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Judicial Council Approves New Judgeships and Appropriations Requests

The Judicial Council of Georgia met on August 29, 2006, to consider requests for new superior court judgeships. After reviewing caseload data for the twelve requesting circuits, the Council approved the following new judgeships in order of priority:

1. **Gwinnett** (10th judge)
2. **Dublin** (3rd judge)
3. **Enotah** (3rd judge)
4. **Cordele** (3rd judge)
5. **Southern** (6th judge)
6. **Brunswick** (5th judge)
7. **Atlanta** (20th judge)
8. **Alapaha** (3rd judge)

The Enotah, Dublin, and Southern circuit requests were carry-overs already approved by the Council in 2005.

General Assembly's Prerogative

Superior court judgeships are created by the General Assembly. Effective dates are established by



Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes announces judgeship rankings during the August meeting.

statute and funding is authorized at the time the positions become effective. In the 2006 session the General Assembly added judgeships in the Blue Ridge, Coweta, Houston and Paulding judicial circuits. These judgeship appointments will be

made by the Governor for terms beginning January 1, 2007.

Appropriations Requests Approved

The Council also approved appropriations requests for FY07 of \$14,214,725 and FY08 of \$18,603,387. A major portion of the requested increase for FY08, (\$2.1 million) is designated for expansion of existing Drug and DUI Courts operated locally.

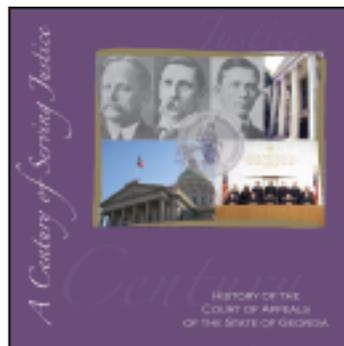
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Judicial Council is December 5, 2006 at the Wyndam Vinings Hotel. For more information about the meeting, call Ms. Terry Cobb at 404-656-5171. ☎

Court of Appeals Video History

A *Century of Serving Justice: History of the Court of Appeals of Georgia* has been produced by the Court of Appeals. The documentary highlights the creation of the court, its first judges, inclusion of minorities and women on the bench, and the changes technology has brought to the work of the court.

Copies of the documentary will be sent to schools around the state.



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People, Places and Events ...

In Memoriam

* **Judge David M. Pierce** of Perry died on July 13 of pancreatic cancer. Judge Pierce had served as Chief Magistrate of Houston County since 1997 and also as municipal court judge in the cities of Byron and Perry. After graduating from Emory University School of Law, he was a Captain in the US Air Force. Judge Pierce was an active member of the Council of Magistrate Court Judges and Council of Municipal Court Judges.

* **Judge Sylvia Huskins** of Eatonton died on August 15. Judge Huskins served as magistrate judge for fifteen years. Prior to earning her law degree from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law, she taught elementary and middle school.

* **Court Reporter Judith A. Pulliam** of Kennesaw died on May 16, 2006. Ms. Pulliam began her career with the Cobb County Superior Court in 1987 and became the official court reporter for Judge George H. Kreeger in 1994. She earned both the National Court Reporter Association "Registered Merit Reporter" Certificate and the National Court Reporter Association's "Certified Realtime Reporter" certificate. In April 2006, Ms. Pulliam was honored by the Cobb County Bar Association with the Administrative Professional Award.

Appointments

* On July 6, 2006, **Judge Ernest D. Blount** (see photo below) became judge of the State Court of Henry County.

* **Mr. Andrew W. Pope** was sworn-in as Solicitor-General for Thomas County State Court on July 6, 2006. The ceremony took place in the House Chambers of the State Capitol. Mr. Pope fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Joseph T. McGraw.



* **Judge Robert E. Turner** was appointed as Chief Magistrate of Houston County on September 5, 2006. Judge Turner fills the vacancy created by the death of Judge David M. Pierce

* **Judge Vernita Lee Bender**, Municipal Court of Valdosta, was sworn-in on September 14, 2006.

Judge Bender fills the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge John K. Edwards to the State Court of Lowndes County.

* **Ms. Sharon Reiss** has been named Executive Director of the Council of Magistrate Court Judges. Ms. Reiss is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the Wake Forest School of Law.

She assumes her new duties October 2, 2006.

Honors

* On May 1, 2006, **Judge Tom Rawlings**, Juvenile Court, Middle Judicial Circuit, was named Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the juvenile law committee of the State Bar of Georgia.



Ms. Sharon Reiss



Judge Tom Rawlings

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Henry State Court Judge Takes Oath

Judge Ernest D. Blount (left), takes the oath of office from Gov. Sonny Perdue on July 6, 2006. Formerly Judge Blount served as judge of the Municipal Court of Stockbridge.



People, Places and Events ... cont.

✱ **Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears** has been elected to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Justices. The announcement was made at the COSCA annual meeting in Washington, DC.

✱ **The Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA)** honored its founding members at its 25th Anniversary Gala on July 16, 2006. Founders Awards were presented to: **Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears**, Supreme Court of Georgia; **Judge Barbara A. Harris**, Municipal Court of Atlanta; and **Judge Bensonetta Tipton Lane**, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, all of whom founded GABWA in 1981. Annual awards have been created in honor of the founders to recognize GABWA members, community leaders, and organizations who strive to achieve social, political, and economic equality for black people.

✱ **Judge Philip Taylor**, Magistrate Court of Cobb County, recently completed the requirements for two



Judge Philip Taylor

Professional Certificates in Judicial Development - one in the area of Dispute Resolution and the other in Special Court Trial Skills. Both certificate programs are part of the National Judicial College (NJC) curriculum. Judge Taylor has served as a Cobb County Magistrate Court judge since 1996. He also

serves as municipal court judge for the cities of Kennesaw and Acworth.

✱ **Judge Peggy Walker**, Juvenile Court of Douglas County, was recently named a 2005-2006 Harris Mid-Career Fellow by "Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families." Judge Walker was one of thirteen Fellows selected from an international competition.

AOC Transitions

✱ **Ms. Debra Nesbit** has been named Acting Deputy Director of the agency as of August 1, 2006. She will continue to head the Governmental Affairs Division and will assume responsibility for agency operations in the absence of the Director.



Ms. Debra Nesbit

✱ **Mr. Chris Patterson**, Assistant Director for Judicial Liaison, assumes responsibilities as Acting Associate Director for Court Services, effective October 1, 2006. He fills the vacancy created by the resignation of **Ms. Marla Moore**. Mr. Patterson holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Masters in Public Administration from Kansas State University.



Mr. Chris Patterson

✱ **Dr. Gregory W. Arnold**, head of AOC Research, has been designated Senior Assistant Director for the agency. Dr. Arnold has been with the AOC since August 1991.



Dr. Greg Arnold

✱ **Mr. Michael Kendrick** was named Assistant Director for Human Resources and EEOC Compliance Monitor for the agency as of August 1, 2006.



Mr. Michael Kendrick

✱ **Mr. Julius Tolbert**, AOC staff attorney, has been named Assistant Director for Legal Affairs.

✱ **Ms. Lisa Durden**, AOC Assistant Director for Regulatory, becomes executive director in the Regulatory Division of the Secretary of State's Office in Macon, effective October 15, 2006. ♪

Save the Date

December 5, 2006

Judicial Council Meeting
Wyndam Vinings Hotel

For more information call
Ms. Terry Cobb at 404-656-5171.

Court of Appeals Continues Centennial Celebration

As the summer heat cools down, the Court of Appeals of Georgia is geared up to complete its One Hundredth Anniversary Year in high-fashion. The Court turns 100 on October 3, 2006 — the milestone will be recognized with a Centennial Dinner at the Georgia Aquarium on October 6.

Centennial Tour

Students from Gordon Lee High School got into the appellate action when the judges from Division One held court on September 6 in Chickamauga. Presiding Judge Gary B. Andrews, Judge Anne



A Gordon Lee High School student (at lectern) presents his case to Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes, Presiding Judge Gary B. Andrews, and Judge Debra Bernes.

Elizabeth Barnes, and Judge Debra Bernes conducted a moot court proceeding in the case of *Terry Bollea aka Hulk Hogan v. World Championship Wrestling*. Students from Gordon Lee High School attended the moot court and the two appellate cases that were argued later that morning.

Other venues visited by the Court of Appeals in September were Statesboro, Jesup, Fort Valley, and Gainesville, as well as Mercer University and Morehouse College.

Oratorical Contest

On September 9, 2006, twenty-eight high school students from throughout Georgia competed in an oratorical competition. The students, finalists in local competitions, made their presentations to an assembly of judges and attorneys at the State Bar of Georgia.

First place winner Caleb Smith, a senior at Cartersville High School, received a \$7,500 scholarship and will give his oration at the Court's Centennial Dinner in Atlanta.

The topic given to student speakers was "separation of pow-

ers." Students delivered their speeches without the aid of notes, microphones, or lecterns.

Contest judges included Justice George H. Carley, Supreme Court of Georgia; Chief Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes, and Judge M. Yvette Miller, all of the Court of Appeals; and Chief Judge Sidney L. Nation, Superior Court of Rockdale County.

The oratorical contest was sponsored by the Court of Appeals and Justice Served, Inc. (a nonprofit organization). ☼



Oratorical Contest winner Mr. Caleb Smith (left) will deliver his oratory on October 6. He is pictured with Chief Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr.

Judicial Council of Georgia August 29, 2006



Seated (l-r): Judge Velma Tilley; Judge Betty Cason; Judge Doris Downs; Judge Gail Flake; Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears; Presiding Justice Carol W. Hunstein; Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes; Judge Kimberly Warden; and Judge Brenda Cole.

Standing (l-r): Judge John Ott; Judge Quillian Baldwin; Judge Arch McGarity; Judge Ben Studdard; Judge Jim Clarke; Judge Ronnie Joe Lane; Judge Shepherd Howell; Judge Rucker Smith; Judge Thomas Bobbitt; Judge Stan Smith; Judge Stephen H. Andrews; Judge Gates Peed; Chief Judge John H. Ruffin; Judge David E. Barrett; and Judge William Boyett.

Marla S. Moore Honored by Administrative Office of the Courts and Supreme Court

On September 26, 2006, a reception was held for Ms. Marla S. Moore, AOC Senior Associate Director for Court Services. Ms. Moore, who came to the AOC in January 1981 as the Judicial Liaison Officer, has accepted a position with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.



Ms. Marla Moore bids farewell to judges, friends, and coworkers as she moves to the CJCC.

Responsibilities

As Senior Associate Director of Court Services, Ms. Moore supervised the Judicial Liaison Section, Research Section, Communications Section, and the Georgia Committee for Access and Fairness in the Courts.

Activities

• In 1992, Ms. Moore was appointed by Governor Zell Miller to serve on the Georgia Commission on Family Violence and was elected by its

members to serve as chair during 1995 and 1996.

- Member of the Georgia Department of Human Resources Sexual Assault Task Force and chaired the committee that produced the first Statewide Protocol for Handling Sexual Assault Cases.

- Project Director for the Georgia Commission on Gender Bias in the Judicial System

- Appointed by the Supreme Court to serve as the Executive Director of the Supreme Court Committee for Gender Equality from January 1993 through January 1995.

- Member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Council of Court Administrators.



Justice Hugh Thompson presents Ms. Moore with the Supreme Court Resolution.

A resolution in her honor from the Supreme Court of Georgia was presented by Justice Hugh Thompson. Chief Judge Doris Downs, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, and Ms. Judith Cramer, 5th District Court Administrator, recognized Ms. Moore's work with the Atlanta Judicial Circuit with a Certificate of Merit. Mr. David Ratley, AOC Director, presented a cut-glass statuette in commemoration of her years of service.



Ms. Moore poses with magistrate court judges (l-r) Judge Jeff Davis, Judge Al Willis, and Judge Thomas Bobbitt.

Ms. Moore has an undergraduate degree in History and a Masters in Political Science from Pittsburg State University in Kansas. She is also a Fellow of the

Institute of Court Management. She is a member of the National Association of Court Managers, and is an Associate member of the National Association of Women Judges. ♠

AOC TTY Line

The Administrative Office of the Courts has installed a TTY Line in its Atlanta office to enable persons with a hearing disability to contact the agency directly.

The number is 404-453-6788.

A Warm Good-Bye

The reception was attended by many of the Justices and Judges with whom Ms. Moore worked on a daily basis, as well as colleagues from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Spotlight: AOC Communications Section

Working Hard to Make the AOC Look Good

Ms. Billie Bolton, Assistant Director for Communications, was interviewed for this feature. She has been the Communications Officer since 1993.

Q. We don't hear much about the Communications Section of the AOC. What does the Communications Section do?

A. Communications is responsible for providing reliable information about the Georgia courts and the judiciary. Fielding questions from the press is a key function. The department also distributes press releases; photographs events of interest, and produces professional-quality publications. We also act as secretariat to the Judicial Council, preparing the official minutes of each meeting.



Ms. Billie Bolton

Q. What are some of the publications you produce?

A. The primary AOC publications include the *Georgia Courts Directory*, an annual directory of judges and other judicial personnel; the *Georgia Courts Annual Report*, which includes caseload data and highlights from the year; and the *Georgia Courts Journal*.

Q. This year, the AOC published a calendar. Will you publish as calendar for 2007?

A. Yes. We had such a great response with the calendar that we're publishing a 2007 calendar.

It features Georgia courthouses ranging from the most modern to traditional architectural styles.

Q. Will the calendar be free again this year?

A. Yes and no. We'll be sending the first printing at no charge. Additional copies can be purchased for \$10 — a nominal amount that helps cover the costs of printing and mailing.

Copies can be ordered by accessing our website (www.georgiacourts.org) or by e-mail (stollara@gaaoc.us) to request an order form.

Q. What else is Communications doing?

A. We're excited about our new poster entitled "Georgia's Court System" for use by middle schools. We will distribute the poster widely to public and private schools.

Q. Does this poster replace the "Your Guide to the Georgia Courts" brochure?

A. The AOC continues to publish the "Guide" which is targeted to jurors and the public generally. The "Guide" is a valuable tool for judges and others for discussing the responsibilities and functions of the courts and is available free of charge.

Q. Who works in Communications?

A. Ms. Ashley Stollar is our graphic designer, myself, and during the summer, a student intern. ☺

Will YOUR Courthouse Be in The 2007 Calendar?



Don't let 2007 catch up with you without it! Order your "Courthouses of Georgia Calendar" today.

Copies are \$10 and can be ordered at www.georgiacourts.org or by contacting Ashley Stollar at stollara@gaaoc.us

Spotlight: AOC Communications Section

Middle School Tool: Judicial Poster in Production

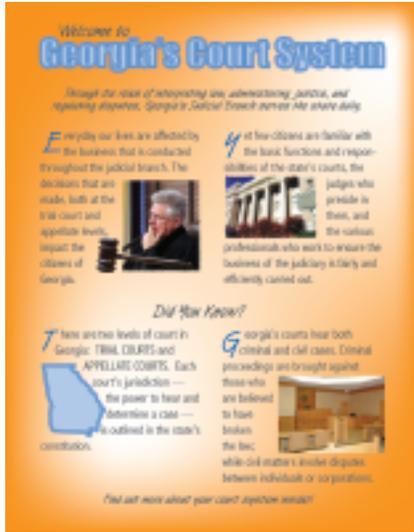
It is no stretch of the imagination to say that few people know and understand how the court system works. In Georgia schools, eighth graders are taught Georgia history, but little time is spent covering state government and even less time is spent on the judicial system.

To increase awareness of the work and workings of the courts, the Communications Section of the AOC has created a visual entitled, "Georgia's Court System."

The brightly-colored 18" x 24" poster covers topics such as the different levels of courts, jurisdiction of courts, judicial selection, what judges do, judicial circuits, county

courthouses, and the many professionals whose jobs are essential to the judicial system.

"The poster is geared toward eighth grade students, but could also be used for just about any grade," said Ms. Ashley Stollar, AOC Communications Specialist. "We chose to illustrate the poster with photos of Georgia judges, courthouses, and courtrooms. The colorful design makes the information more fun."



The "Georgia's Court System" poster is brightly-colored and easy to use.

What Do the Courts Do?

"Different courts are set up to do different things," this panel reads. Each court's jurisdiction, number of courts, and likely number of judges.

Georgia's Court System

This panel discusses the three branches of government, including the judicial branch's role in a checks and balances system of government.

Judicial circuits and county courthouses are also covered. A full-color map of Georgia, showing the 49 judicial circuits, is a handy reference for students to answer questions such as "I live in the _____ Circuit" and "There are _____ counties in my circuit."

Who Are Georgia's Judges

How are judges chosen? What do judges do? These are a few of the questions answered in this panel. The judges of the DeKalb County State Court, arguably the most diverse bench in the state, are pictured.

Who's at the Courthouse?

It's not just judges and lawyers, you know. This panel describes many of the professionals (court administrators, court clerks, court reporters) whose jobs are essential to the efficient work of the courts.

Plans are in development for a Website as a companion and complement to the poster. For more information, contact Ashley Stollar at stollara@gaaoc.us

Cobb Administrator Named NACM President at Annual Meeting



Mr. Skip Chesshire (center) with the Cobb Superior Court bench: (l-r) Judge Stephen Schuster; Judge Adele Grubbs; Chief Judge James G. Bodiford, Jr.; Judge Robert Flournoy, III; Mr. Chesshire; Judge George H. Kreeger; Judge S. Lark Ingram; and Judge Kenneth O. Nix. Photographed at the NACM Conference in Orlando, FL, when Mr. Chesshire was sworn-in as president of the group.

County & Municipal Probation Advisory Council

- On September 20-21, 2006, an orientation session was held at the AOC Macon office to assist city and county-operated probation personnel who must now register their programs with the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council. Effective July 1, 2006, the General Assembly designated supervision of governmental, as well as private, probation programs to the Advisory Council. Notices regarding the requirements of the new law have been sent to every city and county in Georgia. The registration period for these programs is October 1- December 31, 2006.

- Sheriff Steve Cronic, Hall County is the new chair of the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council, replacing Judge Jim Burton of Wilkes County; Mr. Michael Nail, Georgia Department of Corrections, is now vice-chair.

- Please visit www.georgia-courts.org for complete information on Council rules and orientation sessions.

From the Board of Court Reporting...

New Members

On August 18, 2006, Ms. Vickie Wiechec, Ms. Vickey Riggins, and Mr. Richard T. Kent were sworn in as members of the Board of Court Reporting. The Board elected Judge Linda Cowen, State Court of Clayton County, as its chair and Mr. Richard T. Kent as its co-chair.

Rules Changes

The Judicial Council approved changes to the Rules of the Board of Court Reporting at its August 29 meeting in Atlanta. The revisions applying to Section A, Article 3.A, concern procedures for the written exam, takedown, and transcription; revisions to Article 9D, concern Sanctions.

If you would like to receive copy of the revisions, contact Ms. Aquaria Smith, Program Manager, Board of Court Reporting, 244 Washington Street, SW, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30334-9007; phone, 404-651-8707; e-mail, smitha@gaaoc.us

Fee Schedule for Official Reporters

Effective July 1, 2006, the per diem and page rates in the official reporters' fee schedule increased by 2% as approved by the Judicial Council of Georgia.

Per Diem	\$179.36 to 8 hours \$200.85 to 9 hours \$215.23 maximum
Page Rates	\$3.57 per page for Original + 2
Expedited	\$5.37 per page for Original
Daily	\$7.15 per page for Original
Copies	\$1.43 per page
Civil Takedown	\$40.87 per hour ₤

Grants Given to Domestic Violence Programs

On July 18, 2006, Judge Cliff Jolliff (left), Juvenile Court, Northeastern Judicial Circuit, and Chief Judge William T. Boyett, Superior Court, Conasauga Judicial Circuit (far right) deliver a check to one of eight nonprofit organizations. The FY2007 grants distributed to domestic violence groups total over \$2,000,000.



Please
Recycle



Jury Talk

• **NCSC Resources:** Help with **drafting jury instructions** is available from the National Center for State Courts website: “Communicating with Juries: How to Draft More Understandable Instructions,” a benchbook produced by the NCSC Research Department, can be viewed at www.ncsconline.org

• The data collection phase of the NCSC nation-wide **survey of trial court innovations** has been completed. Look for the survey results to be published by the Center for Jury Studies later this year.

• A **Jury Management seminar** sponsored by the Institute for Court Management will be held in Orlando, Florida, October 25-27, 2006. Register on line at the NCSC website.

• **Unified Courts of Guam:** Jury duty is an obligation of citizenship, however, if you are thinking of relocating to the US Territory of Guam, once tapped for jury duty on the island, you may remain “on call” for up to a year! Check out the website, www.guamsupremecourt.com before making any hasty decisions.

• **Jury Innovations Upheld:** A recent decision by the US District Court, Eastern District of New York (Monroe v. Kuhlman, __F.Supp.2d __, 2006 WL 1756018 (EDNY) Lexis cite, (2006 US Dist. LEXIS 43673), upheld the practice of furnishing copies of key **exhibits in the jury room**. The opinion states that there is no constitutional barrier to these innovations, and also approves note taking, juror notebooks and questions by jurors.

Send your jury-related questions to Ms. Leslie Johnson at johnsonl@gaaoc.us; her Jury Talk column will appear periodically in the Georgia Courts Journal. ☺

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Macon Circuit

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Atlantic Circuit

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Bell-Forsyth Circuit

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Clay County

Add: Judge Geneva English
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Delete: Judge Curtis L. Hubbard

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Add: Judge James R. Argo, Jr.
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770-822-8081/F 822-8075

Delete: Judge Angela Couch Nguyen

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Polk County

Delete: Judge Ryan Remsen

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Delete: Judge Benjamin A. Jackson

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Judge Joel Siegel,
Judge Donald W. Singleton
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Delete: Judge William Brogdon

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Sugar Hill

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Add: Judge Charles Barrett

Thomasville

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Valdosta

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Whitesburg

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Delete: Judge Nathaniel L. Smith

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Board of Commissioners for Magistrate Retirement Fund Named



On August 21, 2006, Governor Sonny Perdue (center) named Commissioners for the Magistrate Retirement Fund including, (l-r) Judge Warren P. Davis, Chief Magistrate, Gwinnett County; Mr. Britton D. Brewer, Consumer Member; Judge Mary Kathryn Moss, Chief Magistrate, Chatham County; Judge Connie J. Holt, Chief Magistrate, Morgan County; Judge Rita Cavanaugh, Chief Magistrate, Spalding County; Judge Tommy C. Bobbitt, Chief Magistrate, Laurens County; Ms. Molly Perry, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and Mr. Bob Carter, COAG.

The Magistrate Retirement Fund was created by the Georgia General Assembly during its 2006 session. ⚖️

Fall Conferences

Advancing Court Technology

The Administrative Office of the Courts is sponsoring a technology conference, Advancing Court Technology, October 24 - 27, 2006. The conference will be held at the Ridges Resort & Club in Hiawasee.

For more information, go to www.actgeorgia.org

Georgia Council of Court Administrators

The Georgia Council of Court Administrators Fall Conference will be held November 6, 7, and 8, 2006, at the Mountain Creek Inn at Callaway Gardens.

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