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Judicial Council Committee on Victims of Domestic Violence
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State Commission on Family Violence
Leslie Abernathy (Forsyth) Governor Appointment August 2018

Advisory Council of Board to Department of Community Supervision
Ralph Powell (Worth)

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Judge Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
Judge Shondeana Morris (DeKalb)
Bob Bray – Advisory Member

Judicial Council Technology Committee
Diane Bessen (Fulton) June 30, 2018

Judicial Council Committee on Grants
Jeannette Little (Troup) June 30, 2018

Georgia Commission on Interpreters
Dax E. Lopez (Cobb) 7/1/2020

Supreme Court – Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants
Judge Janis Gordon (DeKalb)

Judicial Council Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Continuity of Court Operations
Eric Brewton (Cobb)
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Judicial Council Grants Committee
Jeannette Little (Troup) Exp. 8/1/20

Council of Accountability Courts
Charles Auslander (Clarke) – Exec. Committee State Court Representative

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Susan Edlein (Fulton)

Judicial Qualifications Commission
Vacant – 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

Georgia Board of Court Reporting
John Edwards (Lowndes)

Georgia Judicial Retirement System – Board of Trustees (Governor Appointment – 4 Year Term)
Ellen Golden (Lowndes) – 7/1/2020

Subcommittee – Judicial Council Legislative Committee: Study of Certiorari Procedures
Judge Carla E. Brown (Gwinnett) Ad Hoc 2016

Judicial Council Workload Assessment Committee
Michelle Homier (Cherokee)

State Bar Task Force on Civil Funding for Indigent Legal Services
Michael Gailey (Putnam)

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*New judges