

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA

General Session

Friday, April 17, 2026

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Nathan Deal Judicial Center
Atlanta, GA

**Judicial Council of Georgia
General Session**

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- 1. Call to Order & Swearing In of New Member**
(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 Scott Chastain, Est. Time – 1 Min.)
- 4. Approval of Minutes (*Action Item*)** **TAB 1**
(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Est. Time – 2 Min.)
- 5. Judicial Council Committee Reports**
 - A. Access to Justice Committee** **TAB 2**
(Justice Verda M. Colvin, Est. Time – 7 Min.)
 - B. Legislation Committee** **TAB 3**
(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson & Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren, Est. Time – 7 Min.)
 - C. Budget Committee** **TAB 4**
(Justice Charles J. Bethel, Est. Time – 7 Min.)
 - D. Judicial Security Committee**
(Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua, Est. Time – 7 Min.)
 - E. ARPA Funding Committee**
(Judge Amanda H. Mercier, Est. Time – 7 Min.)
 - F. Technology Committee** **TAB 5**
(Judge Stephen D. Kelley, Est. Time – 7 Min.)
 - G. Georgia Case Management System (GA CMS) Committee** **TAB 6**
(Judge Robert D. Leonard, Est. Time – 7 Min.)

- H. Judicial Workload Assessment Committee** **TAB 7**
(Judge Robert D. Leonard, Est. Time – 7 Min.)

- I. Judicial Emergency Order Task Force** **TAB 8**
(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Est. Time – 7 Min.)

- J. Committee on Court Interpreters** *(Written Report)* **TAB 9**

- 6. Report from Judicial Council/AOC** **TAB 10**
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- 7. Reports from Courts, Councils, & State Bar** **TAB 11**
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 - A. Supreme Court**

 - B. Court of Appeals**

 - C. State-wide Business Court**

 - D. Georgia Tax Court**

 - E. Council of Superior Court Judges**

 - F. Council of State Court Judges**

 - G. Council of Juvenile Court Judges**

 - H. Council of Probate Court Judges**

 - I. Council of Magistrate Court Judges**

 - J. Council of Municipal Court Judges**

 - K. State Bar of Georgia**

- 8. Reports from additional Judicial Branch Agencies** **TAB 12**
(Est. Time – 10 Min.)
 - A. Council of Accountability Court Judges**

 - B. Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution**

 - C. Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism**

 - D. Georgia Council of Court Administrators**

 - E. Institute of Continuing Judicial Education**

F. Judicial Qualifications Commission

G. Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks

9. Old/New Business

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

10. Recognition of Outgoing Members

(Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Est. Time – 5 Min.)

11. Concluding Remarks & Adjournment of Meeting

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

Next Judicial Council Meeting – General Session

Friday, August 21, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Nathan Deal Judicial Center, Atlanta

CY 2026 Meeting Calendar – Judicial Council General Session

Friday, December 11, 2026 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Zoom Conferencing

CY 2027 Meeting Calendar – Judicial Council General Session

Friday, April 23, 2027 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Nathan Deal Judicial Center

Friday, August 27, 2027 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Nathan Deal Judicial Center

Friday, December 10, 2027 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Zoom Conferencing

Judicial Council of Georgia

Members as of April 1, 2026



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

Judicial Council of Georgia

Members as of April 1, 2026



Chief Judge Sheryl B. Jolly 10th JAD	Superior Court
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Judge Scott Chastain President, CPCJ	Probate Court
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Chief Judge Nathan Grantham President, CMCJ	Magistrate Court
Chief Judge B. Shawn Rhodes President-Elect, CMCJ	Magistrate Court
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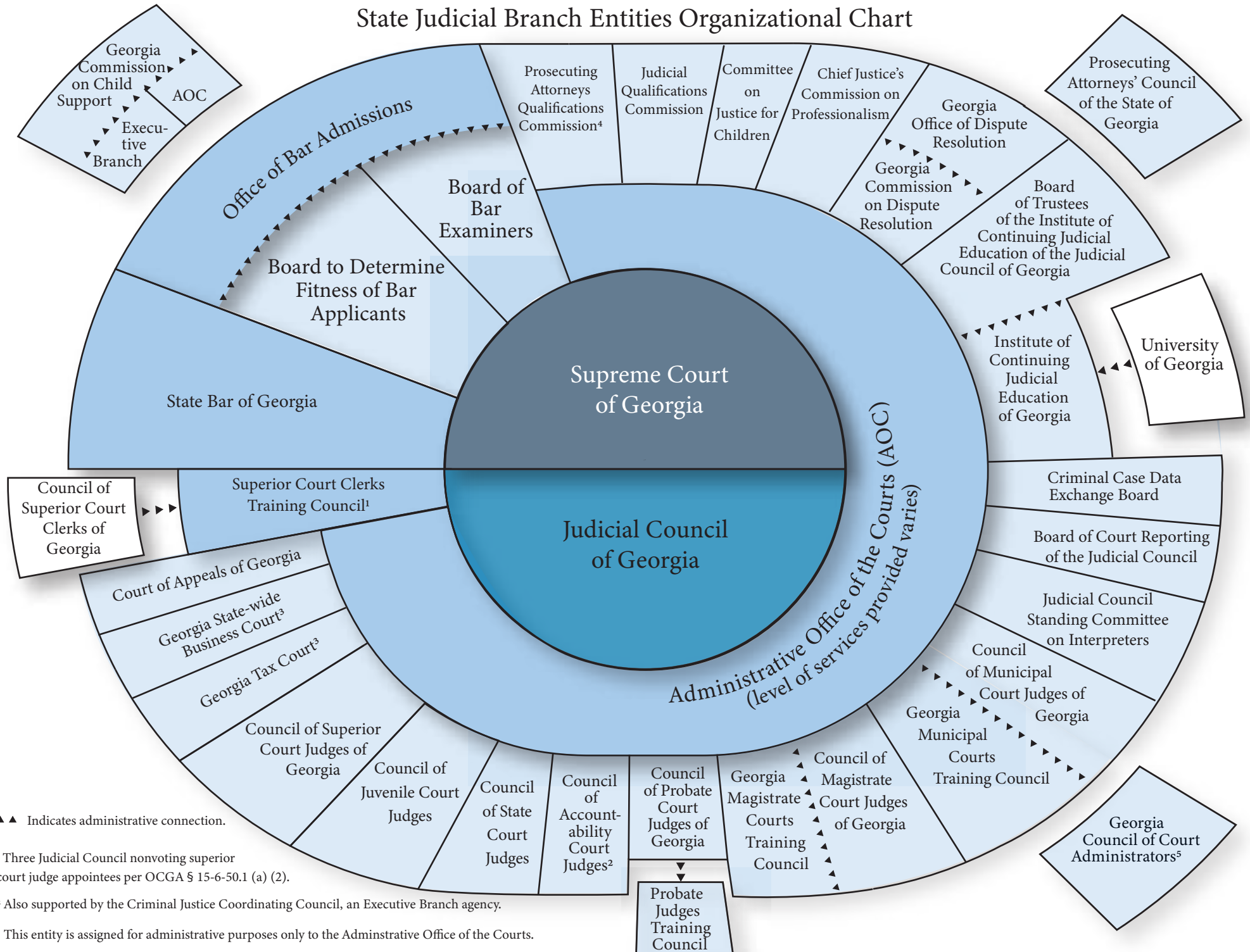
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State Judicial Branch Entities Organizational Chart



▲▲ 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.

TAB 1

Judicial Council of Georgia
General Session
Remote Conferencing
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Members Present

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson, Chair
Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren,
Vice Chair
Chief Judge Berryl A. Anderson (for Chief
Judge Nathan Grantham)
Chief Judge E. Trenton Brown III
Judge Scott Chastain
Chief Judge Robert A. Cowan
Chief Judge Norman C. Cuadra
Chief Judge Jason J. Deal
Chief Judge T. Craig Earnest
Judge Susan E. Edlein
Chief Judge Ural D. Glanville
Vice Chief Judge Elizabeth Gobeil
Judge Maureen Gottfried
Judge William Grady Hamrick
Chief Judge Michelle Harrison
Judge Dustin Hightower
Judge Matthew Hube
Chief Judge T. Christopher Hughes
Chief Judge Sheryl B. Jolly
Judge Patty Walters Laine
Chief Judge Shondeana C. Morris
Judge McCracken Poston, Jr.
Chief Judge B. Shawn Rhodes
Chief Judge Gregory V. Sapp

Honorable Christopher Twyman
Chief Judge Thomas H. Wilson
Judge Paige Reese Whitaker

Members Absent

Chief Judge John E. Niedrach

Staff Present

Ms. Cynthia H. Clanton, Director
Ms. Alexis Bauman
Ms. Antarica Boyce
Mr. Peterson David
Ms. JoAnna Deering
Ms. Shimike Dodson
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

Guests (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 Judge Hube. Director Clanton called the roll for members and Chief Justice Peterson then asked Judge Hightower to lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Chief Justice Peterson directed the Council's attention to the minutes of the December 12, 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.

Debrief and Discussion: Future Best Practices for Weather Emergencies

Chief Justice Peterson informed the Council that he intends to assemble a task force to evaluate future best practices for weather emergencies that may impact court closures across the state. The task force will examine ways to improve coordination and communication during weather related disruptions affecting court operations.

Judicial Council Committee Reports

Legislation Committee. Presiding Justice Warren referred members to the written report provided in the materials and provided an update on the legislative session, She informed members of key dates during the current legislative session, noting that Crossover Day will be on Friday, March 6 and Sine Die will be on Thursday, April 2.

Presiding Justice Warren reported that the Council is currently supporting four legislative initiatives: updates to the Judicial Security legislation from 2025 (HB 1042 – Sections 3 and 4), a Constitutional amendment for the nonpartisan election of probate judges (HR 251), electronic filing in probate courts (HB 530), and creation of the office of Senior Municipal Court Judge (HB 132/HB 304). She provided a brief overview and status of each item and concluded by asking the Council to continue to share information and legislative initiatives through the committee process so that the judicial branch remains coordinated.

Budget Committee. Justice Bethel referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He provided a status update on the AFY26 budget, which the House voted on earlier this week, and it is now pending before the Senate. He informed members that the House is expected to have the FY27 budget on the floor before Crossover Day. Justice Bethel concluded by directing members with questions regarding the budget to contact himself or Mr. Andrew Zoll.

¹ See Members Present on page 1.

Judicial Security Committee. Justice LaGrua referred members to the written report provided in the materials. She highlighted her recent meeting with the Georgia Sheriff's Association to discuss improved communication between judges and local sheriffs' departments concerning judicial threats. Justice LaGrua concluded by announcing that the Committee has launched a dedicated website to facilitate the reporting of threats against members of the judiciary.

Technology Committee. Justice Land referred members to the written report provided in the materials. He highlighted that the Committee met in December and January to receive updates regarding the statewide Court Case Management System (CMS) and the Criminal Case Data Exchange (CDX) data collection efforts.

Justice Land also reported on the creation of a new subcommittee stemming from the findings of the Ad Hoc Artificial Intelligence and Courts Committee, which has sunset. Judge Kevin Morris of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit has agreed to serve as chair of the new subcommittee. Justice Land encouraged members who have an interest in artificial intelligence and its application within the judiciary to contact Judge Morris regarding service on the committee.

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

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

Report from the Judicial Council/AOC

Director Clanton delivered a report on behalf of the JC/AOC. She opened with a report on Chief Justice Peterson's first State of the Judiciary address, which was held on Wednesday, February 4, as well as the important work carried out through the committees of the Judicial Council.

Director Clanton reported that the Supreme Court recently approved amendments to the Uniform Superior Court Rules regarding digital takedown of court proceedings following work by the Standing Committee on Court Reporting Matters. She also reported on the first orientation workshop for spoken language court interpreters hosted by AOC and the ongoing work of the Standing Committee on Legislation during the current legislative session.

Director Clanton noted that Justice Bethel and AOC Chief Budget Officer Andrew Zoll recently testified before the House Appropriations Committee regarding the Judicial Council's

budget priorities. She also announced that Justice Land will serve as co-chair of the Standing Committee on Technology alongside Judge Kelley.

Director Clanton reminded members that the annual judicial caseload reporting period is currently open through March 16. She thanked members of the Council who participated in the AOC's Bill of Rights Day video project, which has been shared with educators across the state. She reminded members that the Georgia Bar, Media, and Judiciary Conference will be held at the State Bar Building in Atlanta on February 20.

Director Clanton thanked Chief Judge Cindy Morris for her service as Chair of the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution and highlighted the Court Council Days at the Capitol, including Magistrate and Probate Court Judges Day at the Capitol held this week.

Director 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 noted that his remarks were delivered in his State of the Judiciary Address on February 4 and therefore no written report was provided.

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 Hightower 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.

Council of Juvenile Court Judges. Chief Judge Harrison referred members to the report provided in the materials.

Council of Probate Court Judges. Judge Chastain referred members to the report provided in the materials.

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

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

State Bar of Georgia. Mr. Twyman referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

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. Judge Carrie Markham referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism. A written report was provided in the materials.

Georgia Council of Court Administrators. Ms. Lindsay Mobley referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

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. Ms. Renee Orr referred members to the written report provided in the materials.

Old/New Business

No further business was offered.

Adjournment

Chief Justice Peterson thanked everyone for their attendance and for their contribution to the Council and the judicial system. He reviewed the CY 2026 meeting schedule as printed in the materials and reminded members that the next General Session meeting will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026, at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:33 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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Guests Present

Judge Cynthia Adams, Superior Court, Douglas Judicial Circuit
Mr. Joseph Baden, Third Judicial Administrative District
Judge Henry L. Balkcom IV, Superior Court, Pataula Judicial Circuit
Justice Charles J. Bethel, Georgia Supreme Court
Mr. T.J. BeMent, Tenth Judicial District Court Administrator
Mr. Bob Bray, Council of State Court Judges
Ms. Lalaine Briones, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
Ms. Lisa Caldwell, Judicial Assistant, Judge Thomas A. Wilson
Judge Thomas Cole, Juvenile Court, Eastern Judicial Circuit
Mr. Damon Elmore, State Bar of Georgia
Mr. William Gentry, State Bar of Georgia
Mr. Kevin Holder, Council of Probate Court Judges
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
Ms. Anne Kirkhope, Council of Juvenile Court Judges
Judge Stephen Kelley, Brunswick Judicial Circuit
Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua, Georgia Supreme Court
Judge Ben Land, Court of Appeals
Judge Carrie Markham, Probate Court, Coweta Judicial Circuit
Judge Amanda Mercier, Court of Appeals of Georgia
Ms. Grace McGowan, Ninth Judicial Administrative District
Mr. David Mixon, Second Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Lindsay Mobley, Georgia Council of Court Administrators
Mr. Jay Neal, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Ms. Lynne Moore Nelson, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education
Commissioner Frank O'Connell, Georgia Department of Revenue
Ms. Renee Orr, Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks
Ms. Lenora Hawkins Ponzo, Fourth Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Lisa Reaves, Court of Appeals
Ms. Sharon Reiss, Council of Magistrate Court Judges
Ms. Karlie Sahs, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution
Mr. Will Simmons, Sixth Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Christina Smith, Clerk of Court, Georgia Court of Appeals
Judge D. Jay Stewart, Superior Court, Atlantic Judicial Circuit
Mr. David Summerlin, Fifth Judicial Administrative District
Judge Jason B. Thompson, State Court of Fayette County
Ms. Courtney Veal, Judicial Qualifications Commission
Ms. Kirsten Wallace, Council of Juvenile Court Judges

Mr. Randall Weiland, First Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Emily Youngo, Clerk of Court, Georgia State-wide Business Court

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TAB 2



Judicial Council of Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia

FROM: Tabitha Ponder, Contract/Staff Attorney

RE: Judicial Council's Standing Committee on Access to Justice

Subject: Written Report for Standing Committee on A2J

- **Access to Justice Committee (A2J):** The mission of the Access to Justice (A2J) Committee is to improve the public's trust in the judicial branch by promoting meaningful and effective access to courts and fairness to all. The A2J Committee is currently working on several projects:
 - **The A2J Committee's Landlord/Tenant Working Group** which includes: Magistrate Court Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk (Fulton), Executive Director of GODR Tracy Johnson (representing mediation), and Judge Shawn Rhodes (from Wilcox County) are all working to research the current state of Georgia's housing crisis and creating possible statewide landlord/tenant rental assistance webinars. Attached is the scorecard regarding Georgia's landlord tenant laws. This project was completed by Georgia State University students. See, [Georgia-Eviction-Policy-Report.pdf](#) Our Landlord/Tenant Working Group has submitted our final edited Eviction forms to the Council of Magistrate Court Judges for review. Those forms are expected to be approved prior to our next meeting in November.
 - **The A2J Committee is continuing to partner with and has adopted the State Bar's Access to Justice Committee's Justice for All (JFA) Strategic Plan and suggested projects.** Work to assist the Southwest Georgia Legal Self-Help Center has created a local-level model for assisting self-represented litigants. Currently, the Self-Help Center is undergoing a change in leadership and will be advertising for a new director shortly. Judge Ingrid Driskell will serve as the Interim Director until a permanent director is hired. A record restriction clinic was hosted by the Self-Help Center and sponsored by Gate City Bar Association in August 2024. Gate City Bar has agreed to partner with the Center to sponsor 2 additional clinics this year. The Committee is focused on a combination of strengthening local law libraries, online forms for self-filing, local pop-up legal clinics, and low-bono models of attorney representation.
 - We have received a final draft of Georgia State University's **ROI Study**. See the final report: [GSU Economic Impact Report](#) This GSU Study has been instrumental in Dougherty County's Law Library/Southwest Georgia Legal Self-Help Center.
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Help Center's recent local fundraising efforts. Unfortunately, we are still searching for sustainable funding for this project. On July 21, 2023, the Center celebrated its 5th anniversary, measured from when Georgia first received the NCSC seed grant. On February 14, 2024, we held a joint meeting with the State Bar'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 Georgia's access to justice efforts forward. See the report here: [Civil Access to Justice Report](#). Additional funds were obtained from the legislature in 2024, and a new study has begun to demonstrate a return on investment. The initial study should be completed by the end of this year.

- **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 if someone presents with a DHH need. The 3rd 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 mailed out to all district court administrators to be disseminated to every county in the state. The working group has identified a grant opportunity with the National Center for State Courts and will be applying. In our continuing effort 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 working group applied for a CJCP grant to fund several DHH teaching modules on ADA compliance for judges, court staff, and bar members. CJCP granted our proposal and awarded the Committee \$15,000. We successfully held 4 classes and those webinars, as well as class materials, may be found via ICJE and ICLE. See here: [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, the ADA implemented new DHH requirements. We have contracted out the work to have our DHH Counter Card updated. We should have this project finalized prior to our November meeting.
- The A2J Committee's **Self Represented Litigants (SRL) Forms Working Group** continues work on the most frequently used family law forms. This working group will ensure that all of the forms are pdf-fillable and translated into "plain language." We continue to work on several self-help family law video scripts to accompany the related forms. Our first set of forms, "Divorce without Children" along with the "how-to" video is completed and currently available on georgiacourts.gov. We recently completed our "Divorce with Children Forms" and those materials have also been uploaded to our website. We are grateful to the Council of Superior Court Judges for having approved the use of these forms. We recently submitted legitimation forms to the Council of Superior Court Judges for review and approval. The next set of forms will be custody and record restriction dispositions. We have partnered with the Appalachian Family Law Information Center (FLIC) and the Dougherty County Law Library/Southwest Georgia Legal Self-Help Center to test these approved Family Law forms over several months. The testing of the Family Law Pro Se Forms went well. Most recently, we met with a group of law students from Georgia State University during their Rural

Justice Alternative Spring Break. These students will help us create the accompanying video for the Legitimation Forms through the use of AI. Our final forms were submitted to the Council of Superior Court Judges' A2J Committee, and the members have approved our Legitimation Forms. We are awaiting the final approval of the full Council, and we are also working on an accompanying video to said Forms.

- A new working group was formed after our last quarterly meeting to research how court notices are being dispersed, the common problems with the current system, and if there is a more efficient way to achieve this goal. Specifically, the **Court Notices Working Group** will investigate best practices for gathering electronic contact information (i.e., phone numbers and email addresses) at citation, booking, and arraignment as well as implementing electronic notifications from all classes of Georgia courts. The Working Group will build on local and national best practices to develop a proposal for integrating electronic notifications into both statewide and local case management systems. Please see our attached one-pager regarding recommendations for this project: [A2J Court Notices One-Pager](#)
- **Any judges interested in learning about or participating in any Access to Justice projects may contact Tabitha Ponder at tabitha.ponder@georgiacourts.gov.** Most recently, the A2J Committee met on February 11, 2026. **The Committee's next meeting will be on May 2, 2026, on zoom.**

TAB 3



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council Members

FROM: Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Presiding Justice Sarah Hawkins Warren
Chair, Standing Committee on Legislation

RE: Committee Report

DATE: April 6, 2026

The General Assembly adjourned *sine die* on Thursday, April 2, 2026. The following report provides the final status of each item the Judicial Council took a position of support on during the 2026 legislative session.

- [**HB 1344**](#) (Part XIV) - Judicial Security
(This bill has included language from HB 1042).
Judicial Council
Sponsor: Rep. Matt Reeves (R – Duluth); Sen. Larry Walker III (R – Perry)
Final Status: House Agreed to Senate Substitute 4/2/26. ***Final Passage.***
- [**HR 251**](#) – **Nonpartisan Elections for Probate Court Judges – CA**
Council of Probate Court Judges & Council of Magistrate Court Judges
Sponsor: Rep. Kimberly New (R – Villa Rica); Sen. Brian Strickland (R – McDonough)
Final Status: Senate Passed/Adopted 3/31/26. ***Final Passage.***
- [**HB 530**](#) – **Electronic Filing in Probate Courts**
Council of Probate Court Judges
Sponsor: Rep. Rob Leverett (R – Elberton); Sen. Brian Strickland (R – McDonough)
Final Status: House Agreed to Senate Substitute 3/27/26. ***Final Passage.***

- [HB 304](#) (Sections 1 & 2) - Senior Municipal Court Judge
(This bill has included language from HB 132).
Council of Municipal Court Judges
Sponsor: Rep. Bill Yearta (R – Sylvester); Sen. Brian Strickland (R – McDonough)
Final Status: House Agreed to Senate Substitute 3/27/26. ***Final Passage.***

The General Assembly also passed legislation and appropriated funds for new superior court judgeships in the following judicial circuits:

- Middle Judicial Circuit
- Gwinnett Judicial Circuit
- Northeastern Judicial Circuit

TAB 4

Budget Committee – to be
published in Supplemental
Materials week of April 13

TAB 5



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: April 1, 2026

The Judicial Council Standing Committee on Technology met on March 19, 2026. The following report reflects matters and topics discussed during the meeting.

AI Sub-Committee– Judge Morris

Judge Morris provided an update on the inaugural meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Courts, noting strong participation and engagement. He outlined the committee’s primary areas of focus, including judicial education, development of best practices, and identification of recommended tools for safe and effective use of AI. Discussion emphasized the importance of preparing judges to recognize potential inaccuracies in AI-generated content, particularly in filings. Efforts are underway to expand committee membership to include representation from all classes of courts. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May.

GA CMS Project – Mr. Sean Golan and Mr. Bharath Parthasarathy

The GA CMS team provided a status update on ongoing development efforts, noting the project remains on track and on budget. Mr. Bharath Parthasarathy presented system enhancements and demonstrated new features, including improvements to document management, role-based access, calendaring, and financial workflows. Committee members engaged in discussion regarding system functionality, data integrity, and user

experience. Continued outreach, training, and stakeholder engagement efforts were also highlighted.

AOC Updates – Mr. Ben Luke

Mr. Luke provided an update on AOC initiatives, highlighting continued support for the statewide CMS project and ongoing collaboration with judicial stakeholders. He also delivered a security-focused update, emphasizing the importance of vigilance in response to increasing cyber threats targeting government entities. He noted that the AOC remains available as a resource to assist courts in strengthening their security posture.

Automated Data Collection Project – Mr. Eric Minor

Mr. Minor reported that there were no formal updates at this time. Work continues with participating courts, and the project remains on track.

Criminal Case Data Exchange Board – Mr. Ben Luke

Mr. Luke reported that education and outreach efforts continue through ongoing training and stakeholder engagement. Future efforts will focus on expanding outreach to additional partners to support broader adoption.

Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2026.

TAB 6



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 Robert Leonard

RE: Ad-Hoc Committee on Georgia Case Management System Report

DATE: April 1, 2026

Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Georgia Case Management System (GA CMS)

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Case Management System is now in its second year and continues to oversee the development and rollout of a modern, statewide CMS for Georgia's courts. We are in the fourth month of the *Enhance Phase*, and progress across the project remains strong. Teams from the Judicial Council/AOC, AWS, Slalom, and our participating courts are working closely together as we move toward broader deployment.

The Enhance Phase is organized around four major areas of work: advancing the software itself, mapping and migrating data, preparing courts through onboarding and training, and continuing outreach to stakeholders across the state. Each of these areas has seen meaningful movement since the last committee report.

One of the most significant milestones has been the release of the third iteration (version 2026.03) since the launch of the Minimum Viable Product. This release includes improvements to calendaring and scheduling, search and reporting, financial features, case management tools, and several court-specific workflows. Additional releases are planned on a monthly cadence and will continue to refine and expand the system's capabilities.

Data migration work also continues to advance. Teams are mapping historical records, building the pipelines to bring information into the new system, and beginning migration activities. The

emphasis is on ensuring that data is accurate, complete, and secure so that courts can transition with confidence.

Onboarding and training activities are well underway. Through a combination of on-site visits and virtual sessions, court staff are being introduced to the system's features and workflows. These sessions are giving staff time to get comfortable with the system, ask questions, and help guide further refinements. There has been and continues to be a strong positive response from partner courts.

Outreach to the broader judicial community is also progressing. Demonstrations have been held with additional courts that may join in future phases, and the feedback has been consistently positive. The Council of Accountability Court Judges has formally announced that all Accountability Courts will transition to the new CMS by July 1, 2027, which is an important step toward statewide alignment.

The scale of this work is substantial. More than 300 people across the project team are currently involved, many of them working long hours to keep timelines on track. Their commitment and the partnership of the MVP courts consistently drives the project forward.

We are also nearing completion of the branding, logo, and visual identity for the system. These elements will be introduced soon and are designed to reflect a clear, intuitive user experience.

The project continues to benefit from collaboration with agencies across the state, including the Council of Accountability Court Judges, the Georgia Crime Information Center, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Georgia Department of Corrections, Department of Driver Services, Georgia Technology Authority, Criminal Case Data Exchange Board, the Department of Public Health, Prosecuting Attorneys Council, local governments, local law enforcement agencies, and numerous other partners. Their engagement ensures the system will connect effectively with the broader justice and public safety ecosystem.

While there is still much to do, the work to date reflects a unified commitment to delivering a modern system that will strengthen court operations across Georgia. The Committee remains confident in the direction of the project and grateful for the cooperation and support of all involved.

TAB 7



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia
FROM: Judge Robert D. Leonard II
RE: Standing Committee on Judicial Workload Assessment
DATE: April 7, 2026

The Judicial Council Standing Committee on Judicial Workload Assessment met virtually on March 13, 2026. AOC Research staff presented the 2025 Caseload Reporting status updates on each class of court. The on-time reporting submission period closed on March 16, and late submissions will be accepted through April 16, 2026. As of the March meeting, Acworth Municipal Court submitted a request to amend their 2024 criminal caseload report.

To ensure accurate caseload submissions, AOC analysts perform quality assurance analyses to identify and address potential data reporting errors. Upon receipt of 2025 data submissions, the reports are compared to the previous two years' caseload submissions to determine whether any unusually high or low outliers exist within the case categories. If any substantial differences are noted, then staff immediately contacts the clerk of court or submitter to confirm or update the data in question.

AOC staff Mitchell Redd provided an overview of the NCSC Court Statistics Project (CSP), an initiative designed to compile and analyze state courts' annual workload data. CSP, in collaboration with the National Open Data Standards (NODS) initiative, uses a standardized measure of filings, dispositions, case types, and data definitions to compare and identify court data trends and share data more uniformly. AOC submits the CSP report annually. Analyst Eric Miner gave a status update on the Justice Counts grant project scheduled to conclude in September 2026, and Andres Bosque presented a Judicial Workload Assessment one-pager highlighting judgeships and key case type data metrics from 2019-2024. Stephanie Hines announced Research Analyst Kate Heidenreich's data dashboard poster entry in the upcoming UGA CVIOG Data Analytics Olympics to be held at the end of the March, and Mitchell Redd's participation as a panelist on a national Data Dives webinar in April. AOC Research staff continue to improve data analyses and are recognized nationally for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Robby Lee presented the legislative update through Legislative Day 28 (March 6), focusing on judgeship bills: HB 1215 for the Middle Circuit, HB 557 for Northeastern Circuit, HB 960 for Gwinnett, and HB 1365 filed on behalf of the Atlanta Circuit. He added that the House version of the budget also includes funding for these judgeships effective January 1, 2027.

Judgeship bills for Tallapoosa and Clayton Judicial Circuits did not cross over before the deadline.

The next JWAC meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2026. Judge Leonard announced plans to discuss updates and amendments to the case initiation forms during the July meeting. Committee members are encouraged to email him any comments and suggested changes to the initiation form ahead of the meeting.

TAB 8



Judicial Council of Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Judicial Emergency Order Task Force

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Judicial Council, ad hoc committees exist to address issues of limited scope and duration, and the Judicial Council Chair shall create and charge ad hoc committees as are necessary to conduct the business of the Judicial Council.

Therefore, I hereby establish the Judicial Emergency Order Task Force, as an ad hoc committee of the Judicial Council, for the purpose of developing best practices, guides, and sample orders for judges to use during judicial emergencies.

The following members are hereby appointed to the Judicial Emergency Order Task Force:

- Judge J. Wade Padgett, Georgia Court of Appeals, Chair
- Chief Judge Cynthia C. Adams, Douglas Judicial Circuit
- Chief Judge Ann B. Harris, Cobb Judicial Circuit
- Chief Judge D. Scott Smith, Cherokee Judicial Circuit
- Chief Judge Clayton A. Tomlinson, Alapaha Judicial Circuit
- Chief Judge Holly W. Veal, Flint Judicial Circuit

Committee membership may include additional advisory members appointed, as needed, by the Task Force Chair. Advisory members may be heard but shall not be entitled to vote.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff support to this Task Force. Work product from the Task Force shall be presented to the Judicial Council for consideration. The Task Force shall exist from the date of this order until June 30, 2027.

So decided this 20 day of APRIL, 2026.

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair, Judicial Council of Georgia

TAB 9



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia
FROM: Justice Benjamin Land
Chair, Standing Committee on Court Interpreters
RE: Committee on Court Interpreters Report
DATE: April 1, 2026

The following is a summary of activities and initiatives discussed at the Committee on Court Interpreters (COCI) March 20, 2026 meeting.

The Committee addressed key priorities for language access across Georgia's courts. A primary focus was updating the Model Administrative Protocol (MAP), which guides courts in implementing language access plans. Revisions are expected to be made in response to updated interpreter rules, licensing categories, organizational changes, and current LEP data. A draft is expected soon, with final approval anticipated later this year.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) reported approximately 180 interpreters in approved status, with a small number temporarily suspended for continuing education compliance. Updates were also provided on outreach efforts, including engagement with academic institutions and partnerships with courts to provide observation opportunities for interpreter candidates, aimed at strengthening the pipeline of qualified professionals.

The Committee discussed enhancements to the AOC website and interpreter registration system, including improved integration for sign language interpreters. Operational and policy topics included increasing transparency in interpreter status reporting, reviewing examination fees in light of national trends, and encouraging ad hoc interpreters to pursue certification. AI's role was also considered, emphasizing its limitations in the field of interpreting and its potential as a supplemental tool.

The meeting concluded with recognition of outgoing members Judge Norman Cuadra of Suwanee Municipal Court and Judge Sandra Pak of Gwinnett Probate Court, and reaffirmed the Committee's commitment to strengthening language access statewide.

The next COCI meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2026. For additional information, contact Program Manager Malcolm Sinkfield at Malcolm.Sinkfield@georgiacourts.gov

TAB 10



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia

FROM: Cynthia H. Clanton, AOC Director

RE: **New Process for Reimbursements and Payments**

DATE: April 17, 2026

Background

The State of Georgia will be migrating from its current enterprise resource planning system, PeopleSoft/Teamworks, to the new GA@Work on July 1, 2026. Extensive additional background information on the new system may be found at: <https://sao.georgia.gov/about-nextgen>. The AOC will use GA@Work beginning July 1, 2026.

New Process for Establishing Vendors

Anyone who is not a state employee (including non-state paid judges¹) who is paid or reimbursed by the State of Georgia is considered a vendor. The process to establish a vendor in GA@Work will be dramatically different from PeopleSoft/Teamworks. Vendors will submit information, W-9s, and Supplier Change Request (SCR) forms via the GA@Work vendor portal². Additionally, vendors will be directly responsible for creating their own GA@Work user accounts, entering information, and submitting supporting documentation. AOC staff members will not be permitted to create vendor accounts on behalf of vendors; however, staff remain available to provide guidance on the new system. For technical questions regarding the vendor portal, vendors may contact SAO directly at supplier@sao.ga.gov.

¹ This includes judges of the following classes of court: state, juvenile, probate, magistrate, municipal, recorder's/special courts.

² The vendor portal uses an e-mail as an identifier/to create a vendor account.

Vendor Data Migration

Data for vendors who have received payments from the State of Georgia during this fiscal year (FY 2026³) will be migrated automatically to GA@Work. This includes state employees as well as state-paid judges. Existing vendor identification numbers will remain unchanged.

Critical Next Steps – May 19, 2026 Deadline

Vendor establishment requests or vendor information changes **must be submitted** in the current system by May 19, 2026, to be included in the automatic migration to GA@Work. Any vendor-related requests or reimbursements submitted after this date will be deferred until July 1, 2026.

To avoid delays in payment, please initiate the vendor establishment process immediately in PeopleSoft/Teamworks if you anticipate doing business in May or June 2026 with a new or existing vendor who has not been paid/reimbursed during fiscal year 2026. This also applies to non-state paid judges who are not already in the system.

There will be a delay reimbursing new vendors (including non-state paid judges) between May 19 to July 1, 2026, who are not in the GA@Work system before the deadline.

For further information or questions, please contact me at cynthia.clanton@georgiacourts.gov, or AOC Chief Financial Officer Peterson David at peterson.david@georgiacourts.gov.

Thank you.

³ July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026



Judicial Council of Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council of Georgia

FROM: Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, Division Director

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

DATE: April 17, 2026

The Communications, Children, Families, and the Courts Division of the Judicial Council/AOC serves four missions:

1. Provides communications services to Georgia's Judicial Branch
2. Staffs the Georgia Child Support Commission, chaired by Troup County Juvenile Court Senior Judge R. Michael Key
3. Staffs the Supreme Court of Georgia Committee on Justice for Children, chaired by Justice Charlie Bethel
4. Staffs the Judicial Council Standing Committee on Access to Justice, chaired by Justice Verda Colvin and co-chaired by Georgia Court of Appeals Presiding Judge Sara Doyle

For questions about any of our four missions, please contact me at noelle.lagueux-alvarez@georgiacourts.gov.

An update on the Work of the Standing Committee on Access to Justice may be found *supra* alongside similar reports from other Judicial Council standing committees. The following is a brief synopsis of the current work from our three other programs:

- **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 tools is our **monthly**

publication—the *Georgia Courts Journal*—which is distributed to all Georgia judges statewide via email and archived online at <https://georgiacourtsjournal.org/>. In addition to back issues of the *Georgia Courts Journal*, that website also features dedicated **webpages on wellness and civics for community engagement**, 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 social media 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](#). In June and July 2026, we’ll be producing a pictorial series in honor of our nation’s 250th anniversary.

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. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2026.
 - **Subcommittees:**

- ***Economic Subcommittee*** – Chair Dr. Roger Tutterow. The Subcommittee last met on June 12, 2025. The 2026 Economic Study has 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 made the appropriate selections for county sampling and Commission staff are currently reviewing court filings 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 were approved by the Commission. The Commission will explore introducing these changes to the Georgia General Assembly during the 2027 Legislative Session.

- ***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 became 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. These changes were successfully implemented within the calculator on January 2, 2026.

- ***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 March 18, 2026. Staff has also produced training videos for parents (self-represented litigants) that are available on demand on the Child Support Commission website. Commission staff presented training for the new calculator updates at the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys event “Succeeding in Family Law Hearings and Trials” on March 24, 2026, at the Georgia State Bar.
- **Committee on Justice for Children (J4C):** The Georgia Court Improvement Program (CIP) has been approved by the U.S. 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 four pilot counties (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 71 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 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 2025 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. Voting is underway for the 2026 Hines Awards.
- 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).

TAB 11



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
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FROM THE CHAMBERS OF
NELS S.D. PETERSON
CHIEF JUSTICE

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SUPREME COURT REPORT

April 17, 2026

Since the last meeting, the Supreme Court approved new and amended rules and forms. The approval orders are available for download on the Court's website: <https://www.gasupreme.us/rules/amendments-to-rules/>.

Supreme Court Rules: Effective 1/15/26

Key changes:

Rule 6 - Improper or unsupported legal citations can lead to sanctions.

Rule 29 (new) - establishes specific filing requirements for appeals in election-contest cases.

Rule 36(2) - sets out the procedures and preliminary requirements for filing original petitions.

Superior Court - Digital Take Down: Effective 2/26/26

Rule 36.19 - Allows superior courts to use digital recording systems for certain proceedings, with standards for how recordings are made, stored, and turned into transcripts.

Superior Court Forms: Effective 3/19/26

Revises multiple family and dating violence protective order forms.

Superior Court Rules: Effective 4/9/26

Rule 17.1 - Clarifies process for attorney scheduling conflicts in state or federal courts and Judicial Qualifications Commission matters.

Rule 25.3 - Clarifies process when a timely, legally sufficient recusal motion is filed.

Rule 43.1 - Mandates that all superior court judges complete at least 12 hours of approved judicial education annually, including one hour on ethics, and attend one superior court conference every two years. Excess hours may only be carried over to the following year.

State Bar Rules: Effective 3/19/26

Rule 4-203.1 - Lawyers must keep their full official contact information updated with the State Bar's Membership Department.



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Report to the Judicial Council of Georgia
April 17, 2026 Meeting

This quarter was filled with many civil engagement opportunities for the Judges at the Court of Appeals.

In February, Presiding Judge Sara L. Doyle addressed participants in Leadership Bulloch during their tour of the Court, and students from Deerfield-Windsor School of Albany visited the Court for a lunch-and-learn session with Judge Kenneth Hodges. In March, Presiding Judge Brian Rickman met with students from Tallulah Falls School and spoke about his role as an appellate judge. Later that month, visitors from the Coweta County Solicitor-General's Office met with Judge Trea Pipkin, and Judge Amanda Mercier spoke with the Leadership Fanin group during its visit to the Court. Most recently, Presiding Judge Stephen Louis A. Dillard hosted both the Macon-Bibb Chamber of Commerce and the Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office.

Effective March 26, the Rules of the Court of Appeals were amended. Among other updates, the amended Rules provide guidance for those submitting an original petition for mandamus, and they clarify the categories of briefs which require permission from the Court in order to be accepted. As we are mindful of potential delays in the transmittal of prisoner mail, the Court has also implemented a new rule so that the docketing date of applications from self-represented prisoners corresponds with the Court's physical receipt of the application.

In the upcoming quarter, Presiding Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes, Judge Todd Markle, and Judge Hodges will travel to Albany for our first offsite oral argument session of the year, at Albany State University. This special session will commemorate Law Day 2026, and Senior Judge Herbert E. Phipps, who previously served on the Court of Appeals, will also be honored during the event.

Trenton Brown
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Georgia

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Cases filed since inception

121

Hearings

110

Case conferences conducted

3

Jury trials

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Approximate amount in controversy

17,498

online views of Court proceedings



13,606

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*All data as of March 31 2026.

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Council of Superior Court Judges Report to Judicial Council April 2026

The Council of Superior Court Judges (CSCJ) is currently working with the staff of the Institute for Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE) to plan the semi-annual meeting and training seminar which is scheduled for the end of July at Jekyll Island. Planned topics for the educational seminar presented by ICJE include a humanities immersion; an adoption law update and review; family violence intervention programs and temporary protective order statutes including dating violence; the Georgia Survivor Justice Act; a UCCJEA primer; special needs trusts in family law cases; mediation in civil cases; the role of the chief judge; deescalating techniques; diversity/implicit bias training; AI and synthetic media evidence; jury trials in gang cases; a Judicial Qualifications Commission update; judicial wellness; a caselaw update; and an evidence update with an emphasis on hearsay and character evidence.

CSCJ's current officers will begin serving full terms on May 1, 2026: President Judge Dustin W. Hightower of the West Georgia Judicial Circuit, President-Elect Judge Paige Reese Whitaker of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, and Secretary-Treasurer Judge D. Jay Stewart of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. Judge Ann B. Harris of the Cobb Judicial Circuit will continue to serve as a member of the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President.

CSCJ congratulates Chief Judge Edward Lukemire of the Houston Judicial Circuit, Chief Judge Brian McDaniel of the Southern Judicial Circuit, Chief Judge Robert Russell of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit, Judge A. Gregory Poole of the Cobb Judicial Circuit, and Chief Judge W. Kendall Wynne, Jr., of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit on their retirements. Governor Brian Kemp will appoint judges to fill those vacancies, as well as the other vacancies in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, the Atlantic Judicial Circuit, the DeKalb Judicial Circuit, the Griffin Judicial Circuit, and the Waycross Judicial Circuit.

CSCJ appreciates the hard work of Judge Clint Bearden and the judges of our Legislative Support Team during the 2026 Legislative Session. CSCJ is grateful to the General Assembly for creating new judgeships in the Middle Judicial Circuit, the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, and the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and enacting several of CSCJ's other budget requests. CSCJ is also thankful for the \$2000 supplement for state employees.



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Report of the Council of State Court Judges
Judicial Council Meeting
April 17, 2026

Two new State Court Judges were sworn in by Governor Brian Kemp. On February 3rd, Judge Pamela M. Bettis was sworn in as the fifth Judge for the State Court of Henry County; and Judge Patrick M. Shepherd was sworn in as the second Judge for the State Court of Spalding County.



Judge Pam Bettis



Judge Patrick Shepherd

The Council held its New Judge Orientation for newly appointed State Court Judges at the University of Georgia Conference Center in Athens on March 9th thru March 12th. The following Judges attended the four-day training sessions: Judge Pam Bettis (Henry), Judge James D. Boles, Jr. (Henry), Judge Susan S. Camp (Douglas), Judge James E. Crowe, Jr. (Worth), Judge Kevin W. Drummond (Carroll), Judge Donald L. Montgomery, Jr. (Bryan), Judge Mason B. Rountree (Paulding), Judge Patrick Shepherd (Spalding), 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 criminal and civil law; and finishes with items associated with Judicial Ethics.



The Council congratulates Senior Judge Ben W. Studdard, III on his selection for this year's Logan E. Bleckley Award for Judicial Excellence by the Atlanta Bar Association. The presentation will be on May 6th at 6:00 pm. The award is conferred by the Litigation Section of the Atlanta Bar Association and is presented to a Georgia jurist who personifies judicial excellence and professionalism. The award established in 1989 is named after Logan E. Bleckley, Associate Justice and later Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and is considered by legal historians to be the most illustrious judge ever to preside on Georgia's highest court. In addition to serving on the judiciary, Judge Bleckley was also known and admired for his work in philosophy, poetry, and mathematics. Judge Studdard is the

first State Court Judge and Judge not from Atlanta or Fulton County to be honored over the past 37 years.

On March 2nd, several State Court Judges participated in National Read Across America Day. This program was created by the National Education Association to encourage children to read, improve literacy and get children excited about reading. Clayton County State Court Judge Sonyja George reads a book aloud to a group of elementary school children in Jonesboro.



Several Bills passed this year's legislature that create new Judgeships. HB 750 creates a third Judge for the State Court of Forsyth County; HB 1057 creates an 8th and 9th Judge for the State Court of Gwinnett County; HB 1258 creates a third Judge for the State Court of Muscogee County; HB 1375 creates a fourth Judge for the State Court of Hall County; and, HB 1534 which creates a fourth Judge for the State Court of Chatham County.

Ms. Valencia Dillon Terrell (center front row), long-time Judicial Assistant for Judge Tammi Hayward (Clayton), was recently invited to speak to the students at John Marshall Law School. Ms. Terrell spoke about how to interact respectfully and successfully with other professionals in the courthouse.



Judge Elizabeth Coolidge and Judge Greg Sapp participated in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah on March 17th. Fortunately, it was a beautiful day for this historic event first observed in 1824.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Sapp', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chief Judge Gregory V. Sapp, President



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JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2026

Judge Herbie Solomon from the Dougherty Judicial Circuit announced his retirement after 27 years of service to the juvenile court bench. Judge Solomon was the 6th longest serving judge in our Council, having been appointed in 1999. Judge Jason Souther from the Conasauga Judicial Circuit qualified to run for superior court and has drawn no opposition so he will take the superior court judge bench on January 2027.

During this past legislative session, we have tracked several bills but have had few cross over from one chamber to the other. We look forward to working with the legislature and the many agencies and groups in the juvenile justice system on HB 1061, titled the "Mandi Ballinger Act" after the committee's former chair who died last fall. Rep. Ballinger took on the mission of raising the age of jurisdiction in juvenile court to include 17-year-olds. The current committee chair, Rep. Beth Camp, has continued this campaign in memory of Rep Ballinger by creating a statutory committee to study the impact and costs of having 17-year-olds under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Rep. Camp considers this committee as a good first step in the process of achieving this goal.

On the first full week of May, we will be having our spring seminar in St Simons. During this seminar I will be turning over the reins of President of the Council to Judge McCracken Poston from the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit who will be president for the 2026-27 year and Judge Alison Toller from the Northeastern Judicial Circuit will become President Elect.

Honorable Michelle Harrison, President, 2025-2026



Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia

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Report to Judicial Council of Georgia
April 17, 2026

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

Passed Legislation

During this year's session, our Council was successful in achieving final passage on the following legislative priorities: HB 530, which outlines the framework and the mandate for electronic filing in probate courts and HR 251, which is second of two bills that represents the joint effort between our Council and the Council of Magistrate Judges to provide for nonpartisan elections of probate judges and chief magistrates. Finally, we could not have had such a successful legislative session without the efforts of Kevin Holder, our lobbyists Mark Middleton and Brooke Turner of Middleton Public Affairs, Judge Keith Wood and our Legislative Committee members, our Council membership, Chief Justice Nels Peterson and the support of the Judicial Council and the AOC. We would also like to offer up our gratitude to Representative Kimberly New, Representative Rob Leverett, and Senator Brian Strickland, who worked tirelessly to ensure that our legislation successfully made it across the finish line. Finally, a special thank you to former Georgia governors Roy Barnes and Nathan Deal, who provided their joint, public support for HR 251.

Judge Carrie Markham and Judge Atha Pryor

Recently, Judge Carrie Markham of the Coweta County Probate Court was sworn-in as the new chair of the Supreme Court of Georgia's Commission on Dispute Resolution. Judge Markham is one of our most respected colleagues and we have every confidence that she will thrive in this new role. Also, last month, Judge Atha Pryor, who served as the longtime associate judge of the Clayton County Probate Court, prevailed in the special election to fill the remainder of Judge Pam Ferguson's unexpired term. We congratulate Judge Pryor on her electoral success and look forward to her contributions to our Council and class of court.

Thank You!

For the past two years, I have had the distinct privilege of serving as a member of the Judicial Council. Within those two years I have had the honor to serve with judges from each of the respective classes of court and I count myself as better for having had this rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,

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



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Judicial Council Report

The Council of Magistrate Court Judges has had an extremely busy winter and spring. In early February, we had a successful Magistrate Day at the Capitol in conjunction with Probate Day at the Capitol on February 11. The very next week was the Criminal 40-hour training for new judges. The officers not only taught at that training but also hosted a successful strategic planning session the same week.

The Council worked hard on legislation to give local governments the ability to pass local legislation that would allow magistrate court to collect fees. Many courts have local legislation already, but legislative counsel felt a general bill was necessary for those local bills. The bill was HB999 and it also included a necessary revision we needed for our nonpartisan bill that passed the legislature last year.

Additionally, the Magistrates' Retirement Board also had SB 261 which was retirement bill that increased dues and the benefit multiplier, added a retired chief magistrate to the board and increased the cap on service from 20 to 28 years. This bill was widely supported by both the members and Council leadership since it would help all the chiefs across the state. We are happy to report that both bills passed this year.

We had our third meeting with all district reps and DCA's in person in Macon on March 27, 2026. The meeting was well attended, and we were very happy that so many DCA's have taken the time out of their schedules to come meet our reps.

Lastly, our final training and annual meeting will take place in mid-April this year at Sea Palms the week after Judicial Council. The training council has planned a great training session and the class will be a full class. During the meeting, we will announce our election results and wrap up this year as we pass the leadership baton to new judges.



Council of Municipal Court Judges

April 6, 2026

Report to the Judicial Council of Georgia – April 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. The Council officers continue to convene for monthly check-ins for updates and to discuss matters concerning the membership.

Municipal Court Judges Benchbook

The E-Book of the Municipal Judges Benchbook will be updated with any new legislation passed in the 2026 Legislative session. Two separate training courses for new judges are scheduled for the year, provided by MyCLE staff and former Judge Parag Shah, titled *Benchbook Tour: Nuts & Bolts* and an *Introduction to the Benchbook*. The sessions will take place at the New Judges Orientations via Zoom and in person at the Fall Law & Practice Update.

Continuing Judicial Education

The year's first New Judges Orientation (NJO) was conducted via Zoom March 10. The session hosted municipal court judges that were appointed within the last six months. Participants received 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

The Council was pleased with the success of the 2026 session of the General Assembly. [HB 304](#) which originated as a bill to create, by statute, the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council (GMCCC), and was amended in 2025 to include the language from HB 132, the CMuCJ legislative initiative regarding the creation of the office of senior municipal court judge, received final passage. The bill currently awaits Governor Kemp's signature. This was the product of the efforts of GMCCC's leadership, Micah Gravley, Principal G3 Consulting-Govt. Affairs, and the Council's Legislative Committee led by Chief Judge Charles Barrett.

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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, at the Georgia State Capitol. It was a well-attended event, with municipal court clerks/court administrators and judges participating. Additionally, the attendees appreciated the opportunity for photos with Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones.



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. The annual summer business meeting will also be held during the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Judge Robert Cowan

President, Council of Municipal Court Judges

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Council of Accountability Court Judges

Presiding Judge Thomas L. Cole
Executive Committee Chair

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Executive Director

Council of Accountability Court Judges Report to Judicial Council April 2026

Since its last report to the Judicial Council, the standing committees of the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) have continued their dedicated efforts to advance and strengthen accountability courts across Georgia. The following sections provide a detailed overview of the activities and accomplishments during this reporting period. CACJ extends its appreciation to the Judicial Council and the Administrative Office of the Courts for their support throughout the 2026 Session of Georgia's General Assembly.

Training Committee

From January 2026 through March 2026, CACJ's Training Committee (TC), chaired by Judge Shana Malone of the Clayton Judicial Circuit, hosted the following trainings:

- A Grant Writing Tune-Up: Best Practices and Tips for Accountability Court Grant Applications.
- Two Level of Service/Case Management Inventory participant risk assessment training.
- The Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) facilitated the Succession Planning and Delegation training course for accountability court coordinators.
- CVIOG also facilitated the Accountability and Advocacy training course for accountability court coordinators.
- Thinking for Change (T4C) evidence-based curriculum training for treatment facilitators.
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) evidence-based curriculum training for treatment facilitators.
- The fifth segment of the Data Webinar Series: How to Use Data to Make Programmatic Changes.
- CACJ developed and hosted a two-day Adult Felony Drug Court Operational Tune-Up training in Peachtree City, Georgia. The following teams were in attendance: the Atlantic Judicial Circuit, the Augusta Judicial Circuit, Bibb County, Carroll County, Cobb County, the Mountain Judicial Circuit, and Rockdale County.
- CACJ hosted the inaugural Juvenile Treatment Court Operational Tune-Up, a two-day training course for juvenile treatment courts, also held in Peachtree City, Georgia. The following teams were in attendance: the Appalachian Judicial Circuit, Cobb County, Cherokee County, DeKalb County, Fulton County, Henry County, Muscogee County, and Rockdale County.

The TC also met on March 13, 2026, to consider the FY2027 accountability court training calendar and to continue preparing for the annual training conference planned for September 2026. The TC adopted the conference theme, "Strengthening Georgia's Accountability Courts for the Next Decade."

Funding Committee

CACJ's Funding Committee (FC), chaired by Chief Judge Jason Deal of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, met on February 26, 2026, to review FY2026 Emergency Grant applications. Emergency grant funds

support courts experiencing an unexpected increase in program census and need funds for drug testing, treatment, contracted case management, and community policing. Thirty-one applications were received, totaling \$878,323. The FC approved \$425,667.

During the February 26, 2026, meeting, the FC also reviewed Byrne State Crisis (SCIP) Intervention Program FY2022–2023 Supplemental Grant applications. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) offered this funding opportunity to accountability courts to continue or expand programming aligned with promising and/or evidence-based practices that prevent or reduce crime and violence, particularly gun violence. Five applications were received, totaling \$90,730. The FC recommended to CJCC that the full amount be awarded.

The FC released the FY2027 Accountability Court Operating Grant on January 26, 2026, with applications due February 26, 2026. The committee is scheduled to meet on April 23–24, 2026, to review applications for FY2027 funding for existing and new accountability courts.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for state funds for FY2028 is scheduled for release on June 1, 2026, and is due to CACJ no later than July 10, 2026. All existing and newly proposed accountability courts must submit an NOI annually.

Standards and Certification Committee

CACJ's Standards and Certification Committee (SCC), chaired by Chief Judge Brenda Weaver of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit, met in February to review certification applications and waivers from 113 accountability courts, including adult felony drug courts, adult mental health courts, veterans' treatment courts, family treatment courts, and juvenile treatment courts. All reviewed courts were certified, and technical assistance is provided as needed. The next annual certification season begins in November 2026.

CACJ is pleased to report that five peer review site visits have been completed this calendar year already, with 45 peer reviews scheduled for the remainder of the year.

The SCC will meet again in April 2026 to discuss updates to the current Georgia accountability court standards.

Data and Research Committee

CACJ's Data and Research Committee (DC), chaired by Chief Judge T. Russell McClelland, III, of the Forsyth County State Court, is pleased to report the formal adoption of the new statewide court case management system (CMS) for all accountability courts, approved by CACJ's Executive Committee in December 2025.

Over the past year, the CMS team has collaborated closely with accountability courts, including CACJ staff and pilot courts representing a range of accountability court types and sizes. In partnership with CACJ, these early adopters have provided critical feedback, participated in system testing, and helped identify future enhancements. These courts are scheduled to begin implementation in early summer.

At the outset of 2026, in support of legislative session activities, CACJ supported data-driven funding discussions by analyzing drug-of-choice and diagnostic data. Additionally, CACJ conducted a grant compensation study to assist judges in making informed funding decisions, which includes comparing Georgia market-rate salaries against requested amounts.

Additional priorities under the scope of the DC include expanding accountability court performance measures and strengthening standards and best practices related to program monitoring, evaluation, and continuous improvement.

Treatment Committee

CACJ's Treatment Committee (TXC), chaired by Chief Judge Cynthia Adams of the Douglas Judicial Circuit, met on December 12, 2025, to review and approve additions to CACJ's Evidence-Based Curriculum list. Newly approved curricula include Twelve Step Facilitation (TSF)/Twelve Step Facilitation Co-occurring Disorders (TSF-COD), Cognitive Processing Therapy Group, My Ongoing Recovery Experience (MORE), and Matrix Intensive Outpatient Treatment for People with Stimulant Use Disorders, supporting continued alignment with evidence-based practices across accountability courts.

Additionally, the TXC has recommended training support for the Seven Challenges program for juvenile treatment courts. The committee is also advancing several key priorities, including finalizing Accountability Court Coordinator Ethical Guidelines, reviewing treatment quality across programs statewide, and collaborating with the DC to enhance training on newly developed service definitions to support CACJ's data collection efforts. CACJ is also pleased to report that 24 Treatment Fidelity and MAT Best Practice Site Visits have been completed since January 2026.

Looking Ahead

CACJ is scheduled to host its annual meeting on June 26, 2026. During this meeting, the Council body will elect the FY2027 Executive Committee, and updated Georgia accountability court state standards will be considered on the agenda. CACJ looks forward to a productive summer supporting accountability courts across the state and will report again to the Judicial Council in August 2026



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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Installation of New Chair and Members

At its February 25 meeting, the GCDR ushered in new leadership under Judge Carrie B. Markham, Probate Court of Coweta County, along with three new members: Judge Jason B. Thompson, State Court of Fayette County; Crystal Taylor Cooper, Superior Court Administrator for the Eastern Judicial Circuit; and Donald Stephens Horace, Esq., attorney and registered neutral.



Justice John J. Ellington administered the oath of office.

Judge Carrie B. Markham, previously Chair-Elect, has assumed the gavel from former GCDR Chair Chief Judge M. Cindy

Morris, Superior Court judge for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit. Judge Markham brings significant judicial and community leadership experience to her new role as Chair. She practiced as a litigation attorney for 14 years before taking the bench and has served as Probate Judge for Coweta County since 2020. Judge Markham has been an active contributor to the GCDR’s work, including service on the Probate Court Working Group, helping to advance the use of mediation in probate matters.

The GCDR also welcomed three new members whose backgrounds reflect the breadth of experience that supports the administration of Georgia’s court-connected ADR system. Judge Jason B. Thompson has served on the State Court of Fayette County since 2021 and previously practiced law in Fayetteville, where he focused on juvenile law, probate matters, estate planning, and criminal



(L-R) Karlie Sahs, GODR Deputy Director; Chief Judge Cindy Morris Immediate Past Chair; Tracy Johnson, GODR Executive Director; Judge Carrie Markham, Chair; Justice John J. Ellington; and new members Crystal Cooper, Donald Horace and Judge Jason



GEORGIA COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

defense. Crystal Taylor Cooper has served as Superior Court Administrator for the Eastern Judicial Circuit since 2018 and brings extensive experience in court administration, program development, and statewide committee service. Donald Stephens Horace, Esq., is an attorney, mediator, and arbitrator with substantial experience in alternative dispute resolution and currently serves in leadership roles with the State Bar of Georgia's ADR Section and other professional organizations. Together, these members strengthen the GCDR's work in advancing court-connected ADR statewide.

Waycross Judicial Circuit

The GCDR has approved a new court ADR Program for the Waycross Judicial Circuit. Litigants in the counties of Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware will now benefit from direct access to dispute resolution services to help resolve their matters. The Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution is working with the program and local stakeholders to support implementation and bring the program into full operation. With this new program, there are now 39 formal court ADR programs serving 123 of Georgia's 159 counties.

Strategic Initiatives and Program Development

The GCDR continues to advance several strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening Georgia's court-connected ADR framework. Among these efforts is the work of the Judicially Hosted Settlement Conference Working Group, which continues to examine ethical considerations, procedural issues, and related policy questions associated with these proceedings. As part of that work, the GCDR has sought guidance and input from Judicial Qualifications Commission Director Courtney Veal to help ensure alignment with applicable ethical standards for judges and to support thoughtful development of this emerging area.

The GCDR also continues to support the growth and development of local ADR programs. In addition to the Waycross JC ADR program approval, discussions remain ongoing with courts and stakeholders in other jurisdictions regarding the implementation and enhancement of ADR services. These efforts reflect the GCDR's continued commitment to broadening access to quality court-connected dispute resolution processes throughout the state.

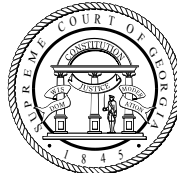
Planning is also underway for the 2026 Georgia ADR Institute on November 19, 2026, which remains an important statewide training and professional development opportunity for neutrals, attorneys, judges, court administration, and other ADR program partners.

2026 GCDR Meeting Dates

The GCDR will meet on the following dates in 2026: 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: April 17, 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 on the Commission's website at <https://cjcpga.org/commission-members-2025-2026/>. A brief update of some of the Commission's activities as of April 3, 2026, is as follows.

THE 26TH ANNUAL JUSTICE ROBERT BENHAM AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Commission, in partnership with the Georgia Legal History Foundation (GLHF), hosted the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service (CSA26) on **April 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center**. **Attorney LaToya Simone Williams** and **Mr. David M. "Dave" Paule**, Principal and Managing Director, Our Fundraising Search, co-chaired the Benham Awards Planning Committee. **Attorney Michael D. Hobbs, Jr.** chaired the Commission's Benham Awards Selection Committee. The District Award Recipients were as follows: **Mr. Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler**, *Savannah, GA*; (Posthumously); **Hon. Willie E. Lockette**, *Albany, GA*; **Ms. Alyssa Baskam**, *Decatur, GA*; **Mr. Joseph Bruce Alonso**, *Atlanta, GA*; **Ms. Alina Lee**, *Atlanta, GA*; **Ms. Dorothy "Dodie" Sachs**, *Buford, GA*. **Mr. Virgil L. Adams**, *Macon, GA*.

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



COMMISSION 2026 CONVOCATION ON PROFESSIONALISM AND THE RULE OF LAW

The Commission will hold a Convocation on *Professionalism and The Rule of Law* on **October 30, 2026**. **Ms. Lauren Shubow**, Shubow Law, is the Program Chair. **Save the Date** and additional details will follow soon.

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.

LAW DAY 2026

As you plan your May 2026 calendars, please volunteering 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 has drafted suggested talking points for volunteers, which are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycbr6824>.

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



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 is now holding its 3rd Connect With A Colleague Contest through April 30, 2026, to encourage attorneys to make new connections with their colleagues to advance professionalism in our legal community. 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/>.



SPEAKERS AND WRITERS BUREAU

The Speakers and Writers Bureau sub-committee of the State Bar of Georgia’s Committee on Professionalism is currently co-chaired by **Mr. Kevin Patrick** and **Mr. Michael Perez**. The sub-committee’s activities are as follows.

Report On ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: INNOVATION WITHOUT REGULATION CLE

On February 11, 2026, from **2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, the Commission held a CLE entitled “*Artificial Intelligence: Innovation Without Regulation.*” The planning team for the CLE included the Speakers and Writers Bureau Sub-Committee co-chairs, **Mr. Kevin Patrick** and **Mr. Michael Pérez**, along with **Mr. Taewoo Paul Nam**, and Ms. Karlise Y. Grier. The speakers for the CLE were **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). Mr. Nam served as the moderator for the panel. During this CLE, the panel discussed professionalism considerations that arise when attorneys navigate AI technology in an environment that values innovation, but which has little regulation in place. **The CLE was approved for 1 hour of professionalism CLE credit.** According to the Zoom report generated for the CLE, the CLE was attended by 707 “Unique Viewers.” The Commission reported CLE attendance for 685 Georgia attorneys. To view the evaluations from the CLE, please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-vI2gqnid0RPIq6l8RyXrOg_3D_3D/.

To view the written materials and speaker biographies for the CLE, please visit: https://cjcpga.org/artificial_intelligence_sbg_cop_cle/



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

The Commission and the State Bar of Georgia Committee on Professionalism and the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia will hold a CLE on **June 25, 2026, from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** via Zoom entitled *Mastering Professionalism, Ethics and Public Office* to encourage Georgia Lawyers to consider public service in all branches and at all levels of government. **State Rep. Soo Hong; Judge Mike Jacobs; Ms. Cathy Cox; and Mr. Christopher S. Cohilas** are currently confirmed panelists. **Mr. Edward Lindsey** is currently confirmed to moderate. The Program Chairs are **Kevin Patrick, Meghan Golden, and Meagan Hurley**. Commission member and YLD President, **Victoria Cox**, is assisting with the program. The Commission will provide additional information as it becomes available here: <https://cjcpga.org/mastering-professionalism-ethics-and-public-office-cle-presentation-on-06-30-26/>.

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 Winter 2026 Georgia Bar Journal Professionalism Page entitled *An Inspiration for More Aspiration* written by Derrick A. Pope 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.

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/>



An Inspiration for More Aspiration

Georgia lawyers and judges volunteer each year to take part in professionalism orientations held at each of the law schools across the state. The orientations help students learn the meaning of professionalism at the beginning of their education. This article celebrates those efforts and highlights a distinctive effort by a group of law students involving the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism.

BY PROF. DERRICK ALEXANDER POPE



At the beginning of each school year, the State Bar of Georgia Committee on Professionalism, in partnership with the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, holds an orientation at each of Georgia’s five law schools. These programs are designed to provide first year law students with an introduction to professionalism, “the ultimate hallmark of the practice of law.”¹

Since 1992, Georgia lawyers and judges have been recruited and invited to serve as Group Leaders during the orientations to help students learn the meaning of professionalism and why it is important for them as law students. During this time, the Commission and its countless volunteers have given to thousands of would-be lawyers their first understanding of what it means to be a “professional.” I have had the pleasure on occasion to be in that number.

High among the items used to foster this understanding are A Lawyer’s Creed and the Aspirational Statement of Professionalism.² These documents help stimulate thought and discussion on how the

Georgia legal community's aspirational goals for the profession apply to law students. Various hypothetical situations are posited to get the students thinking about how each can be a guiding source for working through sticky situations. At present, lawyerly well-being is a pressing concern. One aspect of the Creed addresses that very matter.

"To my colleagues in the practice of law, I offer concern for your welfare. I will strive to make our association a professional friendship." This part of the creed was used in one recent orientation, where students were asked to consider how the knowledge that one student had resorted to taking non-prescription pills to "give her an edge through finals" and how that affects professionalism.³ Taking a cue from the Orientations, I have used the Creed and the Aspirational Statement in The Reflective Lawyer, a professional identity formation course I teach at Georgia State University College of Law. A recent exercise involved the specific aspirational ideals.

Our Aspirational Statement of Professionalism is a first-of-its-kind and stands as a beacon for others. These ideals are what "help bind us together in a professional community."⁴ As set forth, our aspirational ideals are designated as either of the *general* or *specific* variety. The general ideals are what we as lawyers will aspire to. One of my personal favorites in this category says that, as lawyers, we will aspire "to achieve the excellence of our craft, especially those that permit me to be the moral voice ... in advocacy ... [and] counseling. Good lawyering should be a moral achievement for both the lawyer and the client."⁵

We also have aspirational ideals that are *specific* and which are aimed at an exact segment of our professional offerings. The specific ideal addresses clients, opposing parties and their counsel, courts and other tribunals, colleagues in the practice of law, the profession, and the public and our systems of justice.

A Lawyer's Creed and the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism

A LAWYER'S CREED

To my clients, I offer faithfulness, competence, diligence and good judgment. I will strive to represent you as I would want to be represented and to be worthy of your trust.

To the opposing parties and their counsel, I offer fairness, integrity and civility. I will seek reconciliation and, if we fail, I will strive to make our dispute a dignified one.

To the courts, and other tribunals, and to those who assist them, I offer respect, candor and courtesy. I will strive to do honor to the search for justice.

To my colleagues in the practice of law, I offer concern for your welfare. I will strive to make our association a professional friendship.

To the profession, I offer assistance. I will strive to keep our business and our profession a calling in the spirit of public service.

To the public and our systems of justice, I offer service. I will strive to improve the law and our legal system, to make the law and the legal system available to all, and to seek the common good through the representation of my clients.

ASPIRATIONAL STATEMENT ON PROFESSIONALISM

The Court believes there are unfortunate trends of commercialization and loss of professional community in the current practice of law. These trends are manifested in an undue emphasis on the financial rewards of practice, a lack of courtesy and civility among members of our profession, a lack of respect for the judiciary and for our systems of justice, and a lack of regard for others and for the common good. As a community of professionals, we should strive to make the internal rewards of service, craft and character, and not the external reward of financial gain, the primary rewards of the practice of law. In our practices we should remember that the primary justification for who we are and what we do is the common good we can achieve through the faithful representation of people who desire to resolve their disputes in a peaceful manner and to prevent future disputes. We should remember, and we should help our clients remember, that the way in which our clients resolve their disputes defines part of the character of our society and we should act accordingly.

As professionals, we need aspirational ideals to help bind us together in a professional community. Accordingly, the Court issues the following Aspirational Statement setting forth general and specific aspirational ideals of our profession. This statement is a beginning list of the ideals of our profession. It is primarily illustrative. Our purpose is not to regulate, and certainly not to provide a basis for discipline, but rather to assist the Bar's efforts to maintain a professionalism that can stand against the negative trends of commercialization and loss of community. It is the Court's hope that Georgia's lawyers, judges and legal educators will use the following aspirational ideals to reexamine the justifications of the practice of law in our society and to consider the implications of those justifications for their conduct. The Court feels that enhancement of professionalism can be best brought about by the cooperative efforts of the organized bar, the courts and the law schools with each group working independently, but also jointly in that effort.

Each avowal respectively begins with the phrase, “As to [the particular group], I will aspire to,” followed by the listing of the specified aspiration. These six very distinct centers of attention are widely familiar to Georgia lawyers.

But students at Georgia State University College of Law have taken the matter farther. With an emphasis on the relationship between well-being and professional competence, a viewpoint stressed by the American Bar Association’s Well-Being Toolkit for Lawyers, the students thought a perspective directed *specifically* to the lawyer would be a welcome addition to the aspirational statement. Their offerings, I thought, were of such insight, that it deserved sharing with the Georgia legal community.

Here is what they came up with:

As to myself, I will aspire:

- (a) To lead a life of vitality that invigorates my work and benefits society.
- (b) To avoid making my profession the totality of my identity;
- (c) To be vigilant and safeguard my well-being. In this regard, I should:
 - (1) Avoid the sinister and subtle encroachment of burnout;
 - (2) Maintain confidence that my efforts are worthwhile;
 - (3) Practice gratitude daily so I can serve from a place of abundance and not depletion;
 - (4) Protect my peace and sense of self just as fiercely as I protect the interests of my clients;
 - (5) Replace the urge to become overly engrossed in outward productivity with dedicated energy reserved for:

- i. Quiet reflection;
 - ii. Time with family and friends; and
 - iii. Immersion in the beauty and wonder of nature; and,
- (6) Remember that self-advocacy for my needs is a necessary component to being an advocate for the needs of others.
- (d) To remember that law is a discipline with its own moral worth that, when practiced and observed honorably, refines those who serve and who are served by it.
- (e) To remain true to the values that first drew me to law, even when the demands of my craft and the pressures of legal practice would otherwise tempt me to set them aside.⁶

The Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism and the State Bar of Georgia Committee on Professionalism deserve a hearty thank you for the work they do and their Law Student Orientations. Clearly, it has the students thinking. ●



Prof. Derrick Alexander Pope teaches seminars on Legislative Drafting and Legislative Advocacy, and the course The Reflective Lawyer at Georgia State University College of Law. He is the founding director of The Arc of Justice Foundation and host of its critically acclaimed podcast, “Hidden Legal Figures.” He has been a member of the *Georgia Bar Journal* Editorial Board since 2020 and is the current editor-in-chief.

Endnotes

1. Rule 9-101, Professionalism, Part IX of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of Georgia.
2. A copy of A Lawyer’s Creed and the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism is available at Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, *A Lawyer’s Creed and the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism*, <https://cjcpga.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2-Lawyers-CreedAspStatement-v-2013-Line-Number-with-new-logo-and-seal-v07-25-19.pdf> (Last visited Dec. 5, 2025). Both the Creed and the Aspirational Statements were adopted by order of Supreme Court of Georgia, Oct. 9, 1992, nunc pro tunc July 3, 1990; Part IX of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of Georgia, as amended Sept. 10, 2003, and April 26, 2013.
3. Problem 5, Parts A and B, *Student Materials for Law School Orientation*, available at Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, Law School Orientations Student Materials 2024 – Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism (Last visited Dec. 5, 2025).
4. Aspirational Statement on Professionalism, Part IX of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of Georgia.
5. General Aspirational Ideals, (h), Part IX of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of Georgia.
6. The aspirational ideal directed to the lawyer is a composite of the submissions of each student in the Fall 2025 Reflective Lawyer course. Notable contributions to the final ideal were made by John Bush, Troy Davis, Claire Seelinger Devey, Natalia Dutra, Isaac Mazur and Angelina Uddullah.



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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 was held **March 8–11, 2026**, at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Georgia. Court leaders from across the state came 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 featured educational sessions, interactive workshops, and facilitated discussions emphasizing ethical decision-making, effective leadership, and sound court management. **Tyler Enslin served 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 complemented 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 Day at the Capitol

On March 18, 2026, over 30 GCCA members attended the "GCCA Day at the Capitol" where we enjoyed brunch and networking. Micah Gravley, President of G3 Government Affairs, and Pete Skandalakis, Executive Director of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia, spoke to the group, offering words of encouragement and appreciation for the work GCCA offers to the court systems every day.

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. 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: ICJE Board of Trustees
Court of Class Constituents

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

RE: Executive Director Monthly Report – February 2026 Financials

Date: March 25, 2026

This report provides a financial overview and program updates for ICJE and its 15 constituent groups.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NEW ICJE TEAM MEMBERS - Business Operations Associate + Event Planner

We posted both positions the week of February 9 and received more than 16 applicants across the two roles. I interviewed several Event Planner candidates with our Event Coordinator, Nellie Berry. For the Business Operations Associate role, I was joined on the interview panel by our finance partners, UGA Law School’s Senior Director of Finance and Administration, Blake Waldrop, and the Administrative Office of the Courts’ Chief Financial Officer, Peterson David. After completing the interview process, I extended offer letters to our final candidates the week of March 2, 2026, and both promptly accepted.

Haynes Baker joined ICJE on March 23, 2026, as our Event Planner. Haynes graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Food Industry Management. Through work with the University of Georgia Athletic Association, Haynes gained hands-on experience coordinating special events and facility rentals, managing client

communications, supporting game day operations, and assisting with contracts and scheduling across multiple event venues. At ICJE, Haynes will work with Nellie Berry to support training and conference planning for Juvenile Court, Municipal Court, and Judicial Staff Attorneys.

Kelly Reinke Brown joins ICJE on March 30, 2026, as our **Business Operations Associate**.

Kelly brings more than ten years of experience in business operations, compliance documentation, and administrative management. Most recently serving in a leadership role with Primrose Schools in Athens, she directed daily office operations, tracked financial activity and expenditures, coordinated vendor relationships, and maintained licensing and compliance documentation. At ICJE, Kelly will assume responsibility for the financial management of our constituent funding and provide support for ICJE's administrative operations.

An updated ICJE Points of Contact sheet is attached for your reference and distribution.

MARCH TRAINING SUMMARY

ICJE delivered 5 trainings this month for 1,311 hours.

- The rescheduled **State Court Judges' NJO, UGA Center for Continuing Education, Athens**, had 10 learners in attendance.
- 4 learners attended **Municipal Court Judges' Online NJO**.
- **Multi-Class: Managing Cases Involving Self-Represented Litigants (Online)** was attended by 44 learners who abided by our new camera-on policy.
- **Juvenile Court Clerks' New Clerks Orientation, Westin Jekyll Island**, was attended by 4 learners.
- **Juvenile Court Clerks' Spring Conference, Westin Jekyll Island**, is expecting 74 attendees this week for training.

ICJE IN PICTURES



The 2026 New State Court Judge learners on their first day of NJO at the UGA Center for Continuing Education



Thank you to UGA School of Law Senior Director of Finance and Administration Blake Waldrop and his team for their support of ICJE's financial operations, including the production of the February report during our finance transition.

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 class.



FY2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

FEBRUARY 1 – 28, 2026

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	\$ 745,858.26	\$ 686,829.82	\$ 626,797.45	\$ 552,468.12	\$ 494,689.88	\$ 437,018.98	\$ 370,990.45					\$ 844,596.00
2	PERSONNEL	FY2026 Budget	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 683,766.00	\$ 43,185.64	\$ 54,692.81	\$ 54,693.17	\$ 71,197.05	\$ 54,919.82	\$ 54,976.29	\$ 55,378.76	\$ 56,017.84					\$ -
4	Total Personnel	\$ 683,766.00	\$ 43,185.64	\$ 54,692.81	\$ 54,693.17	\$ 71,197.05	\$ 54,919.82	\$ 54,976.29	\$ 55,378.76	\$ 56,017.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 445,061.38
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304.08	\$ 152.04	\$ -	\$ 152.04	\$ 152.04	\$ 152.04					\$ 912.24
8	IT - Communications - UGA		\$ 51.86	\$ 51.86	\$ -	\$ 37.44	\$ 37.45	\$ 37.45	\$ 37.45	\$ 37.45					\$ 290.96
9	IT - Internet		\$ -	\$ 2,965.86	\$ 1,482.93	\$ 1,482.93	\$ 1,482.93	\$ 1,482.93	\$ 1,482.93	\$ 1,482.93					\$ 11,863.44
10	IT - Copier		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166.30	\$ 166.30	\$ 83.15	\$ -	\$ 83.15	\$ 166.30					\$ 665.20
11	IT - Copier Overages		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.19	\$ 6.91	\$ 29.74	\$ -	\$ 4.03	\$ 2.05					\$ 43.92
12	IT - Equipment		\$ 1,818.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134.99					\$ 1,953.71
13	IT - Equipment Materials		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -
14	IT - Software Mgmt Renewal		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143.50	\$ 153.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 343.00	\$ -					\$ 640.29
15	IT - Software Subscriptions		\$ 147.90	\$ 125.40	\$ 3.30	\$ 100.00	\$ 169.80	\$ 166.20	\$ 6,010.00	\$ 62.00					\$ 6,784.60
16	IT - Miscellaneous		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -
17	Office Supplies	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 157.58	\$ 158.17	\$ 346.70	\$ 12.16	\$ 204.23	\$ 79.42	\$ 2,111.23	\$ 1,821.41					\$ 4,890.90
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00					\$ 2,762.81
22	Utilities	\$ 10,208.00	\$ 830.49	\$ 927.94	\$ 742.79	\$ 812.71	\$ 827.48	\$ 776.57	\$ 411.25	\$ 1,202.34					\$ 6,531.57
23	Other	\$ 500.40	\$ 8.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23.64	\$ -	\$ 14.69	\$ 9.47					\$ 56.75
24	Total Operating	\$ 160,830.00	\$ 55,552.10	\$ 4,335.63	\$ 5,339.20	\$ 3,132.28	\$ 2,858.42	\$ 2,694.61	\$ 10,649.77	\$ 5,370.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,932.99
25	Monthly Personnel & Operating Totals		\$ 98,737.74	\$ 59,028.44	\$ 60,032.37	\$ 74,329.33	\$ 57,778.24	\$ 57,670.90	\$ 66,028.53	\$ 61,388.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 534,994.37
26	Total Remaining Funds		\$ 745,858.26	\$ 686,829.82	\$ 626,797.45	\$ 552,468.12	\$ 494,689.88	\$ 437,018.98	\$ 370,990.45	\$ 309,601.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 309,601.63

* 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	\$ 198,430.36	\$ 198,430.36	\$ 198,066.90						\$ 272,336.16
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	\$ -	\$ 1,038.00	\$ 9,939.00					\$ 15,045.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (400.00)	\$ -					\$ (400.00)	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 415.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 830.00	\$ 623.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 638.00	\$ 9,939.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,645.00	
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
9	Fall Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,593.20	\$ 8,998.48	\$ 32,470.56	\$ 1,001.14	\$ -					\$ 45,063.38	
10	New Judges Orientation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
11	Spring Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
12	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.32	\$ -					\$ 0.32	
13	Past & Future Events	\$ 33,894.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 33,894.60	
14	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,470.56	\$ (32,470.56)	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
15	Total:	\$ 33,894.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,593.20	\$ 41,469.04	\$ -	\$ 1,001.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,958.30	
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	\$ 198,430.36	\$ 198,066.90	\$ 208,005.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208,005.90	

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	\$ 104,059.32	\$ 104,059.32	\$ 104,047.32						\$ 122,851.73
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,368.00					\$ 17,546.00	
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,368.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,778.00	
8	EVENTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
9	Fall Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,205.28	\$ 22,943.23	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -					\$ 26,160.51	
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	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,205.46	
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	\$ 104,059.32	\$ 104,047.32	\$ 110,415.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,415.32	

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	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,952.00					\$ 9,952.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,952.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,952.00	
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	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 28,966.60	\$ 38,918.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,918.60	

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	\$ 167,714.98	\$ 167,631.25	\$ 168,411.59						\$ 160,891.71
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	\$ -	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 36,417.00					\$ 53,133.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ -	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 1,818.00	\$ 7,626.00	\$ -	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 36,417.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,133.00	
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	\$ -	\$ 1,378.60	\$ -					\$ 8,475.60	
10	New Judge Orientation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
11	Spring Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
12	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.40	\$ -					\$ 2.40	
13	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
14	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
15	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,542.00	\$ 2,289.60	\$ 3,265.40	\$ -	\$ 1,381.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,478.00	
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 544.50	\$ 262.66	\$ -					\$ 1,178.89	
19	Mentoring	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
20	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
21	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
22	Misc. Adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (460.77)	\$ -	\$ -					\$ (460.77)	
23	Total:	\$ -	\$ 0.72	\$ 371.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83.73	\$ 262.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 718.12	
24	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 160,891.71	\$ 163,314.99	\$ 163,825.98	\$ 163,354.38	\$ 167,714.98	\$ 167,631.25	\$ 168,411.59	\$ 204,828.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 204,828.59	

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	\$ 81,067.02	\$ 81,581.52	\$ 81,752.38						\$ 95,090.65
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	\$ 514.50	\$ 171.50	\$ 6,122.00					\$ 17,530.50	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 2,058.00	\$ 6,144.00	\$ 857.50	\$ -	\$ 1,663.00	\$ 514.50	\$ 171.50	\$ 6,122.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,530.50	
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.64	\$ -					\$ 0.64	
11	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
12	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
13	Total:	\$ -	\$ 20,248.96	\$ 707.75	\$ 3,528.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,485.35	
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	\$ 81,581.52	\$ 81,752.38	\$ 87,874.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,874.38	

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	\$ 158,155.56	\$ 157,721.06	\$ 159,335.92						\$ 216,369.57
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	\$ 409.50	\$ 1,623.50	\$ 89,535.50					\$ 107,586.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 1,228.50	\$ 8,777.00	\$ 2,047.50	\$ 409.50	\$ 3,555.00	\$ 409.50	\$ 1,623.50	\$ 89,535.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,586.00	
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	\$ 844.00	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 34,558.66	
11	40 Hr. Criminal Cert.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
12	Chief's Update	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
13	Spring Recertification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
14	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8.64	\$ -					\$ 8.64	
15	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 937.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 937.55	
16	Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
17	Total:	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,910.13	\$ 5,049.13	\$ 63,999.69	\$ 844.00	\$ 8.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,811.59	
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	\$ 157,721.06	\$ 159,335.92	\$ 248,871.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 248,871.42	

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	\$ 92,900.06	\$ 94,067.06	\$ 94,783.06						\$ 93,878.90
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	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 9,641.00					\$ 48,672.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (375.00)	\$ -					\$ (375.00)	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 14,292.00	\$ 3,487.00	\$ 3,112.00	\$ 14,639.00	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 792.00	\$ 9,641.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,297.00	
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	\$ -	\$ 48.00	\$ -					\$ 31,184.50	
10	Summer Recert / L&P	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
11	National Trainings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
12	Multi-Class/Online	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28.00	\$ -					\$ 28.00	
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	\$ -	\$ 76.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,751.84	
16	MISC. EXPENDITURES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD	
17	Council Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
18	Benchbook	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00					\$ 4,000.00	
19	Quarterly Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
20	Additional Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
21	Misc. Adjustments/PO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
22	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	
23	ENDING BALANCE	\$ 95,045.90	\$ 108,469.82	\$ 106,956.82	\$ 78,469.38	\$ 92,900.06	\$ 94,067.06	\$ 94,783.06	\$ 100,424.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,424.06	

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	\$ 291,986.83	\$ 286,996.88	\$ 284,545.58						\$ 20,544.64
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,989.95	\$ 951.30	\$ -					\$ 5,941.25	
11	Winter Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 111,458.75					\$ 112,958.75	
12	Past & Future Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
13	Encumbrances/Adjust.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
14	Total:	\$ 8,822.44	\$ 477,748.50	\$ 66,510.30	\$ 5,931.09	\$ 4,628.54	\$ 4,989.95	\$ 2,451.30	\$ 111,458.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 682,540.87	
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	\$ 286,996.88	\$ 284,545.58	\$ 173,086.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 173,086.83	

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	\$ 28,492.81	\$ 28,492.81	\$ 28,492.81						\$ 16,197.64
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,248.00					\$ 28,960.00	
4	Additional Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
5	Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (200.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ (200.00)	
6	Processing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -	
7	Total:	\$ 23,504.00	\$ 4,008.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,248.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,760.00	
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	\$ 28,492.81	\$ 28,492.81	\$ 29,740.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,740.81	

GEORGIA COMMISSION ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

Fund Source: 42012 Project Code: 353

1	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (18,000.00)	\$ (18,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -					
2	REVENUES	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
3	VAWA Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -						\$ 18,000.00
4	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						\$ 9,000.00
10	Total:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00
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.

DECEMBER 1-31, 2025

1. ICJE (UGA - RADO000197980A): At the beginning of FY26, ICJE's cellphone expenses for the director were \$51.86/month and listed in the "Communications-UGA" category. Unbeknownst to ICJE, UGA labeled the category of the cellphone as well as changed the expense rate in the month of October. Since ICJE was unaware of these changes, it listed these charges in the "Miscellaneous" category in the months of October - December. The UGA Law School Business Office informed ICJE of these new changes in January 2026, and ICJE corrected the expenses in the January 2026 financial reports to reflect the accurate category and expense rate.

2. Probate Court Judges (NTRF) (42005-315): There were 2 previous open PO's from FY24 that were closed out in December 2025. The remaining funds from the PO's were put back into 42005-315 as increased revenue since the submitted invoices were lower than the PO's.

3. Probate Court Judges (TRF) (42005-352): An adjustment of \$85.01 was made in December 2025 to reflect the mistake found during the FY24 audit review. Once corrected, the funds were put back into 42005-352 as revenue.

JANUARY 1-31, 2026

1. Georgia Commission on Family Violence (42012-353): The AOC did an internal transfer of funds in December 2025 in the amount of \$18,000.00 to 42012-353. There are currently \$9,000.00 remaining in an open PO to pay the contracted attorney. Once the attorney submits the 2nd invoice for their services, the PO will be closed out and there will be no more funds remaining.

Fiscal Year 26	Fund Source	Jul-25 42006	Aug-25 42006	Sep-25 42006	Oct-25 42006	Nov-25 42006	Dec-25 42006	Jan-26 42006	Feb-26 42006
State Court Judges	Project	319	319	319	319	319	319	319	319
Beginning Balance		272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16	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	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		272,336.16	272,336.16	272,336.16	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)	(77,973.80)	(78,975.26)	(78,975.26)
Revenues		415.00	1,415.00	2,245.00	2,868.00	4,068.00	4,068.00	4,706.00	14,645.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(32,470.56)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		238,856.56	239,856.56	240,686.56	238,699.40	198,430.36	198,430.36	198,066.90	208,005.90

Fund Source	42003	42003	42003	42003	42003	42003	42003	42003	42003
Juvenile Court Judges	Project	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308
Beginning Balance		122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73	122,851.73
(Expenses)		(8.95)	(8.95)	(53.90)	(3,259.18)	(26,202.41)	(29,202.41)	(29,214.41)	(29,214.41)
Revenues		398.00	4,238.00	3,854.00	4,650.00	10,410.00	10,410.00	10,410.00	16,778.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		123,240.78	127,080.78	126,651.83	124,242.55	104,059.32	104,059.32	104,047.32	110,415.32

Fund Source	42000	42000	42000	42000	42000	42000	42000	42000	42000
Juvenile Court Clerks	Project	306	306	306	306	306	306	306	306
Beginning Balance		28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60
Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60
(Expenses)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Revenues		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,952.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	28,966.60	38,918.60

Fund Source	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005
Probate Judges NTRF	Project	315	315	315	315	315	315	315	315
Beginning Balance		160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71	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	460.77	460.77	460.77
Total Balance		160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71	160,891.71	161,352.48	161,352.48	161,352.48
(Expenses)		0.00	(0.72)	(1,913.73)	(4,203.33)	(7,468.73)	(8,013.23)	(9,656.89)	(9,656.89)
Revenues		0.00	2,424.00	4,848.00	6,666.00	14,292.00	14,292.00	16,716.00	53,133.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	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	167,631.25	168,411.59	204,828.59

	Fund Source	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005	42005
Probate Judges TRF	Project	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	352
Beginning Balance		44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	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	85.01	85.01	85.01	85.01
Total Balance		44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	44,113.05	44,198.06	44,198.06	44,198.06	44,198.06
(Expenses)		(4,947.00)	(5,723.00)	(5,733.95)	(5,733.95)	(9,314.75)	(9,489.75)	(9,603.89)	(9,603.89)	(9,603.89)
Revenues		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	585.00	585.00	1,797.00	1,797.00	24,825.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,580.80)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		39,166.05	38,390.05	38,379.10	34,798.30	35,383.30	35,293.31	36,391.17	36,391.17	59,419.17

	Fund Source	42004	42004	42004	42004	42004	42004	42004	42004	42004
Probate Court Clerks	Project	314	314	314	314	314	314	314	314	314
Beginning Balance		95,090.65	95,090.65	95,090.65	95,090.65	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	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	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)	(24,746.13)	(24,746.77)	(24,746.77)	(24,746.77)
Revenues		2,058.00	8,202.00	9,059.50	9,059.50	10,722.50	11,237.00	11,408.50	11,408.50	17,530.50
Future Adjustments		0.00	(2,874.40)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance		97,148.65	83,043.69	82,953.02	79,425.02	81,067.02	81,581.52	81,752.38	81,752.38	87,874.38

	Fund Source	42001	42001	42001	42001	42001	42001	42001	42001	42001
Magistrate Court Judges	Project	337	337	337	337	337	337	337	337	337
Beginning Balance		216,369.57	216,369.57	216,369.57	216,369.57	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	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	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)	(75,075.51)	(75,084.15)	(75,084.15)	(75,084.15)
Revenues		1,228.50	10,005.50	12,053.00	12,462.50	16,017.50	16,427.00	18,050.50	18,050.50	107,586.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	157,721.06	159,335.92	159,335.92	248,871.42

	Fund Source	42008	42008	42008	42008	42008	42008	42008	42008	42008
Magistrate Court Clerks	Project	331	331	331	331	331	331	331	331	331
Beginning Balance		56,470.59	56,470.59	56,470.59	56,470.59	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	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	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)	(2,762.81)	(2,762.81)	(2,762.81)	(2,762.81)
Revenues		0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	15,479.00
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	57,207.78	57,207.78	57,207.78	69,186.78

	Fund Source	42002	42002	42002	42002	42002	42002	42002	42002	42002
Municipal Court Judges	Project	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344
Beginning Balance		93,878.90	93,878.90	93,878.90	93,878.90	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	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	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)	(37,675.84)	(37,751.84)	(41,751.84)	
Revenues		1,167.00	15,459.00	18,946.00	22,058.00	36,697.00	37,864.00	38,656.00	48,297.00	
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(4,000.00)	0.00	
Balance		95,045.90	108,469.82	106,956.82	78,469.38	92,900.06	94,067.06	90,783.06	100,424.06	

	Fund Source	42009	42009	42009	42009	42009	42009	42009	42009	42009
Municipal Court Clerks	Project	345	345	345	345	345	345	345	345	345
Beginning Balance		109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77	109,303.77
(Expenses)		(13.17)	(13.17)	(8,654.02)	(23,787.51)	(30,605.25)	(31,275.65)	(69,444.75)	(69,444.75)	
Revenues		1,310.00	18,880.00	19,918.75	22,518.75	37,538.75	38,578.75	41,958.75	70,448.75	
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(38,169.10)	0.00	0.00	
Balance		110,600.60	128,170.60	120,568.50	108,035.01	116,237.27	78,437.77	81,817.77	110,307.77	

	Fund Source	42007	42007	42007	42007	42007	42007	42007	42007	42007
Superior Court Judges	Project	323	323	323	323	323	323	323	323	323
Beginning Balance		20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance		20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64	20,544.64
(Expenses)		(8,822.44)	(475,553.48)	(553,118.18)	(559,049.27)	(563,677.81)	(563,677.81)	(571,119.06)	(682,577.81)	
Revenues		835,120.00	835,120.00	835,120.00	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	(4,989.95)	0.00	0.00	
Balance		846,842.20	369,093.70	302,546.46	296,615.37	291,986.83	286,996.88	284,545.58	173,086.83	

	Fund Source	42006	42006	42006	42006	42006	42006	42006	42006	42006
Judicial Staff Attorneys	Project	367	367	367	367	367	367	367	367	367
Beginning Balance		16,197.64	16,197.64	16,197.64	16,197.64	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	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	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)	(15,216.83)	(15,216.83)	(15,216.83)	
Revenues		23,504.00	27,512.00	27,512.00	27,312.00	27,512.00	27,512.00	27,512.00	28,760.00	
Future Adjustments		0.00	0.00	0.00	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	28,492.81	28,492.81	29,740.81	

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

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

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REPORT TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA

APRIL 17, 2026 MEETING

Since our last meeting, the Georgia Association of Juvenile Court Clerks had their annual spring conference where our bylaws were amended to include Superior Court Clerks who also serve as Juvenile Court Clerks as associate members in our organization.

Annual caseload reporting numbers were submitted with 99% of Juvenile Courts successfully reporting. While at the spring conference, a reporting error was identified among courts using JCATS as a case management system resulting in many juvenile courts needing to amend their reporting numbers.

Respectfully submitted,

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