Judicial Council of Georgia
Emergency Session

By Conference Call

Monday, June 15, 2020
2:00 p.m.

1. **Preliminary Remarks & Swearing In of New Member**
   (Chief Justice Harold D. Melton, Est. Time – 5 Min.)

2. **Roll Call of Judicial Council Members**
   (Cynthia Clanton, Judicial Council Secretary and AOC Director, Est. Time – 2 Min.)

3. **Adoption of Minutes from Emergency Session on June 8, 2020**
   (Chief Justice Harold D. Melton, Est. Time – 2 Min.)

4. **COVID-19 Update and Discussion of Statewide Judicial Emergency Orders by Judicial Council Members**
   (Chief Justice Harold D. Melton, Est. Time – 15 Min.)

   A. Judicial COVID-19 Task Force Update (Judge Shawn LaGrua)

5. **Reports from Courts, Councils, State Bar, and AOC (**Est. Time – 20 min.)

   A. Supreme Court

   B. Court of Appeals

   C. Business Court

   D. Council of Superior Court Judges

   E. Council of State Court Judges

   F. Council of Juvenile Court Judges

   G. Council of Probate Court Judges

   H. Council of Magistrate Court Judges

   I. Council of Municipal Court Judges

   J. State Bar of Georgia

   K. Administrative Office of the Courts

6. **Reports from additional Judicial Branch Agencies** (Est. Time – 10 Min.)

   A. **Council of Accountability Court Judges**

   B. **Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution**

   C. **Council of Superior Court Clerks**

   D. **Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism**

   E. **Georgia Council of Court Administrators**

   F. **Institute of Continuing Judicial Education**

   G. **Judicial Qualifications Commission**

7. **Old/New Business**
   (Chief Justice Harold D. Melton, Est. Time – 5 Min.)

8. **Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**
   (Chief Justice Harold D. Melton, Est. Time – 5 Min.)

Next Judicial Council Meetings – General Session

Friday, August 14, 2020	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Columbus Convention & Trade Center/Columbus, GA
Friday, December 11, 2020	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	The Carter Center/Atlanta, GA

Judicial Council Meeting Calendar – 2021

Friday, February 12, 2021	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	The James H. "Sloppy" Floyd Building/ Atlanta, GA
Friday, April 23, 2021	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	The Classic Center/Athens, GA
Friday, August 13, 2021	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Location TBD
Friday, December 10, 2021	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	The Carter Center/Atlanta, GA

Please continue to check www.georgiacourts.gov (the Judicial Gateway) for the latest updates and information. Thank you and continue to be safe!

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June 8, 2020 ● 2 p.m.

Members Present
Chief Justice Harold D. Melton, Chair
Presiding Justice David Nahmias
Chief Judge Brian Amero
Chief Judge Berryl Anderson
Chief Judge Jeffrey S. Bagley
Judge Michael Barker
Judge James Blanchard (for Judge Carl C. Brown)
Chief Judge Christopher S. Brasher
Chief Judge Geronda V. Carter
Judge Kerri Carter
Judge Walter W. Davis
Chief Judge Donald W. Gillis
Chief Judge Asha Jackson
Judge Lisa C. Jones
Judge Jeffrey H. Kight
Chief Judge T. Russell McClelland
Chief Judge Christopher J. McFadden
Judge J. Wade Padgett
Vice Chief Judge Brian Rickman
Judge Dale "Bubba" Samuels
Judge W. James Sizemore
Mr. Darrell Sutton
Judge Wesley B. Tailor
Judge James G. Tunison, Jr.
Judge Ralph Van Pelt
Judge Willie C. Weaver
Chief Judge Kelli Wolk

Members Absent
Judge C. Gregory Price

Staff Present
Ms. Cynthia Clanton, Director
Ms. Michelle Barclay
Mr. Jorge Basto
Ms. Jessica Farah
Mr. Christopher Hansard
Ms. Stephanie Hines
Ms. Cheryl Karounos
Ms. Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez
Ms. Tynesha Manuel
Ms. Tracy Mason
Ms. Lashawn Murphy
Ms. Tiffanie Robinson
Ms. Maleia Wilson

(Guests Appended)

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting of the Judicial Council of Georgia (Council) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chief Justice Harold Melton. Ms. Clanton called roll for Council members; staff and guests were instructed to submit their attendance to Ms. Robinson for the purposes of the minutes.

Adoption of Minutes – June 1, 2020

Chief Justice Melton directed the Council's attention to the minutes of the Emergency Session on June 1, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Presiding Justice Nahmias, with a second from Judge Brasher. No discussion was offered, and the motion was approved without opposition.

COVID-19 Update and Discussion of Statewide Judicial Emergency Order by Judicial Council Members

Chief Justice Melton recognized Judge Shawn LaGrua, Chair of the Judicial COVID-19 Task Force, to provide an update on its work. Judge LaGrua reported the Georgia Court Reopening Guide is ready for distribution. The Council discussed adding a fourth guiding principle to "protect the litigants' rights to a fair hearing" and the allowance of flexibility to apply the guidance as appropriate. The Council was encouraged to review the guidance document to aid in creating court specific guidelines. The Council approved distribution with the addition of the guiding principle discussed.

Chief Justice Melton recognized Presiding Justice Nahmias to report on the Statewide Judicial Emergency Order. Presiding Justice Nahmias reported the next extension order for the Statewide Judicial Emergency will address jury and grand jury trials; Council members should offer ideas to the COVID-19 Task Force Chair. Additionally, all tolling for litigant deadlines will expire. Deadlines will be staggered; all cases pending as of March 14th tolling will expire July 1st; tolling for all cases submitted after March 14th will expire August 1st. Judicial flexibility will continue at the judges' discretion, with court orders superseding the Emergency Order for specific case timelines. The Order will identify the AOC as a repository for all court reopening guidelines and plans.

Reports from Courts, Councils, State Bar, and AOC

Supreme Court. No report was provided.

Court of Appeals. No report was provided.

Business Court. Judge Davis recognized Mr. Sutton and for assistance during his tenure with the Judicial Council.

Council of Superior Court Judges. No report was provided.

Council of State Court Judges. Judge McClelland reported the State Court Judges Executive Committee met and support a grace period; the COVID-19 Task Force Civil subcommittee has drafted language supported by the Council of State Court Judges.

Council of Juvenile Court Judges. No report was provided.

Council of Probate Court Judges. No report was provided.

Council of Magistrate Court Judges. No report was provided.

Council of Municipal Court Judges. Judge Samuels requested clarification on how to access the Georgia Reopening Guide.

State Bar of Georgia. Mr. Sutton reported the State Bar Executive Committee approved a letter to be sent to legislators supporting the softening of budget cuts related to the judiciary. Chief Justice Melton recognized Mr. Sutton for his work with the Council.

Administrative Office of the Courts. Director Clanton reported the AOC remains fully functional. The Certiorari Review Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Legislation begins a 30-day comment period on proposed legislation. Questions regarding the draft Superior and State Court Appellate Practice Act should be directed to Mr. Darron Enns.

Reports from additional Judicial Branch Agencies

Council of Accountability Court Judges. Ms. Taylor Jones reported the Council of Accountability Court Judges offered several forums with courts to discuss proposed budget cuts to aid in the adjustment of operations headed into fiscal year 2021.

Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution. No report was provided.

Council of Superior Court Clerks. No report was provided.

Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. No report was provided.

Georgia Council of Court Administrators. No report was provided.

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. No report was provided.

Judicial Qualifications Commission. No report was provided.

Old Business

No old business was offered.

New Business

No new business was offered.

Concluding Remarks

Chief Justice Melton announced that the next Emergency Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2020.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chief Justice Melton adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Tynesha Manuel
Assistant Director, Judicial Council/AOC
For Cynthia H. Clanton, Director and Secretary

The above and foregoing minutes

were approved on the _____ day of

_____, 2020.

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Harold D. Melton

Chief Justice

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June 8, 2020 ● 2 p.m.

Guest Present

Ms. Anna Arceneaux, Georgia Resource Center
Ms. Therese Barnes, Supreme Court of Georgia
Mr. Josh Becker, Council of Accountability Courts
Ms. Amy Bell, Macon Judicial Circuit
Mr. Chuck Boring, Judicial Qualifications Commission
Mr. Bob Bray, Council of State Court Judges
Ms. Samantha Cannon, Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit
Ms. Mazie Lynn Causey, Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Judge Melanie B. Cross, Tifton Judicial Circuit
Judge Lori B. Duff, City of Loganville Municipal Court
Mr. Steve Ferrell, Ninth Judicial Administrative District
Ms. Kathlene F. Gosselin, Northeastern Judicial Circuit
Chief Judge Reuben Green, Superior Court Cobb Judicial Circuit
Ms. Karlise Grier, Chief Justice's Commission on Professional
Ms. Anna B. Harris, Cobb County Superior Court
Ms. Christine Hayes, State Bar of Georgia
Mr. Kevin Holder, Council of Probate Court Judges
Ms. Wendy B. Hosch, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
Mr. Eric John, Council of Juvenile Court Judges
Ms. Taylor Jones, Council of Accountability Court Judges
Judge Shawn LaGrua, Superior Court of Fulton County
Mr. Matthew T. McNally, Law Office of Matthew T. McNally
Mr. David Mixon, Second District Court Administrator
Judge Ronald Mullins, Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit
Mr. Zachary North, Miller & Key Law Office
Ms. Jill G. Polster, Cohen & Hirsch Criminal Defense
Ms. Sharon Reiss, Council of Magistrate Court Judges
Ms. Jimmonique Rodgers, Georgia Public Defender Council
Ms. Melinda Ryals, Georgia Capital Defender Office
Ms. Claudia Saari, State Court of Dekalb County
Ms. Karlie Sahs, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution
Chief Presiding Judge Juliette Scales, Atlanta Judicial Circuit
Judge J. Stephen Schuster, Superior Court of Cobb County
Ms. Lauren Shubow, Fulton County Public Defender's Office
Ms. Kate Skeehan, The Sonoda Law Firm
Judge Arthur Lee Smith, Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit
Ms. Christina Smith, Court of Appeals of Georgia
Mr. Robert W. Smith, Jr., Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
Mr. Jason Stephenson, Northeastern Judicial Circuit
Ms. Jill Travis, Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Ms. Courtney Veal, Judicial Qualifications Commission

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Ms. Kirsten Wallace, Council of Juvenile Court Judges
Ms. Cindy Wang, Department of Juvenile Justice
Ms. Karen Wilkes, GPDSC, Rome Conflict Defender Office
Ms. Delisa Williams, The Law Office of Delisa Williams, P.C.
Ms. Katherine Williams, Klosinski Overstreet Attorneys at Law
Judge Alvin T. Wong, State Court of DeKalb County

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Georgia Court Reopening Guide

Judicial Council Strategic Plan Standing Committee

When the courts reopen, certain general practices will need to be followed to ensure the health and safety of both court employees and the public. Due to the wide variety of courts across the State, it is impossible to create a one-size-fits-all COVID-19 policy that will work for both small and larger localities. There are, however, certain general practices that could be applied to all courts and adjusted where necessary to meet the unique needs of each court. The practices presented here are to assist all Georgia courts meet the challenges of resuming operations in the wake of the public health emergency caused by COVID-19.

Guiding Principles

- Reduce the transmission of COVID-19 among court employees and the public.
- Maintain healthy court operations and facilities for the public.
- Maintain a healthy work environment for court employees.
- Exercise flexibility when applying these guidelines to ensure each litigant receives a fair hearing as required by law.

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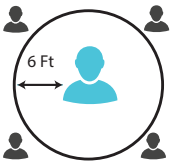
Special thanks to Dr. Mark Swancutt, Fulton County Board of Health

1 General Infection Control Measures

Require all employees and the public to wear a mask or face covering when entering the court facility. If possible, provide a mask to employees and members of the public seeking entry who do not have one.



Limit room capacity throughout the court facility. Calculate room capacity using the area of a circle with a radius of six feet, which is equal to approximately 113 square feet per person. Use your best judgment to adjust this calculation to the specific layout of each room and to accommodate cohabitating groups sitting together.

- **Provide the public with access** to handwashing and multiple hand sanitizer stations throughout the facility.
- **Provide signage** to direct the public to bathrooms for handwashing and hand sanitizer stations.
- **Request that housekeeping personnel clean and sanitize bathrooms and other areas** more frequently and adequately to control the transmission of COVID-19.
- **Restrooms should be well-stocked** with soap and paper towels at all times.
- **Post signage limiting restroom capacity** to facilitate social distancing.
- **Prohibit the use** of water fountains.
- **Consider physical barriers** like plexiglass to protect court employees and the public.
- **Permit employees and the public to wear their own protective equipment**, including a face covering.
- **Any person not wearing a mask** should remain at least ten feet away from other people.
- **Ventilation system:** Work with public health to evaluate ventilation needs. The CDC recommends improving central air filtration to a MERV-13 filter or the highest compatible with the filter rack, as well as sealing the edges of the filter to limit bypass.
- **Locate additional space:** Identify other government facility space to provide more room, e.g., commission meeting rooms, jury assembly rooms, auditoriums, etc.
- **Coordinate your efforts** with the other tenants in your building to ensure uniform practices throughout the facility.
- **Isolate persons who become symptomatic** while in the court facility until they are able to leave and remove others from any rooms they have occupied.
- **Consult a public health or medical professional** if you have questions or need help adapting these guidelines to your unique circumstances.

Maintain Safe Behavioral Practices

- ✓ Frequently wash hands or use alcohol-based (at least 60 percent alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- ✓ Wear a mask or other face covering. If wearing a mask would negatively impact a litigant's right to a fair hearing, consider transparent face shields, physical distancing, or other infection control measures in consultation with a public health or medical professional.
- ✓ Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ✓ Stay at least six feet (about two arms' length) from other people.
- ✓ Stay home when sick.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, including door handles, security bins, countertops, public access computers, and seating throughout the facility.

2 Provide Notice to the Public of Increased Health and Safety Measures

Modify the existing hearing notice to include that the court has taken certain health and safety measures to limit the transmission of COVID-19.

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2 Provide Notice to the Public of Increased Health and Safety Measures continued

Add information to the existing hearing notice about how to contact the court to request a continuance in the event that the noticed party:

- ✓ Is currently infected with COVID-19 or in quarantine due to exposure to a person with COVID-19.
- ✓ Is a member of an immune-compromised or medically fragile population (or living in a household with someone who is immune-compromised or medically fragile).
- ✓ Is over age 65.
- ✓ Has small children but does not have child care due to COVID-19.

Include information about how to request a reasonable and necessary accommodation in advance of arriving to court, such as an interpreter.

Post adequate signage to provide the public with instructions on how to comply with health and safety measures.

Post signage and floor decals to direct the flow of foot traffic throughout the court facility.

3 Provide Healthy and Safe Access to the Courtroom

SCREENING

Establish a process to screen individuals for COVID-19 before entering the court building and the courtroom.

Ask a series of questions to each individual before or upon entry to the building, such as:

- ? Whether or not they have traveled to or from any areas in which COVID-19 is particularly active.
- ? If they have, within the past ten days, experienced symptoms of COVID-19, including: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever above 100.0 degrees, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, headache, or new loss of taste or smell.
- ? If they have been in contact with someone known to have COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- ? If they have been tested for the virus and the result of such test.
- ? If possible, take the temperature of each individual seeking to enter the building with a no-contact thermometer and deny entry to anyone with a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher. Persons reporting a fever above 100.0 degrees in the past 72 hours should also be denied entry.
- ? Any person denied entry for health reasons should have his or her case continued and be advised to seek medical evaluation and testing.
- ? The following information should be collected from any person denied entry for health reasons: name, contact information, the court he or she was scheduled to attend and why, and the specific reason for denying entry.

STAGING

Individuals should not congregate in common areas while waiting to access the courtroom.

Design a process to facilitate social distancing while individuals wait to enter the courtroom, such as:

- ✓ Floor or sidewalk markings to keep individuals six feet apart.
- ✓ Outdoor distancing so individuals can spread out.
- ✓ Waiting in cars.
- ✓ Set up a tent where individuals can wait in compliance with social distancing measures.
- ✓ Call or send a text message when it's time to enter the building.

FLOW

Control the route that people will take through your building to access the courtroom to encourage social distancing, such as:

- ✓ Roping or taping off certain seating areas or hallways.
- ✓ Placing arrows on the floors to direct foot traffic.
- ✓ Requiring people to enter through one door and exit through another.
- ✓ Limiting elevator capacity to facilitate social distancing (e.g., two person maximum) and offering the stairs as an alternative route.

4 Maintain a Healthy and Safe Courtroom

Maintain a six foot distance in the courtroom between individuals who do not reside together to facilitate adequate social distancing.

Limit Courtroom Capacity

Do not schedule more individuals to arrive at the courtroom (including staff) than the square footage of the courtroom can accommodate to allow for social distancing.

One way to calculate room capacity is to use the area of a circle with a radius of six feet, which is equal to approximately 113 square feet per person.

Continue to conduct virtual hearings by video conference or teleconferencing whenever possible.

Consider providing a live YouTube, Facebook, Zoom or other link to individuals who want to see what is going on in the courtroom but cannot be present due to room capacity.

Rotate individuals in and out of the courtroom as quickly as possible to limit contact.

Use microphones capable of picking up audio from a safe distance or clean close proximity microphones after each use. Court employees should wear gloves and hold handheld microphones if used.

Limit contact with shared documents and exhibits as much as possible. Present documents and exhibits electronically if possible and appropriate.

Conduct bench conferences in a room that provides for adequate social distancing (defendant may need to waive his or her presence if necessary).

Disinfect the courtroom after each proceeding or as frequently as practicable.

Consider Staggered Scheduling

Under normal circumstances, it is common to have large calendar calls in many courts where many people report at one time.

To maintain adequate social distancing, stagger the arrival of persons participating in proceedings to ensure that a large number of individuals do not arrive at the same time.

For example, if a courtroom can accommodate twelve people, do not schedule your normal 50 person calendar for 8:30 a.m. Rather, schedule the first group of 12 for 8:30 a.m. and the second group of 12 for 10:00 a.m., etc.

5 Healthy and Safe Court Employees

Implement staggered shifts for all court employees and implement teleworking for all possible court employees.

Discourage employees from sharing phones, desks, offices, surfaces, or other equipment.

Provide for adequate spacing between employee workstations to facilitate social distancing.

Provide a separate entrance to the court facility for employees, if possible.

If six feet of separation is not possible, consider options like plexiglass barriers and frequently disinfecting shared surfaces, such as table tops, door knobs, elevator buttons, pens, security bins, etc.

Require all employees to wear face coverings at all times.

Consider temperature checks of employees when employees report to work each day with a no-contact thermometer.

Require employees who exhibit signs of illness to stay home or seek medical attention.

Provide courtroom employees with adequate personal protective equipment, including face coverings.

Courtroom employees should be trained on best practices to prevent infection, including frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

Clean and disinfect offices daily or as frequently as possible.

6 Healthy and Safe Jurors and Potential Jurors

The number of jurors and potential jurors should be limited to the amount a room or facility can accommodate with social distancing and other infection control measures.

Potential jurors:

- Likely to have more conflicts than prior to COVID-19 (e.g., childcare, looking for work, or working in the medical field).
- Will likely have health concerns about being around a group of strangers.

Jury selection may take longer due to social distancing and other infection control measures.

Jury holding and deliberations:

- Likely cannot take place in a typical jury room due to size.
- Use a larger room, such as the courtroom or another large meeting room to facilitate social distancing.
- Turn off video and audio recording in the room if the jury is deliberating there.
- Limit jury deliberations to two hours at a time with 15-minute breaks to go outside into fresh air and/or separate from each other. Jurors should not deliberate for more than eight hours per day.

Provide individual boxed lunches and bottled water to jurors. Vending machines should be wiped down regularly and have a hand sanitizing station nearby.

Juror transportation: If jurors are shuttled to the court facility, provide for proper spacing in transport vehicles and sanitize vehicles after each use. Jurors should stay six feet apart while waiting for the shuttle.

Require all jurors to wear a mask or face covering while in the court facility and the juror shuttle, if applicable. If wearing a mask would make it difficult to evaluate the demeanor of jurors or otherwise negatively impact a litigant's right to a fair hearing, consider transparent face shields, physical distancing, or other infection control measures in consultation with a public health or medical professional.

7 Healthy and Safe Inmates and Detainees

- **Use video conferencing** for proceedings whenever possible.
- **Screen inmates and detainees** for COVID-19 symptoms before transport to court.
- **Work with law enforcement** to provide for proper spacing in transport vehicles and masks for inmates and detainees during transport. Stagger arrivals and departures to facilitate spacing in transportation vehicles and holding areas.
- **Sanitize transport vehicles** after use.
- **Label holding areas** to provide for social distancing.
- **Sanitize holding areas**, restraints, and other commonly used items after each use.
- **Make hand sanitizer available** to inmates and detainees.
- **Require** all inmates and detainees to wear a mask or face covering while in the court facility. If wearing a mask would negatively impact an inmate or detainee's right to a fair hearing, consider transparent face shields, physical distancing, or other infection control measures in consultation with a public health or medical professional.
- **Ensure** deputies who are required to be in close proximity to inmates and detainees have face coverings and gloves.

Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Harold D. Melton
Chair

Cynthia H. Clanton
Director

Judicial Council Ad Hoc Committee on Improving Community Access to Legal Resources

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

Therefore, I hereby establish the Judicial Council Ad Hoc Committee on Improving Community Access to Legal Resources with the mission to support the identification and implementation of effective means of making legal resources available to all users of our civil justice system, including self-represented litigants. The Committee's work will include conducting a thorough examination of the utilization of Georgia's law libraries by the public.

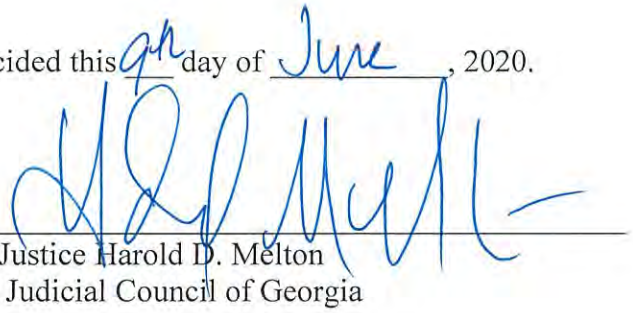
The following members are hereby appointed to this Ad Hoc Committee:

- Justice Charles J. Bethel, Supreme Court of Georgia, Co-Chair
- Judge Robert C.I. McBurney, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Co-Chair
- Chief Judge Willie E. Lockette, Superior Court, Dougherty Judicial Circuit
- Judge LaTisha Dear Jackson, Superior Court, Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit
- Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk, Magistrate Court of Fulton County
- Judge William P. Adams, State Court of Bibb County (retired)
- Judge Larry B. Mims, State Court of Tift County (retired)
- State Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of State Court Judges
- Juvenile Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges
- Probate Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Probate Court Judges
- Magistrate Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Magistrate Court Judges
- Municipal Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Municipal Court Judges
- Will Simmons, President, National Association for Court Management and District Court Administrator, Sixth Judicial Administrative District
- Brad Butler, Court Administrator, Conasauga Judicial Circuit
- Karlise Grier, Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
- Michael Monahan, Director, State Bar of Georgia Pro Bono Resource Center
- Jeannie Ashley, Director, Fulton County Justice Resource Center
- Jeff Davis, Esq.
- Charles T. Lester, Jr., Esq.

- Laureen Kelly, Esq.
- Eleanor Crosby Lanier, Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning & Mediation Clinic Director, University of Georgia School of Law
- Georgia Legal Services Program Executive Director or their designee
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society Executive Director or their designee

Committee membership may include advisory members appointed, as needed, by the Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs. Advisory members may be heard but shall not be entitled to vote. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff support to this Committee and notify the judiciary of the creation of the aforementioned committee. The Committee will exist from the date of this order until June 30, 2021.

So decided this 9th day of June, 2020.



Chief Justice Harold D. Melton
Chair, Judicial Council of Georgia