

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA

General Session

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel

9:00 a.m.

*Pulaski Room
Lobby Level*



Luncheon

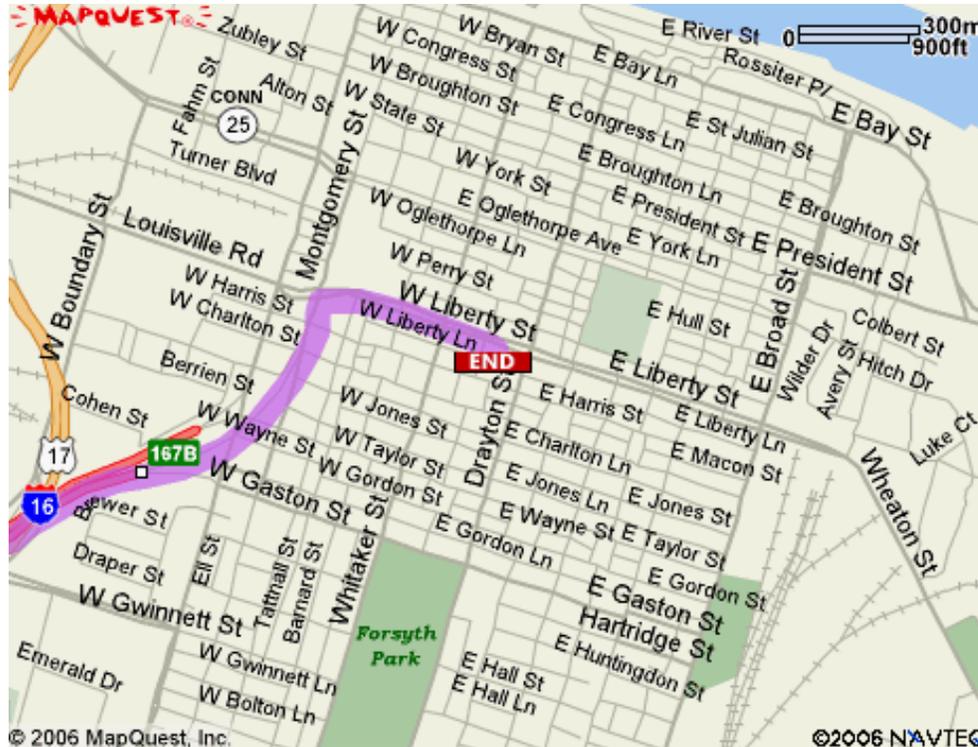
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Judicial Council of Georgia
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Continental Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1. **Introductions and Preliminary Remarks**
(Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears, Est. Time — 5 Min.)
2. **Approval of December 11, 2007 Minutes** Tab 1
(Chief Justice Sears, Est. Time — 3 Min.)
3. **Status of 2008 Judgeship Requests**
(Mr. Ratley, Est. Time — 3 Min.)
4. **Reports from Committees:**
 - A. Judicial Council Nominating Committee Tab 2
Vacancies on Board of Court Reporting
(Judge Ott, Est. Time — 10 Min.)
 - B. Judicial Council Standing Committee on Policy & Legislative Update
(Justice Hunstein & Ms. Nesbit, Est. Time — 10 Min.)
 - C. Judicial Council Drug Court Committee Tab 3
(Ms. Martin, Est. Time — 10 min.)
- ***** **15 Minute Break** *****
5. **Budget Matters** Tab 4
(Ms. Nesbit & Ms. Pryor, Est. Time — 20 Min.)
FY 2008 Amended Budget
FY 2009 General Appropriations Budget
6. **Report from AOC Director** Tab 5
(Mr. Ratley, Est. Time — 15 Min.)

7. **Reports from Appellate Courts and Trial Court Councils**

- A) Supreme Court
(Chief Justice Sears, Est. Time — 5 Min.)
- B) Court of Appeals
(Chief Judge Barnes, Est. Time — 5 Min.)
- C) Council of Superior Court Judges
(Judge Goss, Est. Time — 5 Min.)
- D) Council of State Court Judges
(Judge Carbo, Est. Time — 5 Min.)
- E) Council of Juvenile Court Judges
(Judge Teske, Est. Time — 5 Min.)
- F) Council of Probate Court Judges
(Judge L. Brown, Est. Time — 5 Min.)
- G) Council of Magistrate Court Judges
(Judge Warden, Est. Time — 5 Min.)
- H) Council of Municipal Court Judges
(Judge Clifton, Est. Time — 5 Min.)

8. **Reports from Judicial Agencies & Entities**

- A. **Commission on Children, Marriage, and Family Law** Tab 6
Written report for informational purposes only
No action required by the Council
- B. **Committee on Justice for Children** Tab 7
Written report for informational purposes only
No action required by the Council
- C. **Georgia Courts Automation Commission** Tab 8
Written report for informational purposes only
No action required by the Council
- D. **Chief Justice Led Task Force to Promote Mental Health
Criminal Justice Collaboration** Tab 9
Written report for informational purposes only
No action required by the Council
- E. **Child Support Commission** Tab 10

Written report for informational purposes only
No action required by the Council

F. Supreme Court Committee Civil Justice
Written report for informational purposes only
No action required by the Council

Tab 11

G. Georgia Council of Court Administrators
(Ms. Cramer Est. Time — 10 min.)

Tab 12

9. **Old/New Business**
(Chief Justice Sears, Est. Time — 10 Min.)

A. Date and Place of Next Regular Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2008
Place: Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place, Duluth, GA

10. **Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**
(Chief Justice Sears, Est. Time — 10 Min.)

*12 Noon
Lunch Served in the
Harbor View*

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NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL SINCE THE DECEMBER 11, 2008 MEETING

1. Judge Melvin K. Westmoreland, President Elect, Council of Superior Court Judges
2. Judge Charles Paul Rose, Superior Court, Atlantic Judicial Circuit
3. Judge William J. Edgar, President Elect, Council of State Court Judges
4. Judge Robert V. Rodatus, President Elect, Council of Juvenile Court Judges
5. Judge Tammy S. Brown, President Elect, Council of Probate Court Judges

MEMBERS WHO HAVE LEFT OR ARE KNOWN TO BE LEAVING PRIOR TO THE MEETING ON AUGUST 26, 2008

1. Chief Judge Arch McGarity, Superior Court, Flint Judicial Circuit
2. Judge Brenda H. Cole, State Court of Fulton County
3. Judge Velma Tilley, Juvenile Court of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit
4. Judge Walter, Clarke, II, Probate Court of Gwinnett County
5. Judge Shepherd Lee Howell, Superior Court, Cherokee Judicial Circuit
6. Judge Kimberly Warden, Magistrate Court of Fulton County
7. Judge Bill Clifton, Municipal Court of Forsyth

Meeting of the Judicial Council of Georgia
Wyndham Vinings Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia
December 11, 2007

Members Present:

Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears
Presiding Justice Carol W. Hunstein
Chief Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes
Judge A. Quillian Baldwin, Jr.
Judge David E. Barrett
Judge Lillis J. Brown
Judge John C. Carbo, III
Judge Jim Clarke
Judge Brenda H. Cole
Judge Doris L. Downs
Judge Stephen S. Goss
Judge Shepherd Lee Howell
Judge Ronnie Joe Lane
Judge Arch W. McGarity
Judge M. Yvette Miller
Judge John M. Ott
Judge F. Gates Peed
Judge R. Rucker Smith
Judge J. Stanley Smith
Judge Steve Teske
Judge Velma Tilley
Judge Kimberly Warden
Judge Anne Workman
Judge Bill Clifton (ex officio)
Judge Tommy Bobbitt (for Judge Holt)

Members Absent:

Judge Connie J. Holt

Staff Attending:

Mr. David L. Ratley
Ms. Billie Bolton
Mr. Byron Branch
Mr. Bob Bray
Ms. Cynthia Clanton

Ms. Terry Cobb
Mr. Randy Dennis
Ms. Eden Freeman
Ms. Tonya Griesbach
Mr. Vince Harris
Ms. Kelly McQueen
Ms. Jane Martin
Ms. Kelly Moody
Ms. Debra Nesbit
Mr. Chris Patterson
Ms. Vonnetta Pryor
Ms. Aquaria Smith
Ms. Ashley Stollar
Mr. Julius Tolbert

Guests Attending:

Ms. Tee Barnes, Clerk, Supreme Court of Georgia
Judge William Boyett, Conasauga Judicial Circuit
Mr. John Cowart, Second District Court Administrator
Judge Linda Cowen, State Court of Clayton County
Ms. Judy Cramer, Fifth District Court Administrator
Mr. Danny DeLoach, First District Court Administrator
Mr. Steve Ferrell, Ninth District Court Administrator
Mr. Tripp Fitzner, Eighth District Court Administrator
Ms. Gayle Gazaway, Clerk, Whitfield County Magistrate Court
Mr. Lendon Gibbs, Justice Served, Inc.
Mr. Tom Gunnels, Tenth District Court Administrator
Justice Harris Hines, Supreme Court of Georgia
Mr. Eric John, Council of Juvenile Court Judges
Mr. Greg Jones, Third District Court Administrator
Ms. Sandy Lee, Council of Superior Court Judges
Justice Harold Melton, Supreme Court of Georgia
Mr. Tom Merriam, Council of Superior Court Judges
Ms. Tia Milton, Law Assistant, Supreme Court of Georgia
Mr. Shinji Morokuma, Office of Dispute Resolution
Judge Henry Newkirk, State Court of Fulton County
Ms. Jody Overcash, Seventh District Court Administrator
Judge Tim Pape, Juvenile Court of Floyd County
Judge Marion T. Pope, Jr., Justice Served, Inc.
Mr. Rich Reaves, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education
Ms. Sharon Reiss, Council of Magistrate Court Judges
Judge John Roberts, Council of Municipal Court Judges
Mr. Fred Roney, Sixth District Court Administrator
Judge Jay M. Roth, Magistrate Court of Fulton County

Ms. Stefani Searcy, State Court of Fulton County
Ms. Sue Sosebee, Chief Constable, Whitfield County Magistrate Court
Ms. Kirsten Wallace, Council of Juvenile Court Judges
Mr. Shannon Weathers, Council of Superior Court Judges
Judge Barrett Whittemore, Chief Magistrate, Whitfield County

Call to Order

Chief Justice Sears called the meeting to order promptly at 9:00 a.m. She expressed appreciation to the Council of State Court Judges for hosting the reception for Judicial Council members on Monday evening. She welcomed Judge Tommy Bobbitt who is representing Judge Connie Holt, President of the Council of Magistrate Court Judges. Following the usual procedure, Justice Sears introduced herself, followed by Council members, followed by those present in the audience.

Approval of Minutes

Moving on to the minutes of the meeting held on August 28, 2007, Chief Justice Sears asked if there were any corrections or additions. Judge Baldwin moved approval of the minutes as prepared. Presiding Justice Hunstein seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of ICJE Curricula

Mr. Rich Reaves presented the proposed continuing education products and services for magistrates and for municipal court judges to be offered in 2008. Certification and recertification topics include: Firearms, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse and Addiction. Mr. Reaves noted the offerings for municipal court clerks training as well. Judge Barrett moved adoption of the curricula as prepared. Judge Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Reports from Commissions and Committees

Chief Justice Sears called attention to written reports provided by the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council and the Georgia Courts Automation Commission.

Judicial Council Nominating Committee. Judge Ott referred to the memo at Tab Five in the agenda materials. He noted that the members of the nominating committee met by conference call and e-mail to discuss candidates for the Board of Court Reporting vacancy. The vacant position is designated for a representative of the State Bar of Georgia. Judge Ott moved that the nomination of Mr. Huey W. Spearman of Waycross be approved. Judge Baldwin seconded. The motion carried.

Committee on Court Reporting Matters. Judge Boyett presented the report for the Committee on Court Reporting Matters composed of Judge Herbert Phipps, Judge Hal Craig, and Judge John Salter. He noted that Judge Linda Cowen, Chair of the Board of Court Reporting, and Judge Anne Workman could also speak to the proposed revisions to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Board. Some changes are clarifications or reorganizations to the existing document. Substantive changes include: elimination of certification by reciprocity with other states; creation of an “inactive status” for retired court reporters; repeal of the requirement that holders of emergency judicial permits must sit for the next certification exam offered by the Board. Judge Boyett asked for any questions regarding the proposed changes.

Judge Workman moved to approve the revisions to the Rules and Regulations of the Board as presented. Judge Carbo seconded. The motion carried.

Court Emergency Management Committee. Justice Harold Melton, chair of the committee, reported on national and state efforts to raise awareness about and plan for an

influenza pandemic. Public health officials say that the question is not if an outbreak will occur, but when. Justice Melton noted that up to forty percent of the workforce could be disabled by such an event. Chief Justice Sears appointed the Court Emergency Management Committee to spearhead planning efforts for continued operation of the state courts in the face of such a disaster. The committee is compiling a benchbook for judges to aid in disaster planning locally. Justice Melton encouraged judges to promote discussion of the committee's work and provide leadership in their counties or circuits.

Justice for Children Committee. Justice Hines referred Council members to the committee's written report provided in the agenda. He noted that the committee, now part of the Supreme Court Commission on Children, Marriage and Family Law, continues its focus on improving foster care proceedings to more quickly establish permanency for children who enter the system. Justice Hines added that support from Chief Justice Sears has been invaluable in advancing their efforts.

Standing Committee on Policy. Ms. Nesbit reported that the policy committee, chaired by Presiding Justice Hunstein, will meet in early January to discuss pending bills and any legislative proposals from magistrate, probate and other levels of court. She particularly noted that passage of HB 119, the judicial salary increase, will be a focus for the judicial branch. HB 158 regarding administrative legitimation, is being watched by juvenile court judges and is under review by the House Judiciary committee. The AOC will continue to update legislative changes and developments on the agency website.

Standing Committee on Drug Courts. Ms. Jane Martin made the committee report on behalf of Judge George Kreeger, chair. Sixty-two accountability courts are currently operating in the state as detailed on the map and other materials provided in the agenda.

Ms. Martin noted that Georgia has gained national recognition for its success with drug, DUI and other accountability courts, particularly programs in Dougherty and Clarke counties. Most recently grant awards have been made to the Appalachian and Douglas Circuits to launch intensive programs targeted to methamphetamine abusers. The annual Georgia Drug Court Conference will be held June 17-19, 2008 in Peachtree City. The conference theme is “Foundations for the Future.”

Legislative Website Update

Ms. Nesbit introduced Ms. Tonya Griesbach, AOC Governmental Affairs, who gave a video presentation on navigating the AOC’s legislative tracking website. The site is a resource for judges providing easily-accessible coverage on judicial branch matters being considered by the General Assembly. Information on the site, including committee meeting schedules, news stories, and legislation affecting each class of court, is updated daily during the session which opens on January 14, 2008. Judges may also submit comments and analysis of particular bills to Ms. Nesbit from the website.

Director’s Report

Mr. Ratley stated that members of the Judicial Council should have already received a written director’s report by mail. He called attention to organizational charts provided in the agenda giving contact information for AOC staff members and supervisors. He reported that additional staff members for the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council are now on board at the Macon office. Mr. Ratley expressed his appreciation to Judge Bishop, members of the Workload Assessment Committee, Greg Arnold and the AOC Research staff for their continued commitment to refining workload methodology and data collection.

Mr. Ratley introduced Ms. Vonnetta Pryor, AOC Chief Budget Officer, who joined the director's staff in October. Ms. Pryor has extensive experience in state government, working most recently with the Georgia Department of Economic Development. She has already improved accounting and reporting systems at the agency and is working with consultants from the NCSC to implement further improvements. In conclusion, Mr. Ratley announced that Mr. Byron Branch, AOC IT, will staff GCAC meetings, etc. during Mr. George Nolan's recovery from surgery.

Budget Matters

Justice Hines referred council members to the detailed material behind Tab 10. He reported that the initial budget presentations to legislative committees have gone smoothly. He noted that each judicial budget unit has complied with the Governor's request for background papers on proposed budget increases. Justice Hines stated his belief that with continued support from the judges, the judicial pay increase bill has a good chance of success in the Senate. He expressed his appreciation for strong advocacy of the increase by State Bar officials, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and others.

Reports from Appellate Courts and Trial Court Councils

Supreme Court. Chief Justice Sears will deliver the State of the Judiciary speech soon after the start of the 2008 session. She asked judges to show their support for the pay increase and other judicial branch initiatives by their presence at the Capitol on the day of her speech. An e-mail will be sent out to all judges well in advance of the date and time for the State of the Judiciary. She would like to see a large turnout of judges seated in the gallery for the occasion.

Ms. Tee Barnes, Clerk of the Supreme Court, briefly reported on the appellate courts e-filing initiative. Ms. Barnes stated that testing of the system would begin in January. A feature of the new system will be electronic notification of judges when opinions are issued by the Court.

Court of Appeals. Chief Judge Barnes reported the court is operating smoothly. Two major concerns are reversing their budget shortfall and improving security measures in the Judicial Building. She asked for support from the other classes of court with their efforts to persuade the General Assembly to restore full funding for the court. She noted that the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court continue to work together toward full e-filing capability.

Superior Courts. Judge McGarity stated that the superior court judges' legislative focus will be on passage of the judicial salary increase by the General Assembly. He noted that the Governor has indicated he would like greater involvement in the process of approval for new superior court judgeships. The council will closely follow proposed legislative changes in the policies regarding use of senior judges, as well as any changes to the judicial retirement system. Internally, the council is simplifying its committee structure and updating its by-laws.

State Courts. Judge Cole reported the state court judges continue efforts to form relationships among classes of court by encouraging judges from other courts to attend their meetings. She proudly displayed a lapel pin featuring the newly-designed seal of the Council of State Court Judges. She noted that Judge Ed Carriere of Dekalb County was honored with their Ogden Doremus Award and welcomed new appointees: Judge Patricia Booker of Richmond County and Judge Ethelyn Simpson of Clarke County.

Judge Carbo, incoming president of the Council of State Court Judges, invited the Council members to consider participating in the 2009 National High School Mock Trial competition to be held in Atlanta in 2009; volunteers are needed as evaluators or to judge oral arguments presented by the students. He also encouraged other councils to consider making a financial contribution to fund-raising efforts for the national meeting.

Juvenile Courts. Judge Tilley echoed Judge Carbo's words about the High School Mock Trial competition as a rewarding experience. She stated that her own experience volunteering had been most enjoyable. She reported that two model court projects, one for delinquency cases and one for deprivation cases, are ongoing. In 2008 ten juvenile courts will participate in a self-assessment of delinquency guidelines based on a practice guide adopted by the Council of Juvenile Court Judges.

While the Council has no new legislation before the General Assembly, juvenile court judges will continue their judge of the day program during the 2008 session. She noted that the Younger Lawyers Division of the State Bar is drafting a model juvenile code that will be reviewed by the judges before any proposed legislative changes are made. Judge Tilley closed by saying she had enjoyed serving on the Council, meeting judges and gaining exposure to the wider concerns of the judicial branch.

Probate Courts. Judge Clarke reviewed their 2008 legislative agenda detailed in the handout provided. Proposed changes to Title 15 involve expanding probate court jurisdiction over construction of wills in probate; also authorization for legal name changes to be granted by the probate court; authorize probate judges in urban counties to appoint associate judges to assist with growing caseloads; other changes involve terms of court and granting of emergency conservatorships.

Magistrate Court. Judge Warden congratulated Judge Warren Davis, Chief Magistrate of Gwinnett County, who has been appointed to the superior court bench; Judge Ethelyn Simpson, Chief Magistrate of Clarke County, is the new judge for the State Court of Clarke County. The magistrate council has a new committee working on access issues for the mentally ill, pro se litigants and other groups. The new Domestic Violence benchbook will be distributed to magistrate and municipal court judges in January. A primary legislative goal is restoration of the \$100,000 cut from the ICJE training budget. Magistrate training services have been reduced as a result of this shortfall. Other legislative issues include changes to minimum qualifications for office of magistrate judge and revision of procedures on post-judgment interrogatories.

Municipal Court. Judge Clifton reported that the municipal court judges will be participating in discussions with judges from other classes of court on greater cooperation among judges groups for the benefit of the entire system. Justice Hines has agreed to become an ex-officio member of the Council of Municipal Court Judges and will help promote the council's initiatives. The Georgia Municipal Association is asking the Legislature to create four-year terms for municipal court judges. The municipal court judges would like to see revision of qualifications for the office of municipal court judge to match that of superior court judges. Judge Hilliard is working on solicitor training standards; Judge Bobbitt is investigating court security measures for municipal courts.

At Judge Clifton's request, Mr. Chris Patterson of the AOC reported on ongoing discussions with software vendors regarding municipal court electronic caseload reporting. Detailed caseload reporting is needed from all municipal courts across the state to accurately document the tremendous volume of cases handled.

New Business

Justice Served Inc. Former Court of Appeals Judge Marion T. Pope, Jr. spoke on behalf of Justice Served, Inc., a nonprofit, nonpartisan group promoting the independence of the judiciary. Judge Pope noted that the organization provided financial assistance for the Centennial Celebration of the Court of Appeals and for the recent seminar at Emory Law School where retired US Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was the featured speaker. Justice Served also supports judicial independence by working to prevent special interest politics from co-opting Georgia's judicial election process. Judge Pope stated that he believes it is part of a judge's duty to promote greater understanding of the judicial branch and its role in American government. He invited the judges to contact Mr. Lendon Gibbs, executive director of Justice Served, if interested in becoming guest lecturers on behalf of the judicial branch and the goals of Justice Served, Inc.

Workload Assessment Committee. Judge David Barrett briefed the Council on the recent meeting of the Workload Assessment Committee. He stated that three proposals were discussed: 1) redefine the deadline for receipt of letters of request for additional judgeships; 2) apprise the Gov., Lt. Gov. and Speaker of pending judgeship requests; 3) devise a standard definition for the "revocation of probation" case-type.

After some discussion, Judge McGarity proposed that the workload assessment committee submit a written report to the executive committee of the Council of Superior Court Judges for consideration at the January 2008 meeting. After this initial review, the matter can be placed on the Judicial Council agenda for the June 2008 meeting.

Adjournment

Chief Justice Sears announced that the next meeting of the Judicial Council is scheduled for June 3, 2008, at the Hilton Hotel in Savannah.

The Chief Justice presented certificates of appreciation to Judges McGarity; Peed, Clarke, Cole and Tilley, whose terms expire prior to the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Billie Bolton, Assistant Director

The above and foregoing minutes were approved at the meeting held on _____ day of _____, 200_.

Judicial Council of Georgia
Administrative Office of the Courts

David L. Ratley
Director

Memorandum

To: Judicial Council of Georgia Members

From: Stephanie Chambliss Hines
Assistant Director for Regulatory

Date: May 1, 2008

Re: Board of Court Reporting Vacancies

CC: David Ratley, Director
Cynthia Clanton, General Counsel and Associate Director for Legal and
Regulatory
Aquaria R. Smith, Board of Court Reporting Program Manager

The Board of Court Reporting of the Judicial Council of Georgia is composed of nine members: five certified court reporters, two representatives from the State Bar of Georgia, and two members of the judiciary (one Superior Court judge and one State Court judge). The Board seats for two certified court reporters, one representative from the State Bar of Georgia, and the superior court judge are currently open for appointment for terms beginning July1, 2008. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-14-24, the Judicial Council of Georgia appoints the members of the Board of Court Reporting for two year terms. Persons appointed to the Board must possess at least five years of experience in their respective professions of court reporting or law. The individuals being considered by the Judicial Council Nominating Committee are as follows:

CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS

1. **Dennis G. Bull**, Certified Court Reporter and co-owner of Bull Darity Hopson & Worley, LLC, a court reporting firm. Mr. Bull has been a member of the court reporting profession for more than 43 years. During his tenure he has served as a court reporter with the US Circuit Court in Maryland, a legislative hearing reporter, a congressional reporter, and as a reporter in the US Army. Mr. Bull is a member of several court reporting associations holding positions such as board member to the Georgia Court Reporters Association. He is also a member of the Georgia Certified Court Reporter Association, the Federal Court Reporters Association, and an Affiliate Member of the Atlanta Bar Association.

2. **Linda Drake**, Official Court Reporter for the Municipal Court of Tybee Island, GA. Ms. Drake became a Georgia certified court reporter in 1982. She obtained her Certified Verbatim Reporter license from the National Verbatim Reporter Association (NVRA) in 1994. Subsequently, she became a member to its board of directors in 1999, and president from 2003-2005. Ms. Drake has served as editor of “On the Record” newsletter for the Georgia Certified Court Reporter Association for approximately seven years.

3. **Diane Gaffoglio**, Freelance Reporter. Ms. Gaffoglio has worked in Georgia superior and state courts as a freelance reporter for five years. She attended Brown College of Court Reporting and has is a Nationally Certified Merit Reporter.

4. **Vickey E. Riggins (Incumbent on the Board)**, Official Court Reporter in the Superior Court of the Flint Judicial Circuit. Ms. Riggins has worked as an Official Court Reporter since 2000 when she began her career as a certified court reporter. She was appointed to the Board of Court Reporting in July 2006 and has actively served on the Testing Committee and as a test proctor for Board of Court Reporting examinations. Ms. Riggins seeks reappointment to the Board.

5. **Vickie E. Wiechec (Incumbent on the Board)**, Official Court Reporter in the Dublin Judicial Circuit. Ms. Wiechec started her career as a freelance court reporter over seven years ago. She became an Official Court Reporter in 2003 in Cherokee County State Court for Judge W. Alan Jordan. Ms. Wiechec attended Springfield Technical Community College for court reporting and Kennesaw State College. Ms. Wiechec is an active member of the National Verbatim Reporters’ Association and is completing one term on the Board of Court Reporting. Ms. Wiechec seeks reappointment to the Board of Court Reporting.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

6. **Judge Henry J. Altman**, Superior Court Judge of the Southern Judicial Circuit. The Honorable Henry J. Altman has served as a judge in the Superior Court of the Southern Judicial District since 1994. Judge Altman is currently a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Council of Superior Court Judges Court Automation Committee, and the Council of Superior Court Judges Nomination Committee. He has served as the Past Chair of the Council of Superior Court Judges Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education, a member of the State Ethics Commission, and State Board of Governors. Judge Altman received his J.D. from the University of Georgia.

7. **Judge M. Cindy Morris**, Superior Court Judge of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit. The Honorable Cindy Morris was appointed as a superior court judge to the Conasauga Judicial Circuit in 2002. She is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Supreme Court Commission on Interpreters, the Council of Superior Court Judges Special Committee on Family Law, the Council of Superior Court Judges Committee on Access to Fairness and Justice in the Courts, the Conasauga Judicial Circuit Task Force on Domestic Violence, and other national and local organizations. Judge Morris also holds membership to the Board of the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, Whitfield County Department of Family and Children Services and Whitfield County-Dalton Daycare. She received her J.D. degree from Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University.

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA MEMBER

8. **Huey W. Spearman, (Incumbent to the Board)** Attorney at Law. Mr. Spearman received his J.D. from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, and was admitted to practice law in Georgia in 1983. He has been admitted to practice before the Georgia Court of Appeals, the Georgia Supreme Court, and in the federal courts. Mr. Spearman is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia and a Board of Governor's Representative. He is the Past President of the Waycross Bar Association, Trial Judge for the Georgia Mock Competition, Southern Region, and past board member to several civic and community organizations. Mr. Spearman was appointed to the Board of Court Reporting in January 2008 and seeks reappointment.

9. **Derek J. White**, Attorney at Law. Mr. White is the owner of Derek White Law Firm and received his J.D. from Walter F. George Law School at Mercer University. Mr. White was admitted to practice law in Georgia in 1996 and is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia, the American Bar Association, the Savannah Bar Association, the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, Savannah Trial Lawyers, and the United States Professional Teaching Registry. Mr. White has served as the Past President of the State Bar Young Lawyers Division, Special Master for the Supreme Court of Georgia, on the Board of Governors, and numerous legal and civic organizations.

The Judicial Council Nominating Committee will announce its recommendations on these vacancies at the Judicial Council meeting.

Judicial Council of Georgia

Standing Committee on Drug Courts

Judge George H. Kreeger
Chair

Reply to:
Tonya L. Griesbach
Governmental Affairs

Memorandum

TO: Judicial Council Members

FROM: Judge George Kreeger

RE: Drug Court Committee Report

DATE: June 3, 2008

2008 Drug, DUI and Mental Health Court Conference

The 2008 conference will be held June 17-19 at the Peachtree City Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center. The theme for the 2008 conference is "Foundations for the Future." The foundations for Accountability Courts are research and evidence-based treatment practices. Three national keynote speakers will address the conference:

- *Criminal Thinking*, Dr. Stanton Samenow, author of the best-seller *Inside the Criminal Mind*
- *Federal Partnerships for Effective Drug Court Treatment*, Dr. Westley Clark, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA, US Department of Health and Human Services
- *Targeting Drug Offenders by Risk and Needs into Appropriate Programs and Services Using Drug Court Research Findings*
Dr. Doug Marlowe, Chief, Science, Policy & Law
National Association of Drug Court Professionals

Two plenary sessions are on the program - a panel of drug court graduates from Felony, Juvenile, DUI and Family Drug Courts to speak about their experiences, which is always the most moving experience at the conference, and a *Harnessing the Energy of the Team* exercise for drug court teams.

Breakout workshop sessions will be provided on topics specific to the needs of Felony, Juvenile, DUI, and Family Drug Courts and Mental Health Courts. Topical workshops on criminal thinking, understanding and treating trauma, using incentives and sanctions, evidence-based case management and treatment practices, judicial independence and separation of powers, drug testing, drug court evaluation, and working with the media will be offered. There will be a breakout session by role for drug and mental health court

team members, so that colleagues from around the state – judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment providers, law enforcement and probation officers and drug court administrators - can network and learn from each other. Professional credit hours will be offered for attorneys, law enforcement officers and counselors.

The 2007 conference was attended by almost 400 people representing about 50 Drug, DUI and Mental Health Court Teams from all over Georgia. We anticipate that almost all Accountability Courts will participate in the 2008 conference.

Sub-Committee Members: Judge Jeff Bagley, Judge Jason Deal, Judge Jack Partain, Judge Joseph Iannazzone, Judge Kent Lawrence, Steve Ferrell, Cathy McCumber, Jody Overcash, Billy Bearden (Dept. of Corrections) Andy Cummings, Scott Dunbar (Dept. of Human Resources) Mea Fagiola, Dawn Tyus (Southeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center), Mitzi Walters, Priscilla Woolwine

NADCP Conference of State Drug Court Associations Meeting

The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) held its eighth annual Congress of State Drug Court Associations (CSDCA) meeting in Washington, DC on March 3-5. Judge Jeffrey Bagley, Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit, and Tonya Griesbach with the AOC represented Georgia at the meeting. Judge Bagley and Ms. Griesbach met with several Members of Congress to educate them on the importance of drug courts and the federal-state partnership to support drug courts.

Siemens/COTTS Implementation Update

The pilot phase of the Court Ordered Treatment Tracking System (COTTS) is currently being implemented. This is a case management database for drug courts utilizing the Siemen's drug screening instruments. The application is a browser/internet-based system, which allows access from any computer terminal. COTTS is password protected, with permissions for viewing private client information determined by user role (i.e. - case manager, treatment provider, judge, administrator/coordinator, etc...). Data collected from local courts through COTTS is housed at AOC servers in Atlanta.

The pilot phase includes seven drug courts/regions in Georgia. These include Athens-Clarke DUI Court, Cobb County Drug Court, Conasauga Drug Court, Gwinnett County DUI Court, Tallapoosa Drug Court, Glynn-Camden Drug Court, and Hall County Drug Court. To date, Athens-Clarke, Cobb County, Conasauga and Gwinnett accountability courts are operational on COTTS. Within the next few months, all of the pilot courts will have COTTS installed and operational.

Treatment Standards

The Standing Committee on Drug Courts presents the attached Treatment Standards to the Judicial Council for ratification.

On January 11, 2008, the Standing Committee on Drug Courts adopted treatment standards for all drug and DUI courts in Georgia. The treatment standards are based on best practices from the National Institute of Drug Addiction (NIDA) and the US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Treatment standards will provide non-treatment professionals guidelines on auditing the treatment their participants receive, and help validate drug and DUI courts.

TAB 4

**MATERIALS FOR THIS TAB WERE NOT AVAILABLE
AT THE TIME OF THE AGENDA MAILING**

MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING

**AOC Governmental Affairs
Performance Results
Fiscal Year 2008**

Governmental Affairs

Purpose/Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Governmental Affairs section is to serve as the liaison between the Judicial Council and the Georgia General Assembly, as well as, US Congress, provide education and monitor legislation affecting the courts. The section also has responsibility for insuring intergovernmental collaboration and staffs commissions and committees established by the Supreme Court or Judicial Council or assigned to the Judicial Branch.

Staffing:

Assistant Director
Project Coordinator

Outcome Measures

| | |
|---|------|
| Percentage of Legislative Bills Supported by Judicial Council that Passed | 50% |
| Percentage of Legislative Bills Opposed by Judicial Council that Failed | N/A* |
| Percentage of Budget Enhancements Funded (number of enhancements) | 56% |
| Percentage of Budget Enhancements Funded (dollar amount) | 62% |

Output Measures

| | |
|---|------|
| Synopses/Summaries | |
| Number of Legislative Synopsis Written | 254 |
| Number or Legislative Analysis Written for Policy Committee | 14 |
| Legislative Website | |
| Number of Bills Tracked | 559 |
| Number of 'hits' to website | 5649 |
| Reports | |
| Number of Daily Legislative Reports Written | 36 |
| Number of Weekly Legislative Report Written | 11 |
| Number of Final Report Distributed | 1500 |
| Meetings Attended | |
| Number of State Legislative Meetings Attended | 335 |
| Number of Congressional Meetings Attended | 8 |
| Meetings/Events Planned | |
| Judicial Council Standing Committee on Drug Courts | 11 |
| Judicial Council Policy Committee | 2 |
| National Center for State Courts Evaluation | 30 |

*Judicial Council Policy Committee did not oppose any legislation for 2008



AOC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DASHBOARD REPORT

Mission: To provide information technology services to the AOC in it's mission to support the judiciary.

Vision: To support AOC statutory mandates, promote clear understanding of responsibilities, fulfill the IT needs of the individual courts and the judicial system, serve as the judicial data agent for the state and implement technology to improve the quality of justice.

Information Technology Staff: 11 Full-time In-House Positions 5 Grant Funded Positions
7 Full-time Field Staff Positions

Our department consist of two (2) database administrators, one network and one desktop support position, four (4) software specialists, four (4) field tech support persons, one (1) webmaster and five (5) developers.

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Software Services as of:

04/28/08

Citrix Enabled Products (Web)

| | Sustain | TIPS | PCIS | MCIS | GA Jury | E-Filing | Sustain/CTX | PCIS/CTX | MCIS/CTX | GA Jury/CTX | Total |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Superior | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 |
| State | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Juvenile | 10 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Probate | 7 | 12 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 92 |
| Magistrate | 11 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 84 |
| Municipal | 4 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 |
| District Attorney | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Solicitor | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Recorders | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 63 | 82 | 43 | 45 | 19 | 2 | 44 | 14 | 18 | 0 | 330 |

Support Calls by District

04/21/08 - 04/27/08

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Superior | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 32 |
| State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Juvenile | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Probate | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 11 |
| Magistrate | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Municipal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Recorders | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 16 | 2 | 9 | 53 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| YTD | 661 | 179 | 367 | 34 | 7 | 307 | 573 | 799 | 167 | 265 | 3349 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Prior Year YTD | 619 | 228 | 349 | 34 | 9 | 285 | 523 | 773 | 153 | 244 | 3217 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|

Network Metrics

| Inbound Email (YTD) | Good | Spam | Virus | Totals |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| | 862,446 | 2,127,182 | 3,108 | 2,992,736 |

| Outbound Email (YTD) | Good | Spam | Virus | Totals |
|----------------------|---------|------|-------|---------|
| | 282,238 | 0 | 2 | 282,240 |

| 04/21/08 - 04/27/08 | Inbound | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Totals | Average |
|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Good | | 3,885 | 2,991 | 3,155 | 2,728 | 2,657 | 631 | 515 | 16,562 | 2,366 |
| Spam | | 15,177 | 8,636 | 11,069 | 7,339 | 8,380 | 7,683 | 9,925 | 68,209 | 9,744 |
| Virus | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Outbound | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Totals | Average |
|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Good | 852 | 929 | 855 | 796 | 657 | 150 | 174 | 4,413 | 630 |
| Spam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Virus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| www.georgiacourts.org | YTD | Hits | Visitors | Bandwith (MB) |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Totals | 26,369,371 | 1,798,021 | 327,240 |
| | Average | 2,197,448 | 149,835 | 27,270 |

| www.georgiacourts.org | 04/21/08 - 04/27/08 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Totals | Average |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Hits | | 114,352 | 113,817 | 107,625 | 110,068 | 84,393 | 40,044 | 43,112 | 613,411 | 87,630 |
| Visitors | | 7,202 | 7,390 | 7,443 | 7,023 | 5,816 | 3,747 | 4,276 | 42,897 | 6,128 |
| Page Views | | 20,627 | 18,474 | 19,868 | 21,300 | 15,352 | 8,612 | 10,511 | 114,744 | 16,392 |

Top Initiatives for FY08:

1. Increase Web Functionality / Presence
2. Co-location Facility and Hardware Upgrade
3. Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity
4. TIPS Program/TRCC
5. Online Directory with CID
6. Project Management for Information Technology Groups
7. Expansion of Child Support / E-Filing
8. Content / Document Management throughout Agency
9. Virtualization - Greening the Data Center
10. Whitepapers for Legislature

The AOC Information Technology Dashboard can be viewed at:

www.georgiacourts.org/dashboard/dashboard.html

**AOC General Counsel Division
Legal and Regulatory Services
Performance Results
Fiscal Year 2008**

Purpose/Mission Statement:

To provide legal and administrative support to the Judicial Council Board of Court Reporting (BCR), the Commission on Interpreters (COI), the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council (CMPAC), and the AOC, its staff, related judicial branch entities, and projects.

Staffing:

Legal

General Counsel
Assistant Director of Legal
Legal Administrative Assistant

Regulatory (BCR, COI and CMPAC)

Assistant Director for Regulatory
3 Program Managers/Staff Directors
4 Compliance Analysts
3 Administrative Assistants

FY 2008 Performance Indicators

| Result Measures | FY 2008 Actual | FY 2008 Goal |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Percentage of legal assistance to AOC and related organizations | 100% | 100% |
| Percentage of court reporters regulated | 100% | 100% |
| Percentage of court interpreters regulated | 100% | 100% |
| Percentage of misdemeanor companies regulated (by site visits) | 85% | 100% |
| Percentage of eligible domestic violence victims in Georgia provided legal services with grant funds | 2.13% | 5% |

| Output Measures | FY 2008 Actual | FY 2008 Goal |
|---|---|---------------------|
| Number of requests for contracts or other legal documents completed | 95 | 80 |
| Number of requests for AOC legal assistance completed | 201 | 50 |
| Number of court reporters tested | 91 | 120 |
| Number of court reporters trained | 49 | 90 |
| Number of court reporters disciplined (includes disciplinary hearings, suspensions and revocations) | 279 | 150 |
| Number of BCR meetings staffed (incl. Board, committees, seminars, etc.) | 18 | 20 |
| Number of interpreters tested | 160 | 237 |
| Number of interpreters trained | 96 | 120 |
| Number of COI meetings staffed (incl. Commission, committees, seminars, etc.) | 27 | 39 |
| Number of trainings for probation providers | 0* | 5 |
| Number of compliance visits | 45 | 55 |
| Number of miles traveled for compliance visits | 14,424 | 6000 |
| Number of CMPAC meetings staffed (incl. committees) | 8 | 11 |
| Number of eligible domestic violence victims provided legal assistance in Georgia | 2093 (Next 6 month report due on July 1, 2008) | 4000 |

*Note: CMPAC is set to conduct two trainings for probation providers on June 10-11, 2008 at the Macon AOC office.

AOC Children, Families and the Courts Performance Results Fiscal Year 2008

Grants Management

Purpose/Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Grants Management section is to assist courts in securing and administering grants, managing projects, providing technical assistance, and developing outcome studies. All of these activities will improve the administration of justice in Georgia's courts.

Staffing:

Associate Director; Children, Families and the Courts
Program Development Manager
Program Manager for Grants and Project Management

FY 2008 Performance Indicators

| Result Measures | FY2007 Actual | FY2008 Goal | FY2008 Actual |
|--|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| % of grant applications to outside agencies that are approved | 86% | 50% | * |
| % of judicial circuits having accountability courts | 32 | 35 | 36 |
| % of grant applications received that are funded (drug court state grants) | 100% | 75% | ** |
| % of drug court applications received that are evaluated | 100% | 100% | ** |

Output Measures

| | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Dollar amount of grant awards received | \$ 2,600,000 | \$3,000,000 | \$3,376,906.78 |
| Dollar amount of subgrant awards made | \$ 1,000,000 | \$2,000,000 | ** |
| Number of grant applications completed | 14 | 8 | 18 |
| Number of grants administered | 18 | 20 | 23 |
| Number of subgrant awards administered | 45 | 47 | 47 |
| Number of court projects managed | 12 | 12 | 10 |
| Number of meetings arranged | 50 | 40 | 69 |
| Number of conferences planned | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Number of educational sessions facilitated | 70 | 60 | 50 |
| Number of grant applications reviewed for others | 15 | 15 | 10 |
| Number of technical assistance requests provided from office | 500 | 500 | 1025 |
| Number of technical assistance requests provided on-site | 25 | 25 | 30 |
| Number of grant reports completed | 50 | 50 | 69 |
| Number of subgrant claims processed | 160 | 160 | 255 |
| Number of invoices processed | 1000 | 1000 | 800 |
| Number of start-up accountability courts assisted | 8 | 10 | 16 |

* Many of the applications that have been submitted have not yet been decided by the funding agency.

** The Funding Committee will meet on June 4, 2008 to review the applications for FY2009.

AOC Children, Families and the Courts Performance Results Fiscal Year 2008

The Committee on Justice for Children

Purpose/Mission Statement:

To improve the legal and court process of court-involved children in civil proceedings.
Federal funding from the Court Improvement Project (CIP).

Staffing:

Project Director
Deputy Project Director
J4C Training and Data Manager
Court Improvement Initiative Coordinator

FY 2008 Performance Indicators

| Result Measures | FY2008 GOAL | FY2008 YTD ACTUAL |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| % of legal trainings requested and arranged for attorneys in the child welfare field in order to improve performance | 100% | |
| % of Judicial summits and judicial meetings hosted in order to share the county level child outcome measures for our measures for courts project. | 100% | |
| % of judicial trainings requested and arranged for the topic of the impact of HB 153 on placement stability of foster children. | 100% | |
| % of legal and judicial trainings requested and arranged for the topic of expediting appeals and new legislation. | 100% | |

Output Measures

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Number of educational opportunities for attorneys | 5 | 17 |
| Number of educational opportunities for judges | 20 | 8 |
| Number of Justice for Children summits held in GA judicial circuits | 12 | 8 |
| Number of meetings/contacts with judges and stakeholders to measure progress on J4C goals | 4 | 2 |
| Number times Measures for Courts website is updated | 2 | 1 |
| Number of national meetings where staff attends or presents as CIP representative | 4 | 2 |
| Number of Measures for Courts/Court Improvement meetings held every year | 4 | 4 |
| Number of County File Reviews and Court Observations | 6 | 2 |
| Number of legislative initiatives passed or researched | 2 | 2 |
| Hours spent keeping website up to date | 40 | 51 |
| Number of legal articles written and published | 3 | 4 |
| Number of county stakeholder meetings held | 100 | 57 |
| Number of case law review summaries published | 2 | 7 |
| Number of webcasts sponsored and published on website | 15 | 18 |
| Number of technology equipment purchased or supported for courts | 10 | 1 |

AOC Children, Families and the Courts Performance Results Fiscal Year 2008

Associate Director for Children, Families and the Courts

THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD SUPPORT COMMISSION

Purpose/Mission Statement:

Staffing:

Staff Attorney for Child Support Commission
Child Support Guidelines Coordinator
Administrative Assistant

FY 2008 Performance Indicators

| | FY2007 Actual | FY2008 Goal | FY2008 YTD ACTUAL |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Result Measures | | | |
| Percentage of Georgia Superior Courts (including courts assigned to hear child support matters) and Court personnel trained on the revised Child Support Guidelines and its tools | 78% | 85% | * 50% |
| Percentage of other Courts who order Child Support through OCSS generated actions have been trained (OSAH, State Courts) | 10% | 20% | ** 2% |

Output Measures

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of Judges and Judges' personnel training seminars | 27 | 24 | 14 |
| Number of Technical/Substantive Assistance Calls from Courts and public (including attorneys) | 150 | 200 | 282 |
| Number of Child Support Commission Meetings Attended, Staffed and Administered | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Number of Child Support Commission Subcommittee Meetings Attended, Staffed and Administered | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Number of Child Support Guidelines Training for Attorneys | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Number of Child Support Guidelines Trainings for Pro Se Litigants | 1 | 10 | 6 |
| Number of Child Support Guideline Trainings for Court Personnel and Institutions (libraries) | 2 | 5 | 18 |
| Number of Legal Research Projects, including those researching best practices of other states | 12 | 10 | 11 |
| Number of Training Materials provided for Courts (not volume but individual items created) | 5 | 5 | 55 |
| Number of Training Materials Provided for Non-Court (including attorneys and pro se litigants) | 9 | 10 | 92 |
| Number of Court Visits, not related to a Child Support Training Seminar | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Number of Implementation Measurement tools, such as surveys, created | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Number of Projects related to Child Support Judicial Liaison responsibilities | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Number of National Meetings attended or served as a representative or member of board | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Number of Meetings/Conferences Attended and/or Presented at regarding Child Support | 6 | 6 | 8 |

*Please Note: That the number above is only the percentage for FY08. However, if FY07 and FY08 number of Superior Court judges trained are combined the number far exceeds 85% of total Superior Court judges trained.

**Please Note: That the number above is only the percentage for FY08. However, if FY07 and FY08 number of "other court" judges trained are combined the number far exceeds 20% of the total "other court" judges trained.

Supreme Court Commission on Children, Marriage and Family Law



Since the last Judicial Council meeting, the Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Children, Marriage, and Family Law has completed its Strategic Plan. The Commission received technical assistance on the project from the Institute for American Values.

A billboard campaign promoting the benefits to children when parents are married debuted in early May 2008. The billboards are located in the following major markets:

- Brunswick
- Columbus
- Valdosta
- Macon/Middle Georgia/I-75/South Atlanta
- Warner Robins
- Augusta
- Albany
- Atlanta & Surrounding metro areas
- Athens/Gainesville
- Rome

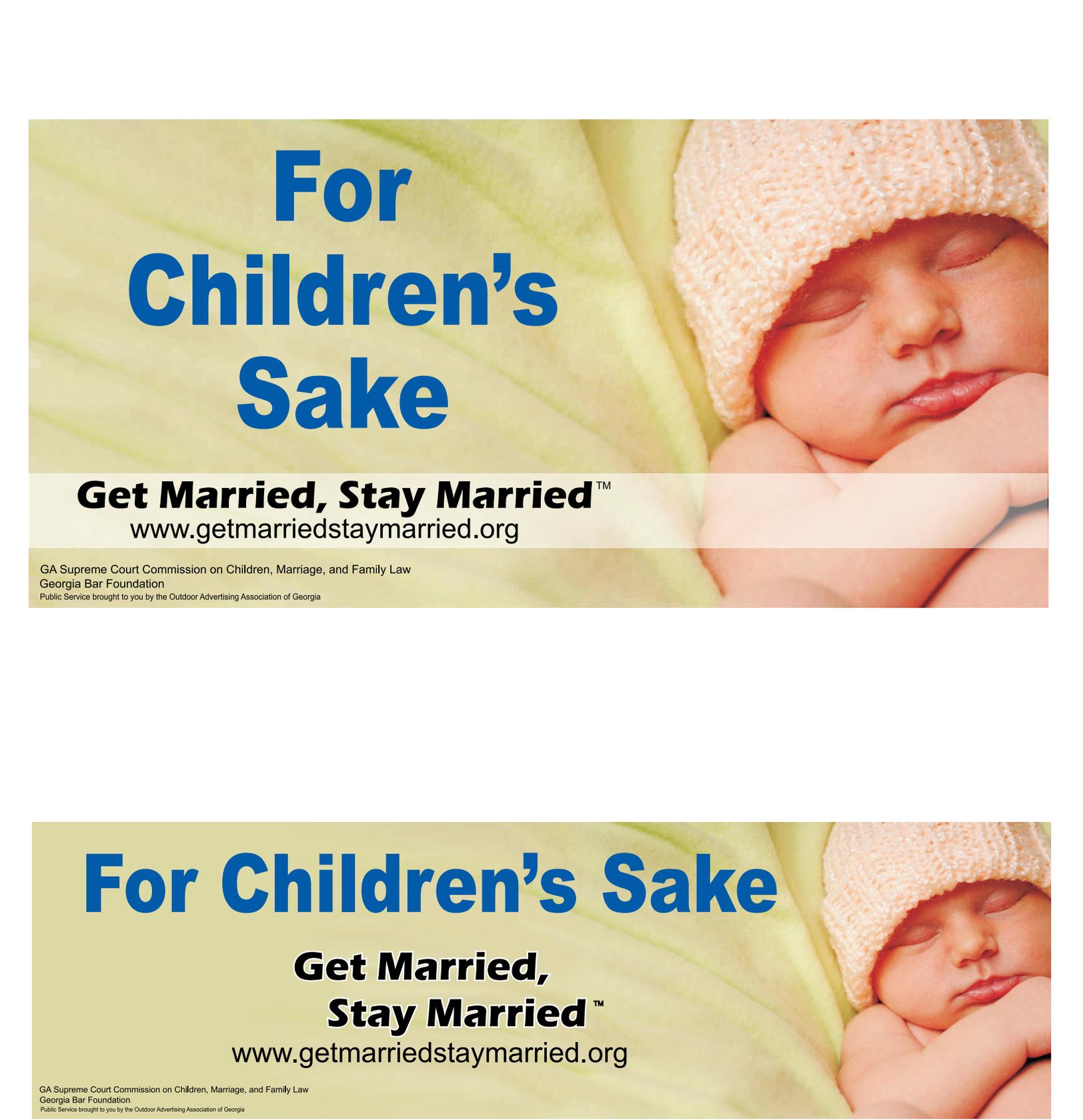
The Commission is actively planning new projects, including a pilot court project and marriage handbook and will be applying for grant support from the Georgia Bar Foundation this year.



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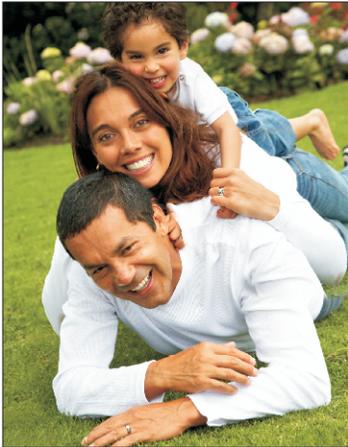
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Judicial Council of Georgia
Administrative Office of the Courts

David L. Ratley
Director

Reply to:
*Committee on
Justice for Children*

**Supreme Court of Georgia's Commission Children, Marriage and Family Law
Committee on Justice for Children
Judicial Council Report, June 2008**

On October 4, 2006, The Supreme Court of Georgia renamed the Child Placement Project to the Committee on Justice for Children. This name works in conjunction with the new Supreme Court Commission on Children, Marriage and Family Law which includes the Committee on Justice for Children (J4C). The Committee on J4C was refunded to continue its work by Congress for additional five more years beginning in October 2006. For the last 12 years, the mission of this work has remained constant which is to improve the court process of child deprivation cases.

Justice P. Harris Hines serves as the current chair of the Committee on J4C. Committee members representing the judiciary, the state bar; the Department of Family and Children Services as well as the community include: Ms. Isabel Blanco, Deputy Director of the Division of Family and Children Services; Mr. Duaine Hathaway, Executive Director of Georgia CASA; Judge Michael Key, Troup County Juvenile Court; Dr. Normer Adams, Executive Director of the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children; Attorney Kathleen Dumitrescu, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer Foundation; Judge Peggy Walker, Douglas County Juvenile Court; Judge Jackson Harris, Superior Court Judge, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit; Senior Juvenile Court Judge James Morris; Judge Desiree Peagler, DeKalb County Juvenile Court; Attorney Robert Grayson, Cobb County, Special Assistant Attorney General; Judge Lawton Stephens, Western Judicial Circuit; W. Terrence Walsh, Alston & Bird, Chair of the State Bar Committee Children and the Courts; Ms. Lisa Lariscy, Gwinnett County DFCS Director; Judge Kevin Guidry, Juvenile Court of the Piedmont Circuit, and former Juvenile Court Judge Tom Rawlings, now Director of the Office of the Child Advocate. An extensive list of Committee advisors has also been formed and is listed on the website below.

Georgia has over 12,000 children in state custody due to child abuse or neglect. Priority goals for 2008 include: improving the process of appealing termination of parental rights cases, improving the quality of representation of children, parents and the agency, defining and implementing a set of child outcome measures for courts in deprivation cases, hosting summits to reach over 12 judicial circuits, and exploring the judiciary's role in family preservation.

Improvement goals for the past nine years have included: automation of the deprivation case records, cross-training and setting standards of practice for all participants in juvenile court, increasing the representation of parents and children in juvenile court, and obtaining state funding for juvenile court judges. Benchmarks for some of these goals have been reached and while others have needed refinement.

For 2008, J4C is focused on quality assurance for continuous improvement which is done by reviewing children's case files and observing court hearings. These reviews will focus on timeliness of hearings, due process measures and quality of representation. The J4C has a web site hosted by the AOC with regular progress reports and publications as well as a list serve open to all interested. See: www.gajusticeforchildren.org

TAB 8

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**CHIEF JUSTICE LED TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE
MENTAL HEALTH CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATION
JUSTICE LEAH WARD SEARS, CHAIR**

**EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
JUDGE JOHN ALLEN, CHATTAHOOCHEE CIRCUIT SUPERIOR COURT
AND JUDGE WINSTON BETHEL, DEKALB COUNTY CHIEF MAGISTRATE, CO-CHAIRS
JUNE 3, 2008**

In 2007, the Georgia Supreme Court received a grant from the Council of State Governments, in collaboration with the National GAINS Center, to implement a Chief Justice-Led Task Force to Promote Criminal Justice/Mental Health Collaboration. This grant program is part of the Council of State Governments Judicial Leadership Initiative. The purpose of the task force is to improve the response to people with mental illness who come in contact with the criminal justice system. Members of the task force are leaders representing the Judicial, Executive and Legislative branches of state and local governments, the medical and treatment community, non-profit organizations, mental health consumers and advocates. A 12 member Executive Steering Committee guides the work of the task force. The task force has met quarterly since June, 2007. The task force has identified gaps in services for the mentally ill. There is lack of:

- Comprehensive treatment in the community
- Case management/court diversion coordinators
- Appropriate medication
- Supportive and permanent housing
- Job training and supported employment
- Early identification and diversion to appropriate care
- Communication, coordination and collaboration among systems
- Prevention efforts

The task force has formed four work groups. Projects identified by each workshop are described below.

Resources and Training - Judge Kathlene Gosselin and Ms. Sharon Hill – Co-chairs

- Support for statewide expansion of Crisis Intervention Law Enforcement Teams to include all first responders;
- Judge Appointed Mental Health Advocate -“JAMHA.” Loosely based on CASA this program would provide a paid professional to recruit, train and supervise volunteers to assist persons with mental illness to access services and supports to reduce

incarceration and recidivism. A federal grant application was submitted in May to fund a pilot JAMHA program in Judicial District 9.

- Work with ICJE to expand training on mental health issues and resources for all Judges.

Statutory Review – Judge Susan Tate and Ms. Gwen Skinner, Co-chairs

The Statutory Review workgroup is reviewing issues related to forensic commitments to state hospitals for non-violent offenses. They are also reviewing Georgia's outpatient commitment code and other civil statutes and will make recommendations regarding possible statute changes, including adding criteria to the outpatient commitment law to provide more flexibility for judges to make outpatient commitments.

Juvenile Issues - Judge Peggy Walker and Mr. Rick Harrison, Co-chairs

- Early identification of youth with mental illness, and methods to identify
- Case management
- Support system of care model (KidsNet)
- JAMHA model to serve youth with mental illness.
- Address lack of continuity, coordination and communication between systems

Protocols – Sheriff Bill Masee and Bill Kissel, Co-Chairs

Judge Stephen Goss, Special Advisor

Offer training and on-going technical assistance to Sheriffs Departments on key components of a jail based mental health program. Curriculum includes:

- Identification
- Medication access
- Housing
- Monitoring
- Suicide prevention
- Discharge planning

Pilot trainings have been held in the Ocmulgee Circuit and in Columbus. The Protocols committee is offering the training in collaboration with the Georgia Sheriff's Association.

On March 25, the task force was asked to present to Governor Perdue's Mental Health Commission. The following needs were identified by the courts:

- A fully funded, comprehensive system of community based services to reduce court dockets;
- Active care management, including forensic diversion coordinators in each Judicial Circuit;
- Access to quality medication and medical care;
- Treatment for co-occurring addictive diseases;
- Consistent access to benefits such as SSI, Medicaid and Veterans;
- Assess person's needs, link with community resources and provide continuing care management.



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Child Support Commission

Late in 2007, the Governor reappointed or appointed new Commission Members to the Child Support Commission, as the term of eleven of the fifteen Commission Members had expired. The current Child Support Commission Members are: Senator Seth Harp (newly appointed Chair); Senator Joe Carter; Representative Earl Ehrhart; Representative Ed Lindsey; Court of Appeals Judge Debra Bernes; Superior Court Judge A. Quillian Baldwin; Superior Court Judge Tom Campbell; Superior Court Judge Louisa Abbot; Dr. Roger Tutterow; Joy Hawkins; Charles "Chuck" Clay; Juvenile Court Judge Michael Key; Juvenile Court Judge Lisa Jones; Michael Martin and Rick Smith.

The newly appointed Commission met on December 6, 2007 and during the course of the meeting, assigned its Statute Review Subcommittee to review recommendations for statutory revisions to the current child support guidelines. The Statute Review Subcommittee met early in 2008 and made several recommendations for revisions to the child support guidelines. Yet, except for defining which military benefits would be considered income, the majority of the suggested revisions were viewed primarily as clarifications or technical changes to the current law. The Commission adopted these recommendations. A bill containing these recommendations was introduced by Senators Seth Harp and Joseph Carter, and numbered as Senate Bill 483. It passed both chambers of the General Assembly. Once signed by the Governor, the provisions will go into effect July 1, 2008.

The Commission also set up an Electronic Worksheet Task Force to advise the Commission on future designs/enhancements to the electronic calculators--the tools used to calculate child support. Twenty persons, ranging from Superior Court Judges, attorneys and a former litigant were appointed to serve on the task force. This group has made numerous changes for revisions and prioritized which revisions were to be developed immediately during FY 2009. The manual version of the Worksheet was also revised, including the planned release of an "EZ Pen and Paper" form.

The Child Support Commission is staffed by Jill Radwin, Staff Attorney to the Commission; Elaine Johnson, Child Support Guidelines Coordinator; and Debra Oliver, Administrative Assistant to the Child Support Commission.



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Supreme Court Committee on Civil Justice

During 2007 and early 2008, the Committee on Civil Justice further developed its mission and objectives, and proceeded with special projects to fulfill its mission. The Committee's mission is "envisioning Georgia as a state in which: everyone is informed about and has meaningful access to a civil justice system that provides due process of law." To this end, the Committee envisions that "there [will be] a statewide, broad-based, publicly known and supported, coordinated system for the delivery of civil legal assistance that: empowers people of low income; provides education, information, advice, tools, and quality legal representation; and efficiently and effectively addresses legal needs and resolves or prevents legal problems."

To assess and determine the current state of Georgia's civil legal delivery system and the unmet civil legal needs of Georgians, the Committee contracted with the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research at Kennesaw State University to conduct a comprehensive assessment which included telephone surveys of low and middle income Georgians, as well as state attorneys as to the extent each provides pro bono representation. Personal interviews were conducted for the hard to reach population and those with special needs. Further, focus groups were conducted of legal services providers and court personnel. When completed during the summer of 2008, the Legal Needs Survey, a one-time project, will assist the entire Committee in documenting the current legal needs of Georgia's poor and assessing the current state of Georgia's civil legal delivery system as to whether it is meeting the needs of its citizenry. The survey should also assist in planning the efficient use of all available resources. Charles Lester chairs the Delivery Coordination and Needs Assessment Subcommittee, the Committee on Civil Justice, which is overseeing the Legal Needs Study.

It is anticipated that the assessment will reveal the need for more programs and outreach to those with civil legal issues who cannot afford representation. The Committee has already initiated several projects to meet those needs. During the 2008 Legislative Session, the General Assembly approved the Judicial Council's request for funding of a Family Law Information Center in the Appalachian Circuit. This pilot project will demonstrate the need and utility of a self help center in a largely rural three-county area in which some of the assistance will be provided by remote access.

Currently, most of the services to pro se litigants or potential litigants seeking information are only found in the larger urban areas of Georgia. In addition, the Committee is reviewing establishing a "limited scope of representation" pilot project to provide limited representation or coaching to litigants who may not be able to afford representation of an entire case, including court appearances on the litigant's behalf. The program will include forms in which the parties, their representative and the court each have a clear understanding of the extent of the representation. The Committee is also evaluating the need for Uniform Superior Court Rule change to allow this limited scope of representation. Both the Family Law Information Center in the Appalachian Circuit and the Limited Representation Project are being overseen by the Pro Se Subcommittee of the Committee on Civil Justice. State Court Judge Wayne Purdom chairs this subcommittee. The other Subcommittee and the Chairs are: Terry Walsh, Pro Bono Subcommittee; Timothy Floyd, Public Education Subcommittee; and, Rita Sheffey, Public Education Subcommittee. The full Committee on Civil Justice is co-chaired by Anne W. Lewis and Teri P. McClure. Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears serves as the ex officio for this Committee.

Jill Radwin serves as the Executive Director of the Committee on Civil Justice, and Tracy Powell serves as the Project Coordinator. The administration of the Committee is housed at the Administrative Office of the Courts.



Georgia Council of Court Administrators

Mission and Purpose

The mission of the Georgia Council of Court Administrators is to provide a statewide forum to assist court administrators in the development of a more just, effective and efficient system of justice by: Assisting court administrators and managers throughout the state in the execution of their duties; Promoting and assisting in the training of court administrators, managers and support personnel; Identifying and studying goals and developing standards relating to the administration of justice; Providing an effective network for the exchange of information, ideas and methods; Facilitating cooperation, consultation and exchange of information among organizations concerned with court administration; Establishing and maintaining an organization that is open, participatory and responsive.

Background

The Georgia Council of Court Administrators and Managers was created in 1997 to promote the profession of court management. Seminars and conferences are open to an individual interested in the field. Membership is open to all court managers, administrators, and directors who are appointed, rather than elected, to their positions. The main focus of GCCA is to train court managers in the ten core competencies identified by the Institute for Court Management.

Benefits

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- Sharing of ideas and programs with other courts
 - Updating members on new laws and changes impacting court administration.
 - Identifying resource support from other courts and court-related agencies.
 - Networking with fellow court professionals.
 - Developing transferable leadership skills.
 - Creating synergy between the judicial functions and administrative functions advancing effective court governance.
 - Awards for innovative programs, outstanding managers, and distinguished non-managers who promote ideals of court administration.
 - Creating a spirit of pride and professionalism with court managers in Georgia and the nation.
 - Training on the 10 core competencies curriculum developed by ICM and NACM.
 - Mentoring to strengthen management skills.
 - Field trips to visit other courts.
 - Promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of the different roles and responsibilities of court administration from those of the judiciary and improving the quality of justice to the community.
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Program Awards

Program of the Year

Applications are submitted by members for the program of the year. The awards committee decides the criteria and selects the winner which is announced and recognized by a commemorative plaque awarded at the following GCCA conference or similar event.

Bill Herndon Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is for a person who has made a significant contribution to the profession of court management. Nominations are not advertised; members must submit letters of nomination as appropriate.

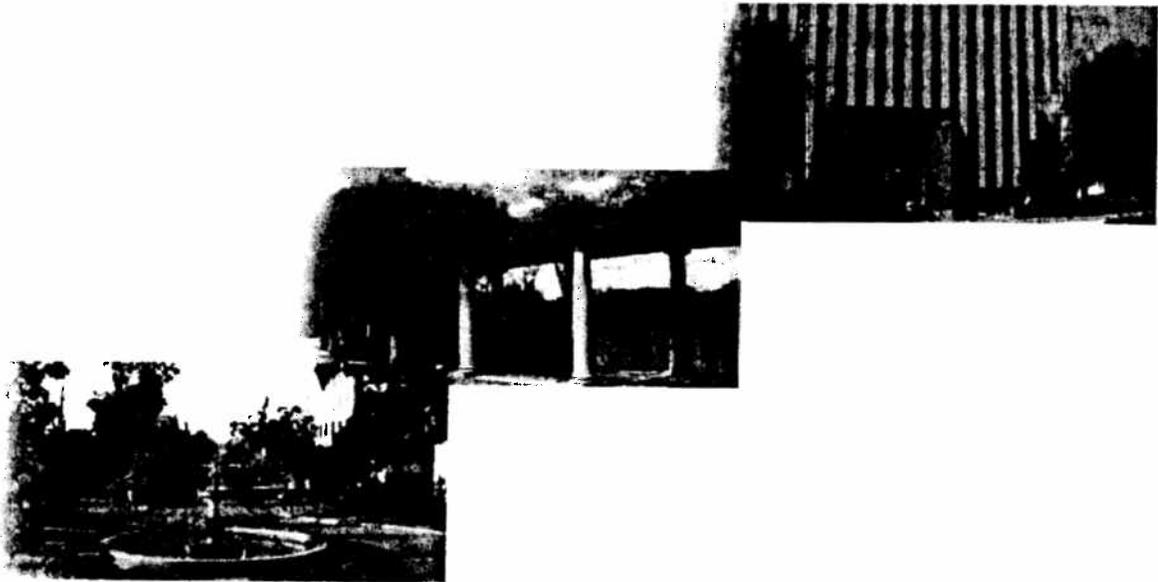


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Monday,

(Registration from 8:00-5:00)

8:00 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast

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8:30 – 8:45 Opening comments by Judy Cramer, President of GCCA

Location:

8:45 – 9:00 Review of certificate programs and requirements for each

Presented by Heather C. D. Stankiewicz and Lynn Epps

Location:

9:00-10:30 The Principles of Effective Case Flow Management

Presented by Mary McQueen

Hosted by

Location:

MSU/GCCA credits 1 ½ hours (Case Flow Mgmt)

Justice delayed is justice denied. All other facets of court management serve to support the progress of cases to fair and prompt legal outcomes. A court with effective case management is most likely to be well managed and high performing. The presentation will conduct a review of case management principles that will serve to refresh our attention to this quintessential nature of how courts should conduct their business.

10:30-10:45 Break

Location:

10:45-12:15 Evaluating Case Management Performance

Presented by

Hosted by

Location:

MSU/GCCA credits 1 ½ hours (Case Flow Mgmt)

Despite the long-standing knowledge and experience supporting the efficacy of case delay reduction strategies, relatively few courts employ these strategies to address the problems of expedition and timeliness on a sustained basis. The variety of means by which to evaluate case management will be discussed at length and include quantitative and

qualitative measures, as well as the formatting of data into illustrative reports for continuous management review and court improvement.

12:15-1:15 GCCA Business Meeting during lunch

Location:

1:15-2:45 Case Processing in Specialized Courts

Presented by

Hosted by

Location:

MSU/GCCA credits 1 ½ hours (Case Flow Mgmt)

Problem-solving courts are a relatively recent innovation in the adjudication for an ever-widening array of case types. This therapeutic approach adopted by many courts pose added complexity in the management of these cases. The workshop will discuss how problem-solving courts accommodate the nuances and idiosyncrasies of this specialized judicial process, as well as the principles and best practices necessary to manage these cases effectively.

2:45-3:00 Break

Location:

3:00-4:30 Case Management in Limited Jurisdiction Courts

Presented by

Hosted by

Location:

MSU/GCCA credits 1 ½ hours (Case Flow Mgmt)

Limited jurisdiction courts are the venue where most people come into contact with the judicial process. These courts are the most recognizable face of justice to the community at large. The volume of cases and the rapid pace of litigation in these courts present unique challenges to the effective administration of justice. The workshop will discuss these challenges including pre-trial phases, trials, and events that follow disposition to ensure the integrity of court orders and timely completion of post-disposition case activity.

5:30-7:30 Reception with vendors

Location:

Tuesday,

8:00-9:00 Continental Breakfast

Location:

9:00-10:30 How Do We Engage Our Communities In the Court's Future?

Presented by

Hosted by

Location:

MSU/GCCA credits 1 ½ hours (Vision/Strategic Planning)

As courts develop programmatic and service plans to meet the demands for a fair and accessible judicial process, it is important that our communities become involved in such planning. The presentation will provide examples of how courts have engaged court communities in these processes.

10:30-10:45 Break

Location:

10:45-12:15 Strategic Thinking and Action Planning

Presented by

Hosted by

Location:

MSU/GCCA credits 1 ½ hours (Vision/Strategic Planning)

Strategic thinking is a mindset that court leaders acquire through training and experience that serves as a lens through which they examine every issue and anticipate future emerging issues that require the court's attention and action. The presentation will discuss a model to formulate futuristic thinking and action planning.

12:15-1:15 Lunch: On Your Own

1:15-2:45 Workshop with best practices, program award winners

Presented by

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2:45-3:00 Break

Location:

3:00-4:30 Court Management Research: A Status Report

Presented by

Hosted by

Location:

GCCA credits 1 ½ hours (Leadership)

Research is a key driver of innovation in dynamic organizations and is an essential component of strategies for improvements in court management. The presentation will provide updates on current research that represent relevant and important court issues. It also will solicit from participants their informed opinions on what they see as emerging issues that may require new or further research.

Wednesday,

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

Location:

8:30-9:00 Awards Ceremony

Location:

9:00-10:15 Court Program Management

Presented by

Hosted by

Location:

GCCA credits 1 ¼ hours (Essential Components)

As the complexity of the judicial process increases, the number and variety of court-initiated programs continues to grow. These programs require court leaders to develop an effective program management model. The presentation will provide a workable tool for this purpose that includes planning, funding, implementation, reporting, and evaluation.

10:15-10:30 Break and Lodging Check-Out

Location:

10:30-11:45 Moving the Bench and Staff to Innovation

Presented by

Hosted by

Location:

GCCA credits 1 ¼ hours (Leadership)

As judicial administration continues to evolve and the stresses of providing greater court services and programs has increased, court leaders have had to develop new and innovative approaches as to how a court conducts its business. The presentation will discuss how to engage judges and staff to embrace and invest in innovation and change.

11:45-12:00 Conference Wrap-Up and Evaluation

Location: