



Georgians Discuss Jury Reforms

The Georgia Jury Summit took place in Augusta on May 9-11, 2002. The Institute of Continuing Judicial Education and the NCSC Center for Jury Studies coordinated the program, speakers and panels. The idea for the Georgia Jury Summit was put forward by superior court judges and others who attended the 2001 National Jury Summit in New York. The Georgia meeting was funded by the Council of Superior Court Judges.

An 18-member planning committee was headed by Chief Justice Norman Fletcher, Judge Carlisle Overstreet of Augusta and Mr. Ben Studdard III, Chair of the State Bar Futures Committee. Many of the reforms discussed by the 146 participants would not require revisions to court rules or state statutes.

Participants voiced solid support for and belief in the jury system; most agreed that initiating minor changes could result in significant improvement of current practices and a better experience for those who serve as jurors. ⚖️



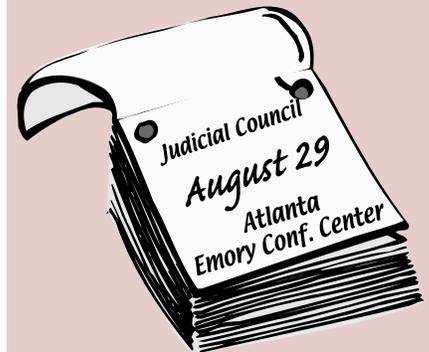
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Judge Carlisle Overstreet (standing), Augusta Judicial Circuit, and Judge Lawton Stephens (seated), Western Judicial Circuit, take part in the Jury Summit.

Jury Issues Discussed:

- ❖ Balancing the jury box;
- ❖ Elimination of preemptory challenges;
- ❖ Suggested procedures for jury deliberations;
- ❖ Allow discussion of witnesses and testimony among jurors during trial;
- ❖ Allow lawyers to reopen argument to avoid mistrial when the jury is hung.

The Judicial Council of Georgia will meet on August 29, 2002 in Atlanta at the Emory Conference Center. For more information, contact Ms. Terry Cobb at 404-656-6693.



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People, Places and Events ...

In Memoriam

* **Judge Robert L. Stevens, Sr.**, of Thomson, died May 12, 2002. Judge Stevens became a senior judge of the Toombs Judicial Circuit in 1996, after serving 32 years on the bench. He obtained his law degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1939.

* **Judge Franklin H. Pierce**, of Augusta, died May 14, 2002. Judge Pierce served the Augusta Judicial Circuit for eighteen years as a superior court judge until his retirement in 1991. Judge Pierce passed the bar in 1937, he served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and for 23 years was county attorney for Richmond County.

Administrative Judges

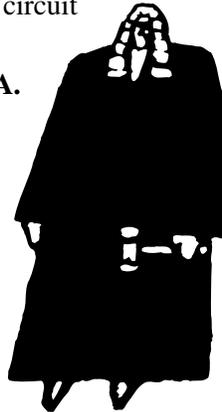
* New Superior Court Administrative Judges have been elected as follows:

- **Judge Michael L. Karpf**
First District;
- **Chief Judge Wallace A. Cato**
Second District;
- **Judge G. Bryant Culpepper**
Third District;
- **Judge George H. Kreeger**
Seventh District;
- **Chief Judge Phillip R. West**
Eighth District;
- **Judge Fred A. Bishop**
Ninth District;
- **Judge Marvin W. Sorrells**
10th District.

Superior Court Judgeships

* The **Paulding Circuit** becomes the 49th judicial circuit on July 1, 2002.

Judge William A. Foster has been named as Chief Judge for the newly created circuit. A second judge will be appointed for a term beginning July 1, 2002.



* A newly created judgeship for the **Alcovy Circuit** also becomes official on July 1, 2002.

State Court Judges

* On June 25, Gov. Barnes appointed **J. Antonio "Tony" DelCampo** to the State Court of DeKalb County to fill the seat left by Judge Denise Majette. Mr. DelCampo is a native of Lima, Peru, and moved to the Atlanta area in 1979. He is a 1991 graduate of Emory University and a 1994 graduate of the Georgia State University Law School.

New Location

* The **Georgia Commission on Family Violence** moved to new quarters in the Floyd Building on July 1. The Commission will be attached to the Department of Corrections for administrative purposes. Julie Koob can be reached at 404-657-3412.

Make Note

* The **Georgia Indigent Defense Council** will hold its annual awards luncheon Friday, August 9, at the Carter Center in Atlanta. GIDC will host the Third Annual Statewide Symposium on Indigent Defense at the Carter Center on Friday, September 13.

Coming Soon

* The **2002-2003 Georgia Courts Directory** will be in the mail soon! Your complimentary copy should arrive in late August. Additional copies are available for \$20. Call Ashley Stollar, 404-656-6783, for more details.

AOC Internet Services

Beginning on August 1, 2002 the AOC will be able to provide courts, judicial administrative offices, and court-related organizations with Internet services. The services will include e-mail and access to the world-wide-web. The end user will need a computer and a telephone line to access these services. There is no charge for Internet access.

In addition, the AOC has a limited number of computers available to provide courts that do not have a computer. The AOC will distribute the computers on a "first come, first served basis." The AOC will be able to provide the Microsoft Suite of software applications on a limited basis. The software suite includes Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The end user would need to enter into an agreement to obtain access to the software; the price is typically around \$200. Please contact Gregory W. Arnold at 404-656-6413 for additional information.

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Legislative Report

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General Bills

HB 360 Safe Place for Newborns

OCGA §§19-10A-1 to -7

Provides that a mother who leaves a newborn child in the custody of an employee of a medical facility will not be prosecuted for child abandonment, etc. Signed by Governor 5/15/02 Act 921

HB 681 GCAC Advisory Council

OCGA § 15-5-81

Names the Executive Director of Georgia Technology Authority as a member of the Advisory Council to the Georgia Courts Automation Commission. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 970

HB 1001 FY 02 Supplemental Appropriations

Provides funds to Judicial Branch agencies as follows: Supreme Court, \$7,382,486; Court of Appeals, \$11,145,760; Superior Courts, \$89,605,777; Juvenile Courts, \$1,424,347; ICJE, \$1,133,843; Judicial Council, \$12,615,386; Judicial Qualifications Commission, \$271,476; Indigent Defense Council, \$7,259,946; Courts Automation Commission, \$2,500,030; Office of Dispute Resolution, \$341,982. Signed by Governor 3/25/02 – Act 411

HB 1002 FY 03 General Appropriations

Provides appropriations to judicial branch agencies in the following amounts: Supreme Court, \$7,547,324; Court of Appeals, \$11,571,428; Superior Courts, \$91,860,258; Juvenile Courts, \$1,424,336; ICJE, \$1,234,973; Judicial Council, \$14,535,439; JQC, \$268,279; Indigent Defense Council, \$7,567,177; Courts Automation Commission, \$1,700,368;

Office of Dispute Resolution, \$355,557. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 798

HB 1066 Child Passenger Safety

OCGA § 51-1-20.2

Provides for a limitation on the liability of certified child passenger safety technicians as to their inspection, installation or adjustment of child safety seats. Signed by Governor 5/15/02 Act 923

HB 1320 Grounds for Continuance

OCGA §§ 9-10-150; 17-8-26

Provides that a member of the General Assembly or a staff member of certain elected officials, who is a party to, or the attorney for a party to a pending case, shall be granted a continuance and stay of the case; applies to all aspects of the case. Signed by Governor 4/15/02 Act 459

SB 276 Substitute District Attorney

OCGA §§15-18-5; 15-18-27; 15-18-30

Provides that the Attorney General will appoint a qualified individual to act as DA pro tempore when the DA's office is disqualified to prosecute a case. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 942

SB 346 Judicial Documents: Service

OCGA §§9-11-4; 9-11-16

Provides that service of process in civil actions may be effected in a place not within the United States under certain circumstances; specifies that after entry of a pretrial order, the court may permit testimony from an expert witness not listed in the pretrial order. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 949

SB 465 Public Interest Lawyers

OCGA §§ 20-3-380 through -387

Authorizes the Georgia Student Finance Authority to establish and administer education loan forgiveness programs for

attorneys working in the area of public interest; such programs are intended for: assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor, civil legal aid attorney, public defender, or state law department and Office of Legislative Counsel attorney positions. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 914

SB 475 Identity Fraud

OCGA §§ 16-9-4; 16-9-120 to -132; 40-5-104 & others

Protects certain personal identifying information and financial information on individuals from being used in an unlawful manner; provides for investigation of consumer victim complaints regarding identity fraud. Signed by Governor 5/2/02 – Act 750

SB 495 County Law Library

OCGA § 36-15-7

Specifies that county law libraries are for use by judges of the State Court and may be established at the request of the chief judge of the state court with the assent of the majority of state court judges in the county. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 799

Criminal

HB 410 Serious Violent Offenses: Statute of Limitations

OCGA §17-3-1

Provides that prosecutions of designated serious violent offenses where DNA evidence is used to identify the accused may be commenced at any time; specifies that prosecution of felony offenses against a victim under the age of 18 years, rather than 14, must be commenced within seven years after the commission of the crime. Signed by Governor 5/10/02 Act 785

**(All bills are effective 7/1/02 unless otherwise noted.)*

Criminal cont.

HB 1142 Victims Compensation

OCGA §§ 17-15-2; 17-15-3; 17-15-8

Increases the maximum amounts authorized for payment to a victim suffering economic losses caused by certain criminal acts; increases probation supervision fees from \$3 per month to \$9 per month. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 840

HB 1206 Aggravated Stalking

OCGA § 16-5-91

Includes violation of a good behavior bond as one of the court orders included in the definition of the offense of aggravated stalking. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 850

HB 1481 Abandonment of Dead Bodies

OCGA §§31-21-44.2; 31-33-2; 43-18-1 and others

Creates the felony offense of abandonment of a dead body punishable by imprisonment for not less than one, or more than three years; provides for inspection of the premises of funeral establishments and crematories to insure compliance; amends provisions on furnishing copies of health records to patients or providers to require a signed written authorization prior to access to a patient's records. Signed by Governor 5/9/02 Act 781

HB 1622 Dentistry without License

OCGA § 43-11-50

Provides that any person who practices dentistry without a license is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment from two to five years, or both. Signed by Governor 5/3/02 Act 762

SB 320 Homeland Defense

OCGA §§ 16-4-10; 16-14-3

Defines the offense of "domestic terrorism;" provides that such activities are subject to the RICO statutes. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 956

SB 330 Transportation Security Act

OCGA §§ 6-3-27; 16-10-28; 16-11-37; 16-11-127

Provides for jurisdiction of certain law enforcement officers within the political subdivision where an airport or landing field is located; adds threat of release of any hazardous substance to the crime of making terroristic threats; makes other provisions. Signed by Governor 5/15/02 Act 911

SB 467 Family Violence Intervention

OCGA §§ 19-9-7; 19-13-10 to -17; 19-16-31

Provides that the Department of Corrections will establish certification standards for family violence intervention programs; provides that a defendant sentenced to probation for an offense involving family violence is required, as a condition of probation, to participate in a certified family violence intervention program; assigns the State Commission on Family Violence to the Dept. of Corrections rather than the AOC for administrative purposes. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 989

Traffic

HB 994 Proof of Insurance

OCGA § 40-6-10

Provides that on and after February 1, 2003, proof of insurance for vehicles not insured under a commercial policy will be established by a state data base of insurance coverage maintained by the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety. Signed by Governor 2/8/02 Act 392

HB 1192 Restraint System:

Installation

OCGA §16-9-111

Provides that a person who knowingly installs or reinstalls a device other than an airbag designed in compliance with federal safety regulations in a particular vehicle is guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. Signed by Governor 5/9/02 Act 776

SB 482 DUI Statutes: Revise

OCGA §§ 40-5-63; 40-6-395; 40-5-67 & others

Revises certain provisions concerning prosecution, license suspension and

penalties in DUI cases; also amends provisions on temporary driving permits, refusal to submit to chemical tests and possession of open containers in passenger areas of motor vehicles. Signed by Governor (Not Signed)

Superior Courts

HB 369 Establishing Paternity

OCGA §19-7-54

Provides for a motion to set aside a determination of paternity based on newly-discovered evidence. Signed by Governor 5/9/02 Act 768

HB 990 Paulding Circuit: Create

OCGA §15-6-2

Creates a new judicial circuit to be known as the Paulding Judicial Circuit composed of Paulding County; specifies two judges of the new circuit and that, at the expiration of their current terms of office, the number of judges of the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit shall be reduced to two. Signed by Governor 4/18/02 Act 461

HB 1175 Alcovy Circuit: Add Judge

OCGA § 15-6-2

Creates a fourth superior court judgeship for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit; initial judge to be appointed by the governor for a term beginning July 1, 2002 and expiring December 31, 2004; provides for a successor to be elected in the 2004 General Election. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 844

HB 1224 Child Support: Awards

OCGA §§19-6-31; -32; -33; 19-11-27

Authorizes use of the National Medical Support Notice for enforcement of medical support provisions of child support orders; requires a social security number on application for driver's license and authorizes this information to be provided to DHR for use in child support enforcement procedures. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 951

Superior Courts cont.

SB 459 Support War on Terrorism

OCGA §§ 16-11-60; 16-11-64; 16-11-66.1
Provides that the prosecuting attorney may make written application to a judge of Superior Court to issue an investigative warrant permitting the use of certain surveillance devices by law enforcement. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 988

Superior Court Clerks

HB 842 Clerks Retirement

OCGA §§47-14-1; 47-14-20; 47-14-50 & others

Provides that state court clerks and deputy clerks may be members of the Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund. Signed by Governor 4/24/02 – Act 497

HB 975 Clerks Retirement Benefit

OCGA §47-14-22

Provides that the board of trustees may authorize a one-time discretionary benefit increase not to exceed 4% of the maximum monthly retirement benefit. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 966

HB 1104 Fees for Clerks Authority

OCGA §§ 15-6-77; 15-6-97; 15-6-98

Extends until 1/1/06, the "sunset" of certain provisions relating to superior court clerks fees and the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Authority. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 834

HB 1203 Military Records/Indexing

OCGA § 15-6-72

Provides that certain military records recorded in the Superior Courts shall not be subject to public inspection; provides for review of such records by authorized parties only. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 848

HB 1256 Notary Public

OCGA §§45-17-2.3; 45-17-8.2; 44-14-231

Provides that the clerk of superior court can deny recommission as a notary if the applicant engages in false or misleading advertising or the unauthorized practice of law. Signed by Governor 5/9/02 Act 777

HB 1582 Types of Records: Duties

OCGA §§ 15-6-61; 15-6-77; 34-8-167; 44-2-2

Specifies that clerks of the Superior Courts are authorized to maintain an "automated civil case management system" as well as an "automated criminal case management system;" clarifies that personal property data including liens may be recorded by electronic means; makes other provisions. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 820

Juvenile Courts

HB 127 Juvenile Court Proceedings

OCGA §§15-11-18; 15-11-28; 15-11-39 and others

Specifies that a person serving full-time as a juvenile court judge may not hold any other judicial position; revises provisions on transfer of legal custody in certain deprivation cases; Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 934

HB 1105 Children in Custody:

Photograph

OCGA § 15-11-83

Provides that law enforcement agencies may photograph a child who has been placed in the custody and control of the Department of Juvenile Justice and who has absconded and is subsequently returned to custody. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 836

SB 428 Permanency Plans

OCGA § 15-11-58

Requires that for each child placed in the custody of the Department of Human Resources, the court must hold a permanency hearing no later than 30 days after the Division of Family and Children Services has submitted a written report to the court which does not contain a plan for reunification services; makes other provisions. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 935

Probate Courts

HB 130 Judicial Determination of Heirs

OCGA §53-2-27

Provides for court orders for disinterment and DNA testing in cases where the kinship of any party in interest to the decedent is in controversy. Signed by Governor 5/14/02 Act 901

HB 571 Probate Court Retirement Fund: Fees

OCGA §47-11-50

Requires payment of fees to the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund as follows: \$2 for each civil filing and \$1 for each application for a license to carry a pistol or revolver. Signed by Governor 5/14/02 Act 896

HB 639 Probate Code Revisions

OCGA §§53-2-4; 53-11-4; 53-4-48 & others

Repeals provision prohibiting the father from inheriting from a child born out of wedlock; provides for delegation of certain fiduciary functions relating to trusts; grants Probate Courts concurrent jurisdiction with Superior Courts over motions seeking an order for disinterment and DNA testing; makes other provisions. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 968

HB 646 Future Interests

OCGA §53-1-20

Allows a future interest to be renounced. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 969

HB 917 Standby Guardianships

OCGA §§ 29-4-1; 29-4-17; 29-4-50 to -55

Provides for court approval of standby guardianships and suggested forms to designate a standby guardian. Signed by Governor 5/9/02 Act 773

HB 1064 Probate Judges: Eligibility

OCGA §15-9-4

Provides that a probate court judge holding office on June 30, 2000 shall continue to hold office and be allowed to seek reelection notwithstanding the requirement that the judge of the probate court must be a lawyer in counties having a population greater than 96,000. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 827

Probate Courts cont.

HB 1279 Probate Fees: Remittance

OCGA §§ 15-9-60; 16-11-129
Clarifies certain provisions relating to remitting funds to other agencies, advance cost, notices of claims against estates, fees for examination of records, etc. Signed by Governor 5/14/02 Act 876

SB 517 Powers of Trustees

OCGA § 53-12-265
Restricts the extent to which a trustee who is also a beneficiary of a trust may exercise discretionary powers of distribution over income or principal for his own benefit; provides for appointment of an independent trustee. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 801

State Courts

HB 1291 State Court Council

OCGA §15-7-26
Deletes provision specifying certain officers and executive committee of the Council of State Court Judges. Signed by Governor 5/14/02 Act 878

HB 1575 Civil Actions: Jury of 12

OCGA § 15-12-122
Changes the monetary threshold in demands for trial by a jury of twelve in State Court to claims for damages greater than \$25,000, rather than \$10,000. Signed by Governor 5/13/02 Act 821

HB 1583 Henry County State Court: Add Judge

Provides that effective January 1, 2003, there will be two judges of the State Court of Henry County; the second judge shall be appointed by the governor for an initial term of office ending on December 31, 2004. Signed by Governor 4/25/02 Act 592

HB 1672 Forsyth County State Court: Add Judge

Provides for the appointment of a second judge of the State Court of Forsyth County for a term beginning January 1, 2003, and continuing through December 31, 2004. Signed by Governor 5/1/02 – Act 732

HB 1816 Turner County State Court: Create

Establishes the State Court of Turner County effective July 1, 2002; provides that the initial judge will be appointed by the governor for a term beginning July 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2004. Signed by Governor 4/18/02 Act 485

HB 1837 DeKalb County State Court: Add Judge

Provides for a seventh judge of the State Court of DeKalb County to be appointed by the governor for an initial term of office beginning January 1, 2003, and ending December 31, 2004. Signed by Governor 5/1/02 Act 725

SB 220 State Court Judges: Qualifications

OCGA §15-7-21
Specifies that an elected state court judge who lives within the judicial circuit of the court, but not in the county itself, may qualify for reelection. Signed by Governor 5/16/02 Act 947

Magistrate Courts

HB 357 Magistrate Certification OCGA §15-10-137

Requires that magistrates who are active members of the State Bar complete the mentor program within 12 months of taking office and complete 20 hours annual training in the first full calendar year after taking office. Signed by Governor 5/21/02 Act 993

HB 1547 Magistrates: Minimum Salary OCGA § 15-10-23

Provides that each full-time magistrate other than the Chief Magistrate shall receive a minimum monthly salary of \$3,412.84; magistrates who serve in less than a full-time capacity shall receive a minimum monthly salary of the lesser of \$19.69 per hour for each hour worked, or 90% of the monthly salary of a full-time chief magistrate. Signed by Governor 5/14/02 Act 907

Municipal Courts

HB 1169 Misdemeanor Offenses: Trial by Citation

OCGA §§36-32-10.2; 17-7-71
Provides that municipal courts having jurisdiction over misdemeanor offenses or traffic violations may try such cases upon a uniform traffic citation, summons, citation or accusation. Signed by Governor 5/9/02 Act 775

Vetoed

HB 642 Juvenile Cases: Discovery OCGA §§15-11-43; 15-11-8

Provides for regulation of discovery and inspection in delinquency cases according to specified conditions, limitations and procedures; specifies that the cost of care and support of a child temporarily placed in or committed to the legal custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice shall be provided by the Department. Veto #11 5/21/02

VETO NUMBER 11

House Bill 642 began its progress through the General Assembly as a laudable effort to update and clarify our laws governing discovery and inspection of evidence in juvenile proceedings. Along the way, an unrelated amendment was added which would shift the cost to the Department of Juvenile Justice of care and support of a child temporarily placed in or committed to the custody of the Department. Currently the estimated cost of such temporary commitment is borne by the child's county of domicile. The estimated cost to the Department for this amendment is in excess of \$3.7 million per year and no budgetary provision has been made for such costs. Therefore, with great reluctance on account of the good work which has gone into the discovery proceedings portion of the bill, I VETO House Bill 642 and encourage the General Assembly to reenact it without costly riders.

Grant Report

The AOC assists courts in securing funds for special projects, pilot programs, and other resources.

- The **Taylor Foundation** approved a grant of **\$45,000** for development of a **Document Imaging Management System** for the probate courts. The system will create a computerized index of all marriage records dating back to the 1830's. Probate Courts in Bibb and Chattahoochee counties are participants in this pilot project.

- The **Georgia Civil Justice Foundation** has awarded **\$73,486** to the **Pan Asian Law School** to fund a series of seminars on the American legal system for Atlanta's Asian immigrant population. An additional **\$55,000** goes to the **Latino Law School** provided for the Hispanic community.

- The **Children & Youth Coordinating Council** has provided **\$44,195** for a **Juvenile Court Mediation Project** in the 7th Judicial District. CYCC also funded purchase of 28 kiosks placed in Juvenile Courts around the state (see photo).



Michele Marchant-Wellmon (left), Director for Juvenile Court Services in Cobb County, and Al Frazier, AOC, with kiosk video display.

Court Legislation Signed



Judge Henry Williams (third from right), Municipal Court of Albany, and Judge William M. Coolidge, III (far right), Municipal Court of Suwanee, look on as Governor Barnes signs into law legislation specifying that misdemeanors may be tried upon "a uniform traffic citation, summons, citation or accusation."

Court Interpreter Training

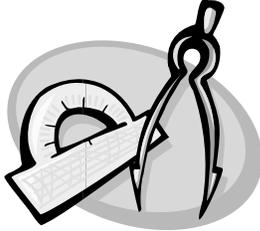
August 8	<i>Review Oral Exam</i> , Atlanta
August 12-13	<i>Oral Exam By Appointment</i> , Atlanta, 244 Washington St.
August 15-16	<i>Orientation Session</i> , Cartersville
August 20	<i>Review/Written Exam</i> , Mercer Law School, Macon
August 22-23	<i>Orientation Session</i> , Georgia Mountain Center, Gainesville (9th Dist.)
August 27	<i>Review Session/ Written Exam</i> , Cartersville
August 29-30	<i>Orientation Session</i> , Heart of Georgia Tech, Dublin, (8th Dist.)
September 5-6	<i>Orientation Session</i> , Columbus, GA (3rd Dist.)
September 7	<i>Study Language Lab</i> , GA Perimeter College, Clarkston Campus
September 10	<i>Review/Written Exam</i> , Georgia Mountain Center, Gainesville (9th Dist.)
September 12	<i>Review/Written Exam</i> , Heart of Georgia Tech, Dublin, (8th Dist.)
September 14	<i>Study Language Lab</i> , GA Perimeter College, Clarkston Campus
September 19-20	<i>Orientation Session</i> , Maloof Auditorium, Decatur
September 26	<i>Review/Written Exam</i> , Columbus
September 28	<i>Study Language Lab</i> , GA Perimeter College, Clarkston Campus

Contact the Commission on Interpreters at 244 Washington Street, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30334; telephone 404-463-6478.

Staff Notes from the AOC

Architectural Services

• The AOC has entered into a contract with Atlanta architect **Judson S. Bryant** for consultation services regarding courthouse facilities. Mr. Bryant is available to work with judges, court administrators, and county personnel to determine local facility needs and consult on architectural design of judges' chambers, courtrooms, jury rooms, etc. To request architectural services contact Marla Moore or David Ratley at the AOC.



Drug Court Coordinator

• **James Banks**, former administrator of the Bibb County Drug Court, has joined the AOC as Drug Court Coordinator. Mr. Banks will work with drug courts around the state, establish standards, and conduct evaluations. He can be reached in Atlanta at 404-463-4155.



Mr. James Banks

Commission on Equality

• **Stephanie Chambliss** joined the Court Services Division of the AOC as Program Director for the Supreme Court Commission on Equality. Ms. Chambliss was formerly employed by the Probate Court of Bibb County. She can be reached in Atlanta at 404-463-3927.



Ms. Stephanie Chambliss

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