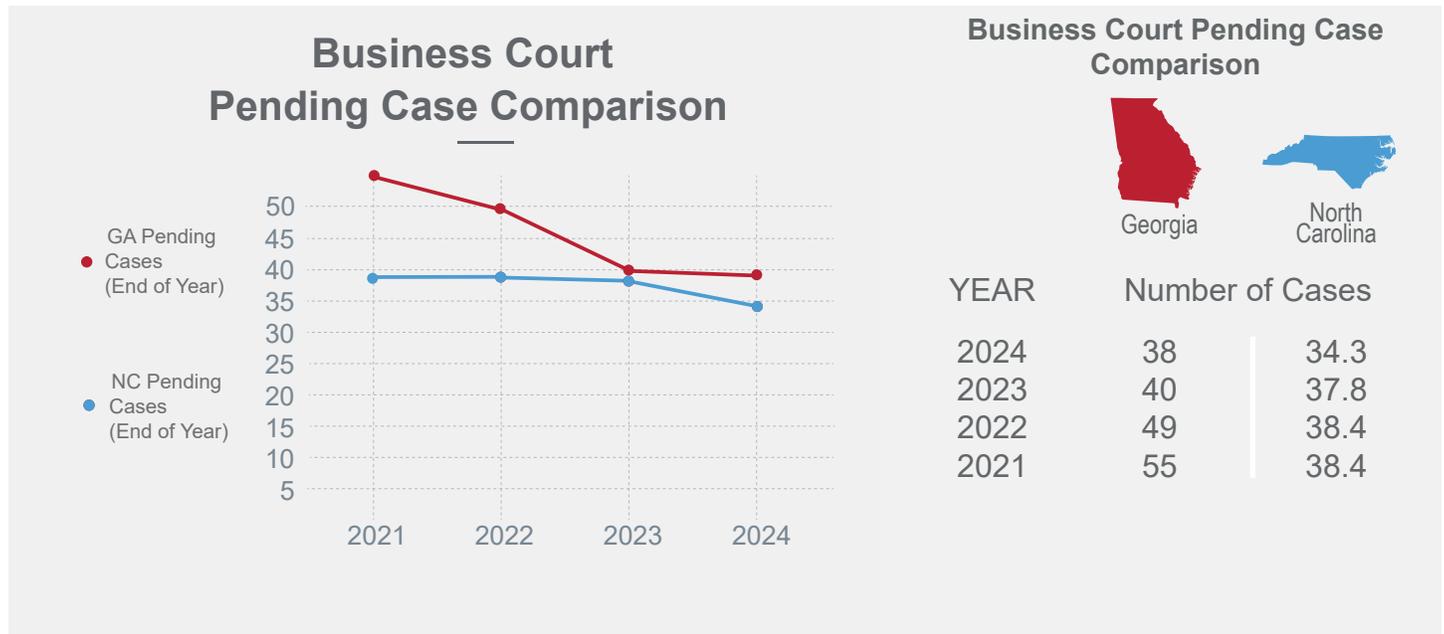
Business Court New Cases and Pending Cases



YEAR	New Cases	Pending Cases
2025	22	30
2024	15	38
2023	14	40

A Comparison of Business Courts from Georgia and North Carolina

Georgia's State-wide Business Court Matches the Performance of Long-Established Peers

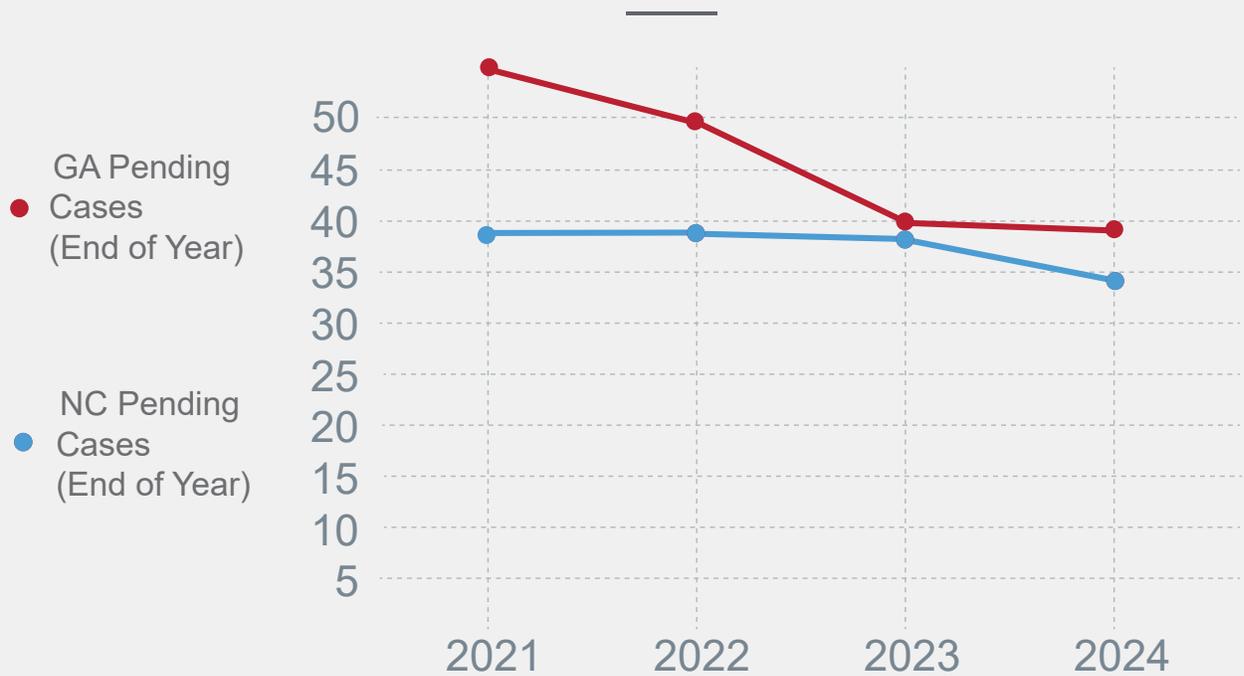


As awareness, filings, staffing, and internal processes stabilize, the Georgia State-wide Business Court is reaching performance levels comparable to a much older peer institution.

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Business Court Pending Case Comparison



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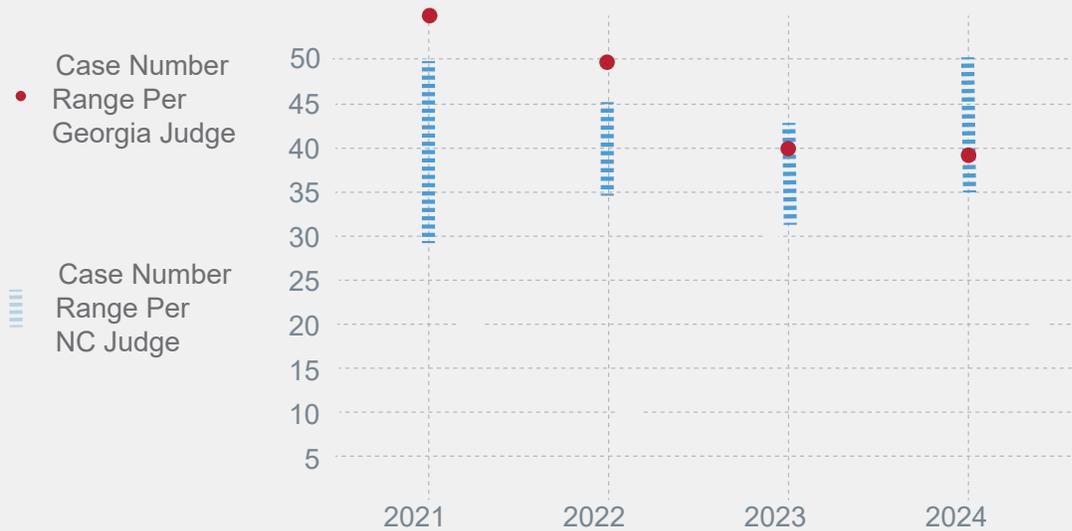
YEAR	Number of Cases	
2024	38	34.3
2023	40	37.8
2022	49	38.4
2021	55	38.4

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Case Number Range Per Judge



Case Number Range Per Judge



YEAR	Number of Cases	
2024	38	35-50
2023	40	32-43
2022	49	34-45
2021	55	29-49

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Council of Superior Court Judges Report to Judicial Council February 2026

The Council of Superior Court Judges (CSCJ) held its annual meeting and winter training conference in Athens on January 20-23, 2026. Topics for the main educational seminar presented by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE) included sentencing in sex offense cases; DNA evidence; presiding over medical malpractice cases; toxicology, AI in the courts; jury charges in criminal cases; criminal jury selection issues including *Batson* challenges; ethically managing difficult attorneys in the courtroom; in camera inspections in sex offense cases; family law-parenting time deviations; RICO cases; search warrants for electronics; sex trafficking; murder; an update from the Department of Corrections; and an evidence update. Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson of the Georgia Supreme Court was the featured luncheon speaker.

With the support of the CSCJ Executive Committee, Judge Dustin W. Hightower of the West Georgia Judicial Circuit agreed to serve a full term as CSCJ President beginning May 1, 2026. At the conference, Judge Paige Reese Whitaker of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit was elected to serve a full term as President-Elect and Judge D. Jay Stewart of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit was elected to serve a full term as Secretary-Treasurer beginning May 1, 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.

Each year, CSCJ recognizes deserving judges with the Emory Findley Award. The award, named after the late Judge Emory Findley, recognizes judges for their outstanding leadership and dedication to the continued improvement of our court system. This year's recipient was Senior Judge Robert W. Chasteen, Jr. of the Cordele Judicial Circuit, the former Chair of the Bench and Bar Committee and one of the architects of the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission.

CSCJ congratulates our newest judges: Governor Brian Kemp appointed Judge Matthew B. Bennett of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit, Judge Steven Blackerby of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit, Judge Kristi Goodwin Connell of the Augusta Judicial Circuit, and Judge James "Jim" Kiger of the Douglas Judicial Circuit.

CSCJ congratulates Judge Glen A. Cheney of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit, Judge Stacey K. Hydrick of the DeKalb Judicial Circuit, and Chief Judge Dwayne H. Gillis of the Waycross Judicial Circuit: all three judges have announced their retirement. Governor Brian Kemp will appoint judges to fill those vacancies, as well as the vacancies in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit and the Griffin Judicial Circuit.

CSCJ is sad to report the death of former Judge Joseph H. Booth of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit.



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Report of the Council of State Court Judges
Judicial Council Meeting
February 13, 2026

Four new State Court Judges were sworn in by Governor Brian Kemp. On December 12th, Judge Susan S. Camp (Douglas) was sworn in as the third Judge for the State Court of Douglas County. On January 13th, Judge Donald L. Montgomery, Jr. was sworn in as the second Judge for the State Court of Bryan County. Also sworn in were Judge Torrey D. Smith and Robert D. “Bobby” Wolf who will be the 11th and 12th Judges in the State Court of Fulton County.



Judge Donald L. Montgomery, Jr.



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Judge Robert D. “Bobby” Wolf



Judge Susan S. Camp

The Council held its New Judge Orientation for newly appointed State Court Judges at the University of Georgia Conference Center in Athens, Ga on January 26th thru January 29th . The following Judges attended the four-day training sessions: Judge James D. Boles, Jr. (Henry), Judge Susan S. Camp (Douglas), Judge James E. Crowe, Jr. (Worth), Judge Kevin W. Drummond who becomes the second Judge in Coweta County State Court, Judge Donald L. Montgomery, Jr.(Bryan), Judge Mason B. Rountree who became the second Judge in the State Court of Paulding County, Judge Torrey D. Smith (Fulton), and Judge Robert D. “Bobby” Wolf (Fulton). The four-day program examines the role of the Judge as a member of the State Judicial Branch and provides training and resources in the area of criminal and civil law; and finishes with items associated with Judicial Ethics.

The Council congratulates Judge Yolanda Mack and Judge Eric Richardson on their selection to the Board of Directors of the Judicial Section of the Gate City Bar Association.

On November 5, 2025, Judge Mack was honored to serve on the Judicial Panel for the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys’ (GABWA) Trial Masters Class! Sharing the stage with colleagues she has known for over 20 years made the experience even more meaningful. Judge Mack is grateful for the opportunity to connect, reflect, and pour into the next generation of trial lawyers.

Judge Jason Thompson (Fayette) has been working with the Committee on Access to Justice to draft appropriate Orders that restrict certain dispositions. These forms were created to continue the records restriction work and help improve compliance with OCGA § 35-3-37(h)(2)'s mandatory restriction requirements for non-convictions.



DeKalb County State Court Judge Yolanda Mack (second from left)

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Judge Gregory V. Sapp, President



COUNCIL OF JUVENILE COURT JUDGES OF GEORGIA

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Judge Kelli Rutherford, *District 8*
Judge Richard Jones, *District 9*
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Eric J. John, *Executive Director*

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING February 13, 2026

Since the Council's last report, two new judges have been appointed to the juvenile court bench of the Augusta Judicial Circuit. Judge Katrell Nash was appointed as a part-time judge to replace Judge Chanette Lewis, and Judge Rahman A. Bowick, formerly of the Augusta Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office, was appointed as a full-time judge to replace Judge Willie Saunders. In addition, Judge Tianna Bias of the same circuit was designated a full-time judge after previously serving in a part-time capacity.

Council staff and judges have continued to work closely with partners at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), juvenile and superior court clerks, and representatives from JCATS, Tyler Technologies, and ICON. As part of this collaboration, we are pleased to report that the initial phase of the data dictionary is nearly complete. This resource is intended to assist juvenile courts and clerks statewide with consistent data entry across the various case management systems used by juvenile courts.

On December 11, 2025, the Administrative Office of the Courts, along with our Council, received a request from Chairman Blake Tillery of the Senate Committee on Appropriations to provide a juvenile court data pull by January 30, 2026. We are hopeful that the development of the data dictionary will facilitate a smooth and timely data extraction in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-11-64.1. Additionally, we are optimistic that this effort will support full compliance by all courts in providing the critical information requested.

Honorable Michelle Harrison, President, 2025-26



Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia

Judge Scott Chastain
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Vice President (Miller)

Judge Darin McCoy
Secretary-Treasurer (Evans)

Judge Christopher Ballar
Immediate Past President (Gwinnett)

Report to Judicial Council of Georgia
February 13, 2026

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

Probate Judges' Day at the Capitol

The Council of Probate Court Judges hosted Probate Judges' Day at the Capitol on February 11, 2026. Over fifty judges gathered at the Capitol for group photographs with Governor Brian Kemp and Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones and took part in our annual legislative luncheon, which was yet another tremendous opportunity for us to welcome our legislators, their legislative staff members, and our judicial colleagues.

Athens-Clarke County Probate Court

Recently, the Athens-Clarke County Probate were honored by the Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP) as a recipient of the Catalyst Award, which "recognizes the entity that has done the most to support and promote pro bono success in their community in partnership with GLSP." Judge Susan Schaffer and Associate Judge Susan Huff were present to accept the honor on the court's behalf.

New Judges

Congratulations to Judge Muffin Gibson of Upson County and Judge Tony Spradley of Clinch County, who prevailed in run-off elections to fill the remainder of this term. We look forward to the continued contributions of Judge Gibson and the future contributions of Judge Spradley.

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Scott Chastain
President, Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia



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January 12, 2026

Judicial Council Report

The Council of Magistrate Court Judges is proud to share that our Immediate Past President, Judge Robert Wolf, was appointed in late December to fill an open state court judgeship in Fulton County. While he will be missed, Judge Brandon Bryson, from Bartow County was voted in to fill two unexpired terms that he held in the Council. Judge Bryson will be the Immediate Past President and the Vice Chair of Legislative Committee for the remainder of those terms.

Magistrate Day at the Capitol will be held again this year in conjunction with Probate Day at the Capitol on February 11. This is the 4th year that we have been able to have the Magistrate Legislative Breakfast and Probate Legislative Lunch on the same day and in the same room. Since there are many judges who serve both roles, this makes it easier for more people to attend both.

The Council is dedicated to helping the Probate Council achieve nonpartisan elections through a Constitutional amendment. That is a carry-over bill we are working on this year. We also are supporting legislation to allow local fees. Many courts have local legislation already but legislative counsel feels a general bill will bolster and better support those local bills. The bill is HB999 and it also includes a revision we need for our own nonpartisan bill. Finally, we have a second carryover retirement bill that will help all the chiefs across the state. Since retirement bills are required to be a 2 year process the Council is pushing this bill through the legislature this year.

Our Criminal 40-hour training will be held the week of February 16th. The officers will present and meet the new judges and the MCTC developed some new classes designed to help new judges adjust to their role.

We had our second meeting with all district reps and DCA's over zoom on December 5. At the meeting, Judge Alex Myers shared the finished benchcard created to distinguish between judicial assistance and recusals. The reps reviewed it and it was edited then sent out to all membership in early January. Our next meeting will be an in-person meeting in Macon in late March.

Our final training and annual meeting will take place in mid-April this year at Sea Palms. The training council has already been planning for the training sessions and we expect it to be a full class.



Council of Municipal Court Judges

January 23, 2026

Report to the Judicial Council of Georgia – February 2026

The following is an overview of recent events, programs, and activities of the Council of Municipal Court Judges (CMuCJ):

Council Meeting Endeavors

The Council's full Executive Committee met on January 16, 2026, in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia's Mid-year Meeting in Atlanta. Members received an enlightening presentation on The Georgia Courts Case Management System from Ben Luke, Chief Technology Officer-JC/AOC, and Sean Golan, CMS Program Manager-JC/AOC.

Lastly, the Council officers convene for monthly check-ins for updates and to discuss matters concerning the membership.

Continuing Judicial Education

The New Judges Orientation (NJO) will be conducted via Zoom March 10. This session is for any municipal court judge that may have been appointed within the last six months. Participants will receive instruction on practical procedures and fundamentals of municipal court to include an introduction to the benchbook, a review of the Municipal Court Uniform Rules, Probation Revocation, Bench Trials & Pleas, and a session on ethics. Additionally, the Council's Summer Law and Practice Update Seminar is scheduled for June 10-12, at the Thompson Hotel in Savannah, Georgia. Conducted through the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE), the three-day program provides accreditation for those serving as of January 1, 2026 (New Judges), in addition to recertifying judges.

Legislation

Council officers, legislative committee chairs, and AOC Executive Trial Court Liaison braved frigid weather and attended the 63rd Annual **Wild Hog Supper**, held January 11 at the Georgia Freight Depot. The event kicks off the start of the year's legislative session for the [General Assembly](#).

The CMuCJ legislative initiative regarding the creation of the office of senior municipal court judge to amend Article 3 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 ([HB 132](#)), did not pass in 2025 and currently sits in the House and Senate. Additionally, [HB 304](#) originated as a bill to create, by statute, the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; this bill was amended in 2025 so as to include the language from HB 132. The Council will continue its pursuit of enactment during the 2026 session and will monitor their progress as these bills move through the General Assembly.

Judge Charles Barrett, Chair, CMuCJ Legislative Committee, and I plan to be fully engaged in the weekly Judicial Council legislative calls during the session.

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Council of Municipal Court Judges

Legislative Breakfast and Day at the Capitol: The 2026 event will take place Monday, March 23, 2026, from 11a.m. – 1p.m. in Room 216 of the Georgia State Capitol. In addition to municipal court judges, invitations will be extended to the Georgia General Assembly, Judicial Council members, the appellate courts, and some special guests. Invitations will be extended in the coming month; we hope to see you there!

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Municipal Court Judges Executive Committee is scheduled for June 9, 2026, in conjunction with the Law & Practice Update seminar in Savannah.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Judge Robert Cowan

President, Council of Municipal Court Judges



**Report from the President of the State Bar of Georgia
to the Judicial Council of Georgia**

February 13, 2026

Honorable Judges and Members of the Judicial Council,

As we approach the final quarter of the 2025-26 Bar year, I am pleased to provide an update on the recent activities and initiatives of the State Bar of Georgia.

Board of Governors Meeting

Our Board of Governors, in conjunction with the Young Lawyers Division, held its Midyear Meeting on Jan. 17 in Atlanta. The Board approved two legislative proposals: (1) support for the Judicial Council's request for continued funding for the Georgia Resource Center with a \$125,000 enhancement and (2) support for amendments to O.C.G.A. § 23-3-63 to expand legal access to qualified special masters. Both proposals are now part of the State Bar's 2026 legislative agenda. We were also joined by the Council's Ben Luke, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, Sean Golden, and Bharath Parthasarathy, who provided an informative report on the statewide Content Management System. We would like to thank them and the Council for taking the time to share these exciting updates with our members.

Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology

I am particularly eager to provide the Council with an update on the Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology (AI Committee), now in its second year of operation. It is tasked with examining how the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct cover advancements in technology, particularly AI, and the practice of law; and how the Bar can aid its members as they integrate AI and technological advances into the practice of law. The committee, in conjunction with the Law Practice Management Department, released its [Generative AI Toolkit](#), aimed at providing practical guidance on the ethical use and application of generative AI for members. The toolkit is available on our website and will be regularly updated as the landscape evolves.

The committee is also exploring the use of AI in the courts and considering how the Bar can partner with the courts to continue to promote ethical use of AI in the legal system. This work is

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being spearheaded by its AI Within the Courts Subcommittee. Building on the previous efforts of the committee and the Judicial Council's 2025 Ad Hoc Committee Report, the subcommittee is focusing specifically on court-facing issues: how AI shows up in filings, hearings, evidence, judicial and staff work, and interactions with represented and self-represented litigants. They are working to collect data; identify risks and opportunities; and make initial recommendations on practical safeguards and tools, such as guidance on litigant AI use, protocols for AI-generated evidence and potential model standing orders for judges.

These endeavors are being conducted in close collaboration with liaisons from the Judicial Council, including Director Cynthia Clanton, Ben Luke and Robby Lee. The subcommittee is also coordinating with these liaisons to survey the courts and judicial staff on existing AI usage and needs. They consider this feedback and input essential to developing a comprehensive assessment of the current situation and informing future recommendations. I would like to thank the AI Committee, with special recognition of Chair Darrell Sutton and the AI Within the Courts Subcommittee, comprised of Co-chairs Hon. Jane Manning and Matt Wetherington, Bill Gentry, Dalia Racine, Jeff Dickerson and the aforementioned Judicial Council liaisons, for their commitment to advancing these initiatives.

Continuing Legal Education Rule Amendments

By Supreme Court of Georgia order, significant changes to the continuing legal education requirements for members of the State Bar of Georgia took effect on Jan. 1, 2026. These changes include a biennial (every two years) compliance period and a requirement of 18 CLE hours per period. Under these new rules, any active member having reached 40 years as an active member of the State Bar of Georgia without having been suspended or disbarred for violating the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct is now exempt from CLE requirements. The exemption begins in the compliance period immediately following the lawyer's eligibility. We are grateful to the justices, the Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency and the Continuing Legal Education Department for their diligent work in this endeavor.

Senior Lawyers Division

The Supreme Court of Georgia approved the establishment of the Senior Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, effective Feb. 5, 2026. Membership will be automatic for all Bar members in good standing aged 55 and older. The purpose of the Division is to advance the science of law; encourage better access to the legal system in our state; foster discussion about issues germane to older lawyers; create an interchange of ideas with other groups, including the Young Lawyers Division; provide mentoring opportunities to younger lawyers; and foster camaraderie among the older members of the State Bar. All of this comes as a result of the

dedicated efforts of State Bar President-Elect Bill Gentry and the leaders and members of the Senior Lawyers Section, as well as the invaluable support of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

I look forward to the State Bar's ongoing work with the Judicial Council and members of the judiciary. Our collaboration helps to sustain a strong and healthy legal system in Georgia.

Thank you for your attention and continued support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Twyman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher P. Twyman
President, State Bar of Georgia



Council of Accountability Court Judges

Presiding Judge Thomas L. Cole
Executive Committee Chair

Taylor Jones
Executive Director

Council of Accountability Court Judges Report to Judicial Council February 2026

Since the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) last reported to the Judicial Council, it convened its semi-annual meeting and is pleased to share the following accomplishments and activities.

- **Certification Applications:** CACJ opened the accountability court certification application season on November 1, 2025. Courts required to apply for certification or re-certification were asked to submit applications by December 31, 2025. In total, CACJ received 112 applications for review. Notably, 2026 marks the first year CACJ will certify Juvenile Treatment Courts, as required by H.B. 873 (2024). The Standards and Certification Committee is scheduled to review all applications on February 20, 2026.
- **Veterans Treatment Court:** CACJ's Funding Committee approved a notice of intent from one circuit to apply for state fiscal year 2027 funding to establish a Veterans Treatment Court. If funding is appropriated, the court is expected to begin operations on July 1, 2026.
- **Funding Initiatives:** Through CACJ's partnership with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), funding from the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust (GOCAT) was awarded to accountability courts in December 2024, totaling \$3,850,000. On November 7, 2025, CACJ's Funding Committee distributed \$1,282,151 of this two-year award to 15 accountability courts.
- **Training and Professional Development:** CACJ continues to offer a robust training calendar. In FY25 alone, CACJ hosted 40 trainings in addition to a statewide conference, ensuring accountability courts follow best practices to achieve positive outcomes for participants.
- **Data and Cost Savings:** CACJ continues to collect and analyze participant data and accountability court cost savings. The FY25 Annual Report, released January 7, 2026, confirms that accountability courts remain a cost-effective alternative to incarceration. In FY25, participants generated an estimated \$215 million in diversion savings. On average, each participant saves \$23,766 annually. A copy of CACJ's FY25 Annual Report is available at cacj.georgia.gov.
- **Economic Impact:** In FY25, 1,744 adult graduates contributed an estimated \$45.2 million in economic benefits to the state, with each graduate generating approximately \$25,921 in economic value.
- **Recidivism Analysis:** In December 2025, CACJ released the statewide recidivism analysis, confirming the positive impact of accountability courts. Veterans Treatment Court participants have a three-year felony recidivism rate of 27.1%, compared to 52.3% for a matched group; graduates' rate drops to just 9%. Mental Health Court graduates show similar success with a

24.3% rate versus 55.5% for non-participants. The analysis, covering 2017–2024 participant and probation records and GCIC arrest data through October 2025, demonstrates that accountability courts significantly reduce recidivism and enhance public safety. The full report is available on CACJ’s website.

CACJ remains committed to advancing the development of accountability courts across Georgia under the guidance and expertise of judges. In FY25, we were proud to celebrate CACJ’s 10th anniversary, a milestone that reflects a decade of progress, hard work, and strong partnerships. We look forward to building on this foundation with our partners to deliver meaningful outcomes for participants.



GEORGIA COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The following is an update on the initiatives and activities for the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution (“GCDR”):

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Judge Vic Reynolds

Peggy Roth

Chief Judge Renata D. Turner

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Recognition of Outgoing Chair

At its December 10 meeting in Dalton, the GCDR recognized Chief Judge M. Cindy Morris for her exemplary service as Chair and for her lasting contributions to Georgia’s dispute resolution system.

Appointed to the Commission in 2018 and serving as Chair since 2021, Chief Judge Morris provided steady, thoughtful leadership during a period of meaningful growth and modernization. Under her direction, the Commission established the Probate Mediation registration category, the first new category in decades, and advanced work on a Judicially Hosted Settlement Conference registration framework.



(L-R) Judge Carrie B. Markham, GCDR Chair-Elect; Chief Judge M. Cindy Morris, GCDR Chair; and Tracy B. Johnson, GCDR Executive Director. Photo courtesy of Leah Minter, Communications Coordinator/Graphic Designer Whitfield County

In recognition of her service, Chief Judge Morris was presented with a resolution from Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson of the Supreme Court of Georgia. Her leadership, grounded in her experience as both a superior court judge and a trained mediator, strengthened the

Commission’s work and helped shape important statewide ADR initiatives that will continue well beyond her term.

2025 Neutral Registration Renewal

Neutrals conducting court-connected alternative dispute resolution (ADR) sessions must be registered, pursuant to the Supreme Court ADR Rules. The 2025 on-time registration renewal period ended December 31. A total of 2,412 neutrals—including mediators, arbitrators, and evaluators—renewed prior to the deadline. The late renewal period will end on February 28, 2026.



GEORGIA COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Recognition of Outgoing Members

The Commission recently honored four outgoing members whose terms concluded in 2025: Hon. Clarence Cuthbert Jr.; N. Staten Bitting Jr., Esq.; Nicole W. Hull, Esq.; and Peggy McCoy Wilson. Each was recognized for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to advancing the Commission's mission and supporting the statewide ADR system.



(L-R) Tracy Johnson; GCDR Chair-Elect Carrie B. Markham; GCDR Chair Chief Judge M. Cindy Morris
N. Staten Bitting Jr., Esq.; Peggy McCoy Wilson; and Nicole W. Hull, Esq.

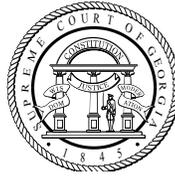
Collectively, these members contributed time, judgment, and expertise that strengthened court programs, informed policy development, and improved dispute resolution practices across Georgia. Their service reflects the collaborative spirit of the Commission and leaves a lasting impact on the quality and accessibility of ADR in the courts

2026 Commission Meeting Dates

The Commission will meet on the following dates in 2026: February 25 (*in-person*); May 13 (*virtual*); August 19 (*virtual*); and December 9 (*in-person*). Meeting information as well as minutes from past meetings are available 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: February 13, 2026

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 February 3, 2025, is as follows.

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). **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.**

The Commission's Benham Awards Selection Committee, chaired by **Attorney Michael D. Hobbs, Jr.**, Partner, Troutman, Pepper, Locke, met on November 20, 2025, and selected award recipients as follows.

DISTRICT AWARD RECIPIENTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 1

Mr. Frank W. “Sonny” Seiler
(Posthumously)
Savannah, GA

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 2

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT 9

Ms. Dorothy “Dodie” Sachs
Sachs Family Law, P.C.
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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Mr. Virgil L. Adams
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Macon, GA
(Judicial District 3)

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/>



VIDEO REPLAY OF THOUGHTS ON LIVING AND PRACTICING WITH PROFESSIONALISM: AN INTERVIEW WITH ATTORNEY THOMAS G. SAMPSON

Now Through March 31, 2026, the Commission is offering a *No Registration Fee Self Report Video Reply of 02-27-25 Thoughts on Living and Practicing with Professionalism: An Interview with Attorney Thomas G. Sampson* by Hon. Herbert E. Phipps (Retired).

For more information about the video replay, visit:
https://cjcpga.org/sampson_video_cle/



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.

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**. During February/March 2026, the sub-committee will hold a CLE entitled *Artificial Intelligence: Innovation without Regulation*. **Mr. Taewoo Paul Nam**, General Counsel and Senior Vice President for Bluefin Payment System and a new member of the State Bar's Committee on Professionalism, is the Program Chair. Mr. Nam will also moderate the CLE, which has been approved for 1 professionalism CLE hour. The currently confirmed panelists are as follows: **Ms. Stephanie Driggers** (Deputy General Counsel, UPS); **Mr. Angus M. Haig** (General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, JAS) and **Mr. Jonathan Lippert** (General Counsel, Porsche Financial Services).

For more information about the CLE, visit:
https://cjcpga.org/artificial_intelligence_sbg_cop_cle/



CONNECT WITH A COLLEAGUE CONTEST

The Committee's Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee is co-chaired by **Ms. Cathy Hampton** and **Mrs. Samantha M. Mullis** with staff support from the Commission. The Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee anticipates holding its 3rd Connect With A Colleague Contest March 1, 2026, through April 30,

2026, to encourage attorneys on opposite sides of a case or controversy to get together to advance professionalism in our legal field. During a Commission CLE entitled, “*The Necessity of Unparalleled Unity*” that was held via Zoom on March 19, 2021, **Judge Nina Markette Baker**, Coweta Circuit Superior Court, discussed how having a cup of coffee with an opposing counsel impacted her career as a young lawyer. Her observations exemplify what the State Bar Committee on Professionalism and what the Commission are trying to teach all lawyers (new and seasoned) as part of the Connect with A Colleague contest.

For more information about the Connect With A Colleague contest, visit: <https://cjcpga.org/cwac/>.



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.

For more information and to sign-up to organize and give a presentation for Law Day 2026, visit: <https://www.gabar.org/law-day>



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 Fall 2025 Georgia Bar Journal Professionalism Page entitled ***Law School Orientations on Professionalism: An Embodiment of a Professional Aspiration*** is attached as “Exhibit A.” Many of the Commission’s Professionalism Page articles are available on the Commission’s website at the link here: <https://cjcpga.org/georgia-bar-journal-articles/>.

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.



Karlise Y. Grier, Executive Director of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, presents to the Atlanta Bar Association Construction Law Section on January 28, 2026.

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/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cjcpga/videos>

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

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



Law School Orientations on Professionalism: An Embodiment of a Professional Aspiration

Each year, the Law School Orientations on Professionalism are designed to provide incoming 1Ls with their first introduction to professionalism.

BY KARLISE Y. GRIER

In 1992, when the Supreme Court of Georgia entered an order adopting A Lawyer's Creed and the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism, the Court wrote: "It is the Court's hope that Georgia's lawyers, judges and legal educators will use the following aspirational ide-

als to reexamine the justifications of the practice of law in our society and to consider the implications of those justifications for their conduct." In August 2025—as one embodiment of the 1992 Supreme Court's aspiration—lawyers, judges, legal educators and law students, gathered for

the 33rd year at all five of Georgia's law schools for the Law School Orientations on Professionalism. The orientations are designed to provide incoming 1Ls with their first introduction to professionalism. Generally, the orientations, which are held at all the law schools before the start of classes, open with brief remarks by a lawyer, judge or school official, followed by breakout sessions. During the breakout sessions, Georgia lawyers and judges serve as group leaders to help students learn the meaning of professionalism and why it is important for them as law students. To provide context for the professionalism ideals, the group leaders and students discuss hypothetical problems that are developed by the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism. In 2025, 147 lawyers and judges served as group leaders, and 26 of those individuals served at two or more schools. The breakout sessions provided 1,166 students an opportunity to explore a variety of professionalism



Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism member Hon. Steven D. Grimberg, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, presents remarks at the close of the Emory University School of Law's Professionalism program prior to administering the professionalism oath to students.

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aspirations including the meaning of acting with complete honesty, civility and professional friendship.

One important professionalism theme that students were encouraged to consider during the Orientations was “the rule of law.” For example, in a letter sent to all incoming 1L students from Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, chair of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, he wrote:

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia is Georgia’s principal defender of and advocate for the rule of law. You as law students, however, as the newest members of Georgia’s legal community also have a role in upholding the rule of law. It is likely that nothing in your school honor or ethics code will dictate that you do so; in fact, such a requirement might itself conflict with law. But good lawyers go beyond minimum requirements to exhibit the highest ideals of professionalism. I hope you will choose to do likewise.

Likewise, Christopher P. Twyman, 63rd president of the State Bar of Georgia, also shared in a letter he wrote to the students:

I also hope during my Bar year to increase the public’s knowledge and understanding of our constitution and its role in sustaining the rule of law. This also is something



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Group leaders for the Law School Orientation on Professionalism at Georgia State University College of Law on Aug. 12.

2025 Professionalism Plenary Speakers and/or Administration of Professionalism Oath or Student Honor Code Pledge

Name of Law School	Date	# of Students	# of Group Leaders	Professionalism Speaker
Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School	Aug. 2	131	38	Hon. Eric Richardson State Court of Fulton County
Emory University School of Law	Aug. 14	415	50	Hon. Steven D. Grimsberg U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
Georgia State University College of Law	Aug. 12	260	27	Justice Andrew A. Pinson Supreme Court of Georgia
Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law	Aug. 8	155	19	Justice Verda M. Colvin Supreme Court of Georgia
University of Georgia School of Law	Aug. 15	205	31	Dean Andrea Dennis Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
TOTALS		1,166	165*	*Includes 26 individuals that served as group leaders at two or more schools, resulting in 147 unique individuals.

2025 Law School Orientations on Professionalism Group Leader Volunteers

Nilufar Abdi-Tabari	Stephen C. Collier	Nathan Juster	Latevia Priddy
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Anna M. Arceneaux	Theodore Davis	David A. Kleber	Mark Rogers
Kevin Armstrong	David S. DeLugas	Jeanney Kutner	Jatrean M. Sanders
Hon. Todd H. Ashley	Hon. Eric K. Dunaway	Kevin V. Kwashnak	Claudia Saari
Eleanor M. Attwood	David Emadi	Eric C. Lang	Timothy J. Santelli
Bryan O. Babcock	Falon Elbaz	Hon. John K. Larkins	Margaret Schweizer
Rocky James Babson	Joshua Elbaz	Professor Henry Leaman	Hon. Janet Scott
Hon. Neera Bahl	James E. Elliott Jr.	Jason S. Lichtstein	Lauren Shubow
Stewart Banner	Ikemesit A. Eyo	Professor Patrick E. Longan	Professor Kyle Skinner
Shakara M. Barnes	Maya H. Fouad	Alexander S. Lurey	Robert W. Smith
Courtne Barrett-Parks	Adrienne C. Freeman	Elizabeth L. Markowitz	Hon. Christopher Sprague
William Barwick	Sharif Fulcher	Yashica Marshall	C.J. Steinmetz III
Professor Heather Baxter	Jennie Geada Fernandez	Hon. Corey Martin	Heather Stevenson
Amber Bell	David H. Glass	Hon. Gerald Mason	Michael Stoer
Steven Berne	Megan A. Glimmerveen	Kevin Maxim	Margaret Strickler
Samantha Beskin-Schemer	Robin Ann Golivesky	Lauren A. McAuley	Bryan A. Sutlive
William John Black	Karlise Y. Grier	David H. McCain	Henry C. Tharpe
Thomas Charles Blaska II	Blake Halberg	Jason McCarter	Professor John Thielman
Hon. Mara L. Block	Adam M. Hames	Hon. Christopher J. McFadden	Torin D. Togut
Lauren Boffill	Duncan Harle	Shannon L. Mills	Uchenna Mary-Anne Uzoka
Nicholas Booth	Tiffani R. Hawes	Jennifer Mock	Carlos Vilela
Joshua I. Bosin	James W. Hays	Marta Carolina Mora	Caitlyn Wade
C. Brock Brockington	Adam L. Hebbard	Ashley A. Nechay	Thomas Leland Walker
Brittanie Browning	Michael V. Herskowitz	Hon. William D. NeSmith	Luana Walsh
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Mark Burnette	Corey Fleming Hirokawa	Robert Norman	Kathleen Wasch
Hon. Stephanie D. Burton	Thomas Tucker Hobgood	Zachary North	Julayaun Maria Waters
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Elizabeth D. Christian	Kristina M. Jones	James T. Plunkett	
Alex Cidado	Shiriki C. Jones	Professor Polly Price	

Are you interested in serving as a group leader for the 2026 Law School Orientations on Professionalism? Complete the contact form found at bit.ly/groupleader2026.



with which you can assist me as a law school student. I encourage you to get involved in your law school, your community and in civic organizations—even as a law student. Getting involved is not only consistent with our professionalism aspirations as lawyers, but it is also good for your legal career.

Attorney Carlos Vilela, the 2025-26 chair of the State Bar of Georgia’s Committee on Professionalism, served as a group leader at two law schools. He summarized the tremendous value of the orientations to both the volunteer group leaders and the students, by observing:

These sessions are truly a ‘win-win’ for all involved. Group leaders get an opportunity for a refresher on A Lawyer’s Creed and the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism and 1Ls learn from practitioners what it means to be a professional. It is in these professionalism orientations that the next generation of attorneys learn from practitioners what their clients, the courts, their opposing counsel and the public at large expect of them as professionals. These breakout groups provide an initial exposure that the ‘easy’ solution to a professionalism problem is seldom the correct one, and that even the ‘best’ solutions to a professionalism may present its own challenges.

On behalf of the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism and the State Bar Committee on Professionalism, I thank our five law school partners and the hundreds (literally) of volunteers who continue to epitomize the professionalism ideals envisioned by the Supreme Court of Georgia more than 33 years ago. ●



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Group leaders at: 1. Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School (Aug. 2); 2. Emory University School of Law (Aug. 14); 3. Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law (Aug. 8); 4. University of Georgia School of Law (Aug. 15).



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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.

2026 Spring Conference

The GCCA Spring Conference is scheduled for **March 8–11, 2026**, at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Georgia. This multi-day event will focus on the ethical foundations, core purposes, and responsibilities of courts, providing an important forum for education, collaboration, and professional development. Court leaders from across the state will come together to exchange best practices, discuss emerging challenges, and work collaboratively on initiatives aimed at strengthening Georgia's court system.

Centered on the theme "*Grounded in Purpose, Guided by Ethics*," the conference will feature educational sessions, interactive workshops, and facilitated discussions emphasizing ethical decision-making, effective leadership, and sound court management. **Tyler Enslin will serve as the keynote speaker, presenting "Mastering Your Memory,"** a dynamic session designed to provide attendees with practical techniques to enhance focus, retention, and performance. His presentation will complement the conference's goals by equipping participants with tools that support effective court leadership, promote fairness and efficiency, and strengthen public confidence in Georgia's courts.

GCCA'S Commitment to Judicial Ethics and Purposes and Responsibilities

The Georgia Council of Court Administrators is firmly committed to upholding the highest ethical standards while advancing the core purposes and responsibilities of the courts. Recognizing that public trust is the foundation of an effective justice system, the Council promotes integrity, accountability, fairness, and transparency in all aspects of court administration. Through education, collaboration, and the sharing of best practices, GCCA supports court leaders in making principled decisions that ensure equal access to justice and the consistent application of the rule of law. By emphasizing ethical leadership and a clear sense of purpose, the Council strengthens the capacity of Georgia's courts to serve the public with professionalism, efficiency, and respect.

Lindsay Mobley

Lindsay Mobley, President



To: Judicial Council Members, et al.

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

RE: ICJE Report for Feb. 13, 2026, Judicial Council Meeting

Date: January 20, 2026

Happy New Year! 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

2026 REGISTRATION

2026 training registration launches on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

DECEMBER 2025 TRAINING SUMMARY

ICJE delivered one December training program, serving 3 learners and providing 48 continuing judicial education hours.

- **Superior Court Judges’ NJO**
UGA Center for Continuing Education, 3 learners



ICJE IN PICTURES



New Superior Court Judges' NJO Lead Instructors Superior Court Judge Alison Burlison (L) and Robert McBurney (R) welcomed the 2025 NJO Class Members – Mountain Circuit Superior Court Judges B. Nichole Carswell, Hobie Jones, and Flint Circuit Superior Court Judge Chaundra Lewis

On behalf of the ICJE team, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



FY2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

NOVEMBER 1 – 30, 2025

FOR REVENUE AND EXPENSES ADMINISTERED BY ICJE OF GEORGIA*

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Peterson David, AOC – Chief Financial Officer

**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.*

This financial reporting template was developed in collaboration with the AOC Fiscal Staff, and the UGA School of Law Business Office.

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	\$ 626,645.41	\$ 552,316.08								
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	\$ 71,197.05	\$ 54,919.77								\$ -
4	Total Personnel	\$ 683,766.00	\$ -	\$ 97,878.45	\$ 54,693.17	\$ 71,197.05	\$ 54,919.77	\$ -	\$ 278,688.44						
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	\$ 152.04	\$ -								\$ 608.16
8	IT - Communications - UGA		\$ 51.86	\$ 51.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ 103.72
9	IT - Internet		\$ -	\$ 2,965.86	\$ 1,482.93	\$ 1,482.93	\$ 1,482.93								\$ 7,414.65
10	IT - Copier		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166.30	\$ 166.30	\$ 83.15								\$ 415.75
11	IT - Copier Overages		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.19	\$ 6.91	\$ 29.74								\$ 37.84
12	IT - Equipment		\$ 1,818.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ 1,818.72
13	IT - Equipment Materials		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
14	IT - Software Mgmt Renewal		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143.50	\$ 153.79	\$ -								\$ 297.29
15	IT - Software Subscriptions		\$ 3.90	\$ 5.40	\$ 267.30	\$ 100.00	\$ 169.80								\$ 546.40
16	IT - Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37.44	\$ 37.45								\$ 74.89
17	Office Supplies	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 157.58	\$ 158.17	\$ 346.70	\$ 12.16	\$ 204.23								\$ 878.84
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	\$ 208.00	\$ -								\$ 2,462.81
22	Utilities	\$ 10,208.00	\$ 830.49	\$ 927.94	\$ 742.79	\$ 812.71	\$ 827.48								\$ 4,141.41
23	Other	\$ 500.40	\$ 8.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23.64								\$ 32.59
24	Total Operating	\$ 160,830.00	\$ 55,408.10	\$ 4,215.63	\$ 5,755.24	\$ 3,132.28	\$ 2,858.42	\$ -	\$ 71,369.67						
25	Monthly Personnel & Operating Totals		\$ 55,408.10	\$ 102,094.08	\$ 60,448.41	\$ 74,329.33	\$ 57,778.19	\$ -	\$ 350,058.11						
26	Total Remaining Funds		\$ 789,187.90	\$ 687,093.82	\$ 626,645.41	\$ 552,316.08	\$ 494,537.89	\$ -							

* A total of \$2,436.89 of reserve funding was used to cover unexpected expenses not included in the annual budget. \$1,482.92 for IT- Internet and \$953.97 for office supplies in the months of September & October 2025.

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	\$ 240,686.56	\$ 238,699.40									
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	\$ 623.00	\$ 1,200.00								\$ 4,068.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 415.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 830.00	\$ 623.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,068.00	
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
9	Fall Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,593.20	\$ 41,469.04								\$ 44,062.24	
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,593.20	\$ 41,469.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,956.84	
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.96	\$ -								\$ 16.96	
20	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
21	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
22	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.96	
23	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 238,856.56	\$ 239,856.56	\$ 240,686.56	\$ 238,699.40	\$ 198,430.36	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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	\$ 126,651.83	\$ 124,242.55									
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ 398.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ -	\$ 796.00	\$ 6,144.00								\$ 11,178.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 384.00	\$ -	\$ 384.00								\$ 768.00	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 398.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 796.00	\$ 5,760.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,410.00	
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
9	Fall Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,205.28	\$ 22,943.23								\$ 26,148.51	
10	Spring Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
11	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
12	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44.95	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00								\$ 3,044.95	
13	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
14	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44.95	\$ 3,205.28	\$ 25,943.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,193.46	
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	\$ 124,242.55	\$ 104,059.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

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	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 163,825.98	\$ 163,354.38									
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	\$ 1,818.00	\$ 7,626.00								\$ 14,292.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ -	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 1,818.00	\$ 7,626.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Fall COAG	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,542.00	\$ 2,289.60	\$ 3,265.40								\$ 7,097.00
10	New Judge Orientation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
11	Spring Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
12	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
13	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
14	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
15	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,542.00	\$ 2,289.60	\$ 3,265.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,097.00

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	\$ 163,354.38	\$ 167,714.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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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	\$ 38,379.10	\$ 34,798.30									
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
3	CJE Support Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 585.00								\$ 585.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 585.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
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	\$ -	\$ 3,580.80	\$ -								\$ 9,303.80	
13	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
14	Total:	\$ 4,947.00	\$ 776.00	\$ -	\$ 3,580.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,303.80	
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	\$ 34,798.30	\$ 35,383.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

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	\$ 82,953.02	\$ 79,425.02								
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	\$ -	\$ 1,663.00								\$ 10,722.50
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 2,058.00	\$ 6,144.00	\$ 857.50	\$ -	\$ 1,663.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,722.50
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Annual Conference	\$ -	\$ 20,248.96	\$ 707.75	\$ 3,528.00	\$ -								\$ 24,484.71
10	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
11	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
12	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
13	Total:	\$ -	\$ 20,248.96	\$ 707.75	\$ 3,528.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,484.71
14	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
15	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
16	Certificate Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240.42	\$ -	\$ 21.00								\$ 261.42
17	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
18	Additonal Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
19	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
20	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240.42	\$ -	\$ 21.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 261.42
21	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 97,148.65	\$ 83,043.69	\$ 82,953.02	\$ 79,425.02	\$ 81,067.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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	\$ 223,497.43	\$ 218,609.20									
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	\$ 409.50	\$ 3,555.00								\$ 16,017.50	
4 Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
5 Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
6 Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
7 Total:	\$ 1,228.50	\$ 8,777.00	\$ 2,047.50	\$ 409.50	\$ 3,555.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,017.50	
8 EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
9 40 Hr. Basic Civil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,972.58	\$ 429.32	\$ 35,904.84								\$ 39,306.74	
10 Fall Recertification	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,619.81	\$ 28,094.85								\$ 33,714.66	
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	\$ 5,049.13	\$ 63,999.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,958.95	
18 MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
19 MCTC Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ -								\$ 180.00	
20 National Trainings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
21 Mentoring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68.60	\$ -								\$ 68.60	
22 Benchbook	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
23 Quarterly Postage	\$ 15.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.95								\$ 23.96	
24 Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
25 Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
26 Total:	\$ 15.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 248.60	\$ 8.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 272.56	
27 ENDING BALANCE	\$ 217,583.06	\$ 225,360.06	\$ 223,497.43	\$ 218,609.20	\$ 158,155.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

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	\$ 57,207.78	\$ 30,657.49									
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,550.29	\$ (26,550.29)								\$ -	
19	Total:	\$ -	\$ 24.18	\$ -	\$ 26,550.29	\$ (26,550.29)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24.18	
20	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 55,025.76	\$ 57,792.78	\$ 57,207.78	\$ 30,657.49	\$ 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	\$ 106,956.82	\$ 78,469.38								
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	\$ 3,112.00	\$ 14,639.00								\$ 36,697.00
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
7	Total:	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 14,292.00	\$ 3,487.00	\$ 3,112.00	\$ 14,639.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,697.00
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
9	Fall Recert / L&P	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,928.18	\$ 208.32								\$ 31,136.50
10	Summer Recert / L&P	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
11	National Trainings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
12	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
13	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ 868.08	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 671.26	\$ -								\$ 6,539.34
14	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -
15	Total:	\$ -	\$ 868.08	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 31,599.44	\$ 208.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,675.84
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	\$ 78,469.38	\$ 92,900.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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	\$ 120,568.50	\$ 108,035.01									
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	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 15,520.00								\$ 38,288.75	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00								\$ 750.00	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 17,570.00	\$ 1,038.75	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 15,020.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,538.75	
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
9	September Certification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,307.85	\$ 14,818.95	\$ -								\$ 17,126.80	
10	November Recertification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,817.74								\$ 6,817.74	
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	\$ 14,818.95	\$ 6,817.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,277.54	
16	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
17	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314.54	\$ -								\$ 314.54	
18	Quarterly Postage	\$ 13.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ 13.17	
19	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
20	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
21	Total:	\$ 13.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 327.71	
22	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 110,600.60	\$ 128,170.60	\$ 120,568.50	\$ 108,035.01	\$ 116,237.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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	\$ 302,546.46	\$ 296,615.37									
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	\$ 5,931.09	\$ 4,628.54								\$ 563,640.87	
10	Winter NJO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
11	Winter Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
12	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
13	Encumbrances/Adjust.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
14	Total:	\$ 8,822.44	\$ 477,748.50	\$ 66,510.30	\$ 5,931.09	\$ 4,628.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 563,640.87	
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	\$ 296,615.37	\$ 291,986.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

JUDICIAL STAFF ATTORNEYS

Fund Source: 42006 Project Code: 367

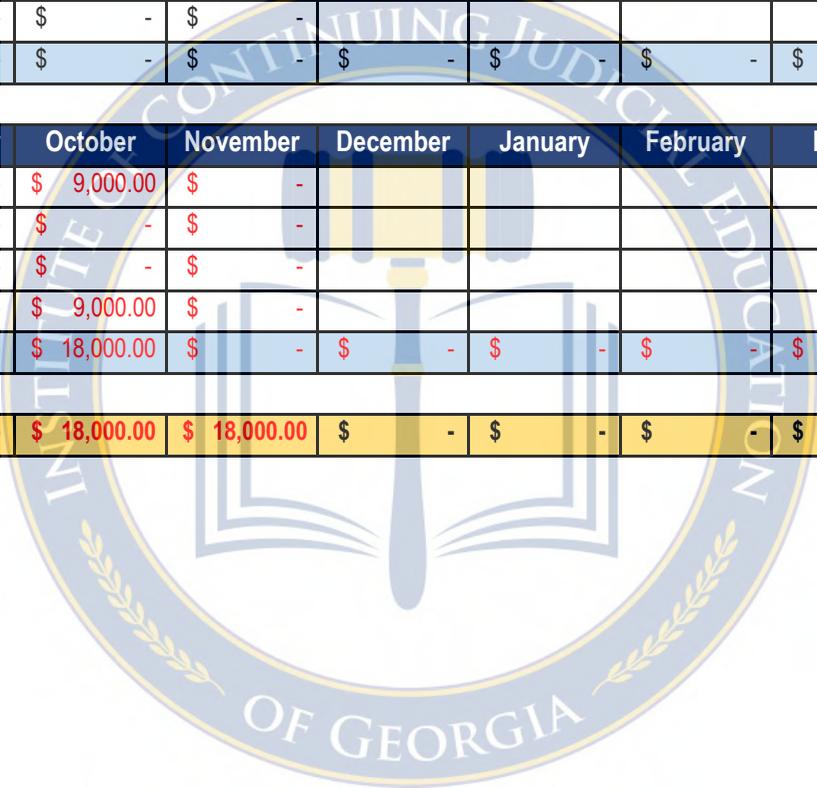
Training Mandates: These events fulfill Continuing Legal Education Requirements promulgated in State Bar of Georgia Rule 8-104. The venues are contracted in collaboration with the Superior Court Judges' MCJE Committee; and, the State Court Judges' Educational Programs Committee.

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 16,197.64	\$ 39,686.95	\$ 37,127.92	\$ 31,757.81	\$ 31,525.81									
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00								\$ 27,712.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -								\$ 200.00	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 23,504.00	\$ 4,008.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 32.00	\$ 3,233.00								\$ 15,202.14	
10	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
11	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -								\$ -	
12	Total:	\$ -	\$ 6,567.03	\$ 5,370.11	\$ 32.00	\$ 3,233.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,202.14	
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	\$ 31,525.81	\$ 28,492.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		

GEORGIA COMMISSION ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

Fund Source: 42012 Project Code: 353

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
7	Attorney Payment #2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	Benchcard Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9	Future Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
11	ENDING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



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.

SEPTEMBER 1 - 30, 2025

1. Municipal Court Judges (42002-344): There is a \$0.50 revenue difference that was found in the September data. This has been submitted to the AOC to be adjusted and will be reflected in the financial reports once it has been corrected accordingly.

OCTOBER 1 - 31, 2025

1. Magistrate Court Judges (42001-337): An expense of \$132.46 for printing materials was charged for the Fall Recertification Conference. The total amount owed was \$1,392.46. The remaining balance of \$1,260.00 was brought to the AOC's attention in November 2025 and will be reflected in the financial reports once it has been corrected accordingly.

2. Magistrate Court Clerks (42008-331): An venue expense of \$26,550.29 was incorrectly charged to the Magistrate Court Clerks that should have been charged to the Magistrate Court Judges (42001-337). This has been submitted to the AOC to be adjusted and will be reflected in the financial reports once it has been corrected accordingly.

3. Georgia Commission on Family Violence (42012-353): A request was made in September 2025 to have the grant funds moved internally to the 42012-353 account to pay the contracted attorney for services on the domestic violence benchbook. The funds will be reflected in the financial reports once they have been moved by the AOC accordingly. The attorney has been paid the first portion of the contract per the MOU. The remaining balance of the MOU will be paid out at the end of December 2025/early January 2026 once all services have been rendered.

ICJE Fund Source & Project Analysis

Fiscal Year 26	Fund Source	Jul-25 42006	Aug-25 42006	Sep-25 42006	Oct-25 42006	Nov-25 42006
State Court Judges	Project	319	319	319	319	319
Beginning Balance		272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16
(Expenses)		(33,894.60)	(33,894.60)	(33,894.60)	(36,504.76)	(45,503.24)
Revenues		415.00	1,415.00	2,245.00	2,868.00	4,068.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(32,470.56)
Balance		238,856.56	239,856.56	240,686.56	238,699.40	198,430.36

Fund Source	42003	42003	42003	42003	42003
Juvenile Court Judges	Project	308	308	308	308
Beginning Balance		122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73
(Expenses)		(8.95)	(8.95)	(53.90)	(3,259.18)
Revenues		398.00	4,238.00	3,854.00	4,650.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		123,240.78	127,080.78	126,651.83	124,242.55

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

Balance	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60
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	Fund Source	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005
Probate Judges NTRF	Project	315	315	315	315	315
Beginning Balance		160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71
(Expenses)		0.00	(0.72)	(1,913.73)	(4,203.33)	(7,468.73)
Revenues		0.00	2,424.00	4,848.00	6,666.00	14,292.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		160,891.71	163,314.99	163,825.98	163,354.38	167,714.98

	Fund Source	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005
Probate Judges TRF	Project	352	352	352	352	352
Beginning Balance		44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05
(Expenses)		(4,947.00)	(5,723.00)	(5,733.95)	(5,733.95)	(9,314.75)
Revenues		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	585.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,580.80)	0.00
Balance		39,166.05	38,390.05	38,379.10	34,798.30	35,383.30

	Fund Source	42004	42004	42004	42004	42004
Probate Court Clerks	Project	314	314	314	314	314
Beginning Balance		95,090.65	95,090.65	95,090.65	95,090.65	95,090.65
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		95,090.65	95,090.65	95,090.65	95,090.65	95,090.65

(Expenses)	0.00	(17,374.56)	(21,197.13)	(24,725.13)	(24,746.13)
Revenues	2,058.00	8,202.00	9,059.50	9,059.50	10,722.50
Future Adjustments	0.00	(2,874.40)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance	97,148.65	83,043.69	82,953.02	79,425.02	81,067.02

	Fund Source	42001	42001	42001	42001	42001
Magistrate Court Judges	Project	337	337	337	337	337
Beginning Balance		216,369.57	216,369.57	216,369.57	216,369.57	216,369.57
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		216,369.57	216,369.57	216,369.57	216,369.57	216,369.57
(Expenses)		(15.01)	(1,015.01)	(4,925.14)	(10,222.87)	(74,231.51)
Revenues		1,228.50	10,005.50	12,053.00	12,462.50	16,017.50
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		217,583.06	225,360.06	223,497.43	218,609.20	158,155.56

	Fund Source	42008	42008	42008	42008	42008
Magistrate Court Clerks	Project	331	331	331	331	331
Beginning Balance		56,470.59	56,470.59	56,470.59	56,470.59	56,470.59
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		56,470.59	56,470.59	56,470.59	56,470.59	56,470.59
(Expenses)		(1,444.83)	(2,177.81)	(2,762.81)	(29,313.10)	(2,762.81)
Revenues		0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		55,025.76	57,792.78	57,207.78	30,657.49	57,207.78

	Fund Source	42002	42002	42002	42002	42002
Municipal Court Judges	Project	344	344	344	344	344
Beginning Balance		93,878.90	93,878.90	93,878.90	93,878.90	93,878.90
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Balance	93,878.90	93,878.90	93,878.90	93,878.90	93,878.90
(Expenses)	0.00	(868.08)	(868.08)	(37,467.52)	(37,675.84)
Revenues	1,167.00	15,459.00	18,946.00	22,058.00	36,697.00
Future Adjustments	0.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	0.00	0.00
Balance	<u>95,045.90</u>	<u>108,469.82</u>	<u>106,956.82</u>	<u>78,469.38</u>	<u>92,900.06</u>

	Fund Source	42009	42009	42009	42009	42009
Municipal Court Clerks	Project	345	345	345	345	345
Beginning Balance		109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		<u>109,303.77</u>	<u>109,303.77</u>	<u>109,303.77</u>	<u>109,303.77</u>	<u>109,303.77</u>
(Expenses)		(13.17)	(13.17)	(8,654.02)	(23,787.51)	(30,605.25)
Revenues		1,310.00	18,880.00	19,918.75	22,518.75	37,538.75
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		<u>110,600.60</u>	<u>128,170.60</u>	<u>120,568.50</u>	<u>108,035.01</u>	<u>116,237.27</u>

	Fund Source	42007	42007	42007	42007	42007
Superior Court Judges	Project	323	323	323	323	323
Beginning Balance		20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		<u>20,544.64</u>	<u>20,544.64</u>	<u>20,544.64</u>	<u>20,544.64</u>	<u>20,544.64</u>
(Expenses)		(8,822.44)	(475,553.48)	(553,118.18)	(559,049.27)	(563,677.81)
Revenues		835,120.00	835,120.00	835,120.00	835,120.00	835,120.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	(11,017.46)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		<u>846,842.20</u>	<u>369,093.70</u>	<u>302,546.46</u>	<u>296,615.37</u>	<u>291,986.83</u>

Fund Source	42006	42006	42006	42006	42006
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Judicial Staff Attorneys	Project	367	367	367	367	367
Beginning Balance		16,197.64	16,197.64	16,197.64	16,197.64	16,197.64
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		16,197.64	16,197.64	16,197.64	16,197.64	16,197.64
(Expenses)		(14.69)	(6,581.72)	(11,951.83)	(11,983.83)	(15,216.83)
Revenues		23,504.00	27,512.00	27,512.00	27,312.00	27,512.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		39,686.95	37,127.92	31,757.81	31,525.81	28,492.81

Accountability Judges	Fund Source	44195	44195	44195	44195	44195
Project	368	368	368	368	368	368
Beginning Balance		31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87
(Expenses)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Revenues		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87	31,910.87

Domestic Violence	Fund Source	42012	42012	42012	42012	42012
Project	353	353	353	353	353	353
Beginning Balance		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(Expenses)		0.00	0.00	0.00	(9,000.00)	(9,000.00)
Revenues		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	(9,000.00)	(9,000.00)
Balance		0.00	0.00	0.00	(18,000.00)	(18,000.00)

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REPORT TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA
FEBRUARY 13, 2026 MEETING

Since our last meeting, the Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks has worked with Senator Tillery and other stakeholders to create a dependency data dictionary entitled *Guide to Dependency Case Data Tracking*. The guide was successfully pushed out to all juvenile courts on January 29, 2026 to streamline language used across the state to ensure clarity around data points.

GAJCC elected new members to its Executive Board including Samantha Cannon as President-Elect, Lisa Jordan as Treasurer, and Chesley Cantrell as Secretary. Our executive board is now fully staffed. We continue to work on updates to our bylaws to be more inclusive to Superior Court Clerks who also serve as Juvenile Court Clerks.

GAJCC is preparing for our Spring Conference where we plan to discuss recent updates from the Attorney General's Office regarding the Department of Family and Children's Services' decision to discontinue paying SAAGs to draft orders in dependency matters as a cost-savings measure to address its budget shortfall. This decision shifts a significant administrative responsibility to juvenile courts, creating substantial operational and fiscal impacts for court staff and resources.

Respectfully submitted,

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