



## Council of State Court Judges of Georgia

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### **2020-2021 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS** **(as of July 2020)**

#### **EXECUTIVE**

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District 4:	Jeff Hanson (Bibb/Macon)
District 5:	Alan W. Thrower (Baldwin)
District 6:	John G. Breakfield (Hall)
District 7:	Ron Ramsey (DeKalb)
District 8:	Allison B. Salter (Cobb)

#### **BENCH/CHARGE BOOK**

Chair: Susan Edlein (Fulton)  
Vice-Chair Wes Tailor (Fulton)

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| 1. Jason Ashford (Houston)    | 6. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)       |
| 2. Jean Bolin (McIntosh)      | 7. Jay Roth (Fulton)           |
| 3. Steve Campbell (Habersham) | 8. John Stephenson (Dougherty) |
| 4. Maria Golick (Cobb)        | 9. Ben Studdard (Henry)        |
| 5. Jeff Hanson (Macon/Bibb)   | 10. Josh Thacker (Spalding)    |

#### **BUDGET**

Chair: Maria Golick (Cobb)  
Vice-Chair: Billy Mullinax (Walker)

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| 1. Vi Bennett (Wayne)     | 6. Russ McClelland (Forsyth) |
| 2. Nancy Bills (Rockdale) | 7. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)     |
| 3. David Darden (Cobb)    | 8. Wes Tailor (Fulton)       |
| 4. John Edwards (Lowndes) | 9. Al Wong (DeKalb)          |
| 5. Greg Fowler (Chatham)  |                              |

**CASE COUNTING STANDARDS**

Chair: Michelle Homier (Cherokee)

Vice-Chair: Jane Morrison (Fulton)

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| 1. Jason Ashford (Houston)  | 7. Joe Iannazzone (Sr. Gwinnett) |
| 2. Larry Baldwin (Hall)     | 8. Bill Mills (Early)            |
| 3. Nancy Bills (Rockdale)   | 9. Richard Slaby (Sr. Richmond)  |
| 4. John Doran (Gwinnett)    | 10. Tommy Smith (Toombs)         |
| 5. Greg Fowler (Chatham)    | 11. Jason Thompson (Fayette)     |
| 6. Jason Harper (Sr. Henry) |                                  |

**CONFERENCE VENUE SITE COMMITTEE**

Chairs: John Holland (Turner)

Vice-Chair (Vacant)

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| 1. Leslie Abernathy-Maddox (Forsyth) | 8. Marsha Lake (Cobb)          |
| 2. Charles Auslander (Clarke)        | 9. Donny Peppers (Sr. Walker)  |
| 3. Carla Brown (Gwinnett)            | 10. Greg Sapp (Chatham)        |
| 4. Howard Cook (Sr. Gwinnett)        | 11. Margaret Spencer (Clayton) |
| 5. Jason Fincher (Cobb)              | 12. Doug Ashworth ((ICJE)      |
| 6. Janis Gordon (DeKalb)             |                                |
| 7. Steve Jenkins (Elbert)            |                                |

**COUNCIL HISTORY COMMITTEE**

Chair: Ron Ginsberg (Sr. Chatham)

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| 1. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb) | 3. Jack McLaughlin (Sr. DeKalb) |
| 2. Howard Cook (Sr. Gwinnett) | 4. Jeffery Monroe (Bibb)        |

**DUI/DRUG COURT COMMITTEE**

Co-Chairs: Charles Auslander (Clarke) and Jeannette Little (Troup)

Recording Secretary:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Jason Ashford (Houston)     | 14. John Dennis (Chattooga)   |
| 2. Larry Baldwin (Hall)        | 15. John Doran (Gwinnett)     |
| 3. Eddie Barker (Douglas)      | 16. Susan Edlein (Fulton)     |
| 4. Nancy Bills (Rockdale)      | 17. Brian Fortner (Douglas)   |
| 5. Pattie Booker (Richmond)    | 18. Greg Fowler (Chatham)     |
| 6. Emily Brantley (Gwinnett)   | 19. Ellen Golden (Lowndes)    |
| 7. Shawn Bratton (Gwinnett)    | 20. Jeff Hanson (Bibb)        |
| 8. Leon Braun (Sr. Liberty)    | 21. Steve Jenkins (Elbert)    |
| 9. Eric Brewton (Cobb)         | 22. Alan Jordan (Cherokee)    |
| 10. David Brown (Henry)        | 23. Dax Lopez (DeKalb)        |
| 11. Bridgette Campbell (Cobb)  | 24. Russ McClelland (Forsyth) |
| 12. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb) | 25. Dee Morris (Cherokee)     |
| 13. Linda Cowen (Clayton)      | 26. Jeffery Osteen (Liberty)  |

27. Seay VanPatten Poulakos (Coweta)
28. Ralph Powell (Worth)
29. Greg Sapp (Chatham)
30. Margaret Spencer (Clayton)
31. Kiesha Storey (DeKalb)

32. Wes Taylor (Fulton)
33. Jason Thompson (Fayette)
34. David Watkins (Richmond)
35. Al Wong (DeKalb)
36. Charlie Wynne (Sr. Hall)

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Co-Chairs: Leslie Abernathy-Maddox (Forsyth) and  
Allison Salter (Cobb)

1. Kimberly Alexander (DeKalb)
2. Kimberly Anderson (DeKalb)
3. Jason Ashford (Houston)
4. Diane Bessen (Fulton)
5. Eric Brewton (Cobb)
6. Bridgette Campbell (Cobb)
7. John Carbo (Sr. Clayton)
8. Howard Cook (Sr. Gwinnett)
9. John Edwards (Lowndes)
10. Janis Gordon (DeKalb)
11. Jason Harper (Sr. Henry)
12. Michelle Homier (Cherokee)
13. Alan Jordan (Cherokee)

14. Marsha Lake (Cobb)
15. Sharell Lewis (Bibb)
16. Jeannette Little (Troup)
17. Bob Mock (Sr. Gwinnett)
18. Shalonda Jones-Parker (Clayton)
19. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
20. R. Hubert Reeves (Jenkins)
21. Margaret Spencer (Clayton)
22. Pam South (Gwinnett)
23. Kiesha Storey (DeKalb)
24. Ben Studdard (Henry)
25. Doug Ashworth (ICJE)

### **LEGISLATIVE**

Co-Chairs: David Darden (Cobb) and John Edwards (Lowndes)

1. Jason Ashford (Houston)
2. Diane Bessen (Fulton)
3. Nancy Bills (Rockdale)
4. Patricia Booker (Richmond)
5. Leon Braun (Sr. Liberty)
6. Carla Brown (Gwinnett)
7. Steve Campbell (Habersham)
8. John Carbo (Sr. Clayton)
9. Jack Carney (Sr. Bryan)
10. Neal Dettmering (Douglas)
11. Susan Edlein (Fulton)
12. Susan Forsling (Sr. Fulton)
13. Brian Fortner (Douglas)
14. Ron Ginsberg (Sr. Chatham)
15. C. J. Gober (Sr. Cherokee)
16. Ellen Golden (Lowndes)
17. Maria Golick (Cobb)
18. Jason Harper (Sr. Henry)
19. John Holland (Turner)
20. Joseph Iannazzone (Sr. Gwinnett)

21. Mike Jacobs (DeKalb)
22. Alan Jordan (Cherokee)
23. Jeannette Little (Troup)
24. Dax Lopez (DeKalb)
25. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)
26. Jane Manning (Cobb)
27. Jeffery Osteen (Liberty)
28. Pandora Palmer (Henry)
29. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
30. Ron Ramsey (DeKalb)
31. Jay Roth (Fulton)
32. Richard Slaby (Richmond)
33. Tommy Smith (Toombs)
34. Margaret Spencer (Clayton)
35. Ben Studdard (Henry)
36. Wes Taylor (Fulton)
37. Ronnie Thompson (Effingham)
38. Al Wong (DeKalb)
39. Charlie Wynne (Sr. Hall)

**MANDATORY CJE**

Chair: Eric Brewton (Cobb)

Vice-Chair: Billy Mullinax (Walker)

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| 1. Linda Cowen (Clayton)   | 4. Alan Thrower (Baldwin) |
| 2. John Edwards (Lowndes)  | 5. Rick Waters (Mitchell) |
| 3. Bob Mock (Sr. Gwinnett) | 6. Doug Ashworth (ICJE)   |

**NEW JUDGE EDUCATION AND MENTORING**

Chair: John Edwards (Lowndes)

Vice Chair: Susan Edlein (Fulton)

Recording Secretary: Allison Salter (Cobb)

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| 1. Charles Auslander (Clarke) | 13. Mike Jacobs (DeKalb)            |
| 2. Eddie Barker (Douglas)     | 14. Steve Jenkins (Elbert)          |
| 3. Pattie Booker (Richmond)   | 15. Jeannette Little (Troup)        |
| 4. Eric Brewton (Cobb)        | 16. Pandora Palmer (Henry)          |
| 5. Carla Brown (Gwinnett)     | 17. Shalonda Jones-Parker (Clayton) |
| 6. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb) | 18. Seay Poulakos (Coweta)          |
| 7. Hermann Coolidge (Chatham) | 19. Ben Richardson (Muscogee)       |
| 8. Linda Cowen (Clayton)      | 20. Jason Thompson (Fayette)        |
| 9. Ellen Golden (Lowndes)     | 21. Alan Thrower (Baldwin)          |
| 10. Janis Gordon (DeKalb)     | 22. Al Wong (DeKalb)                |
| 11. Jeff Hanson (Macon/Bibb)  | 23. Doug Ashworth (ICJE)            |
| 12. Jason Harper (Henry)      |                                     |

**NOMINATING**

Chair: TBD (XX)

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Nancy Bills (Rockdale) | 4. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)    |
| 2. Greg Fowler (Chatham)  | 5. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)        |
| 3. Steve Jenkins (Elbert) | 6. Richard Slaby (Sr. Richmond) |

**PART-TIME JUDGES**

Chair: James Garner (Treutlen)

Vice-Chair: Ralph Powell (Worth)

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| 1. Vi Bennett (Wayne)         | 4. Hubert Reeves (Jenkins) |
| 2. Ron Hallman (Evans)        | 5. Alan Thrower (Baldwin)  |
| 3. Hugh McCullough (Tattnall) |                            |

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chair: David Darden (Cobb)

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Nancy Bills (Rockdale) | 3. Greg Fowler (Chatham)      |
| 2. Linda Cowen (Clayton)  | 4. Ron Ginsberg (Sr. Chatham) |

### **PROBATION**

Chair: Ralph Powell (Worth)  
Vice-Chair: Jeff Hanson (Bibb)

1. Leslie Abernathy-Maddox (Forsyth)
2. Larry Baldwin (Hall)
3. Eddie Barker (Douglas)
4. Nancy Bills (Rockdale)
5. Pattie Booker (Richmond)
6. Carla Brown (Gwinnett)
7. John Cranford (Coweta)
8. John Dennis (Chattooga)
9. John Edwards (Lowndes)
10. Richard Kent (Colquitt)
11. Sharell Lewis (Bibb)
12. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)
13. Hugh McCullough (Tattnell)
14. Bob Mock (Sr. Gwinnett)
15. Billy Mullinax (Walker)
16. Tommy Smith (Toombs)
17. Ben Studdard (Henry)
18. Rick Waters (Mitchell)
19. David Watkins (Richmond)

### **RESOLUTIONS AND AWARDS**

Chair: Jean Bolin (McIntosh)

1. Linda Cowen (Clayton)
2. Greg Fowler (Chatham)
3. Janis Gordon (DeKalb)
4. Jeannette Little (Troup)
5. Toby Prodgers (Cobb)

### **RETIREMENT**

Chair: Alan Jordan (Cherokee)  
Vice-Chair: Ellen Golden (Lowndes)

1. Pattie Booker (Richmond)
2. John Edwards (Lowndes)
3. James Irvin (Stephens)
4. Marsha Lake (Cobb)
5. Toby Prodgers (Cobb)
6. John Stephenson (Dougherty)
7. Bob Sullivan (Carroll)

### **SENIOR JUDGE/JUDGE EMERITUS COMMITTEE**

Co-Chairs: Howard Cook (Sr. Gwinnett)

1. Jack McLaughlin (Sr. DeKalb)
2. Bob Mock (Sr. Gwinnett)
3. James Pace (Sr. Decatur)
4. Kelly Turner (Sr. Lowndes)

### **STATEWIDE PLANNING**

Chair: Ben Studdard (Henry)  
Vice-Chair: Vacant

1. Jason Ashford (Houston)
2. Leon Braun (Sr. Liberty)
3. Jack Carney (Sr. Bryan)
4. Richard Kent (Colquitt)
5. Jeffery Monroe (Bibb)
6. Billy Mullinax (Walker)

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Co-Chairs: Pattie Booker (Richmond),  
Al Wong (DeKalb) and Vi Bennett (Wayne)

1. Vi Bennett (Wayne)
2. Nancy Bills (Rockdale)
3. John Breakfield (Hall)
4. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb)
5. Linda Cowen (Clayton)
6. David Darden (Cobb)
7. Susan Edlein (Fulton)
8. John Edwards (Lowndes)
9. Michael Gailey (Putnam)
10. Tammi Hayward (Clayton)
11. Jeff Hanson (Bibb)
12. James Irvin (Stephens)
13. Richard Kent (Colquitt)
14. Jeannette Little (Troup)
15. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)
16. Dee Morris (Cherokee)
17. John Murphy III (Jefferson)
18. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
19. Ron Ramsey (DeKalb)
20. Eric Richardson (Fulton)
21. Allison Salter (Cobb)
22. Greg Sapp (Chatham)
23. Danny Shepard (Miller)
24. Ben Studdard (Henry)
25. Wes Tailor (Fulton)
26. Alan Thrower (Baldwin)

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Chair: Jason Ashford (Houston)  
Vice-Chair: TBD

1. Harold Benefield Sr. Clayton)
2. Diane Bessen (Fulton)
3. Pattie Booker (Richmond)
4. John Dennis (Chattooga)
5. Neal Dettmering (Sr. Douglas)
6. John Edwards (Lowndes)
7. Jason Fincher (Cobb)
8. Joe Iannazzone (Sr. Gwinnett)
9. Marsha Lake (Cobb)
10. Sharell Lewis (Bibb)
11. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)
12. Ben Studdard (Henry)
13. Wes Tailor (Fulton)

## **UNIFORM COURT RULES**

Chair, Greg Sapp (Chatham)  
Vice Chair: Dax Lopez (DeKalb)

1. Leslie Abernathy-Maddox (Forsyth)
2. Larry Baldwin (Hall)
3. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb)
4. Greg Fowler (Chatham)
5. Joe Iannazzone (Gwinnett)
6. James Irvin (Stephens)
7. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)
8. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
9. Tommy Smith (Toombs)
10. John Stephenson (Dougherty)
11. Bob Sullivan (Carroll)
12. Wes Tailor (Fulton)
13. Ronnie Thompson (Effingham)

## Special Appointments to Other Committees:

### **Institute of Continuing Judicial Education Board (ICJE)**

Nancy Bills (Rockdale) 4 year 6/30/23

### **Judicial Council Records Retention Committee**

Kiesha Storey (DeKalb)

Jeannette Little (Troup)

### **Judicial Council Committee on Victims of Domestic Violence**

Maria Golick (Cobb)

Jeannette Little (Troup)

### **State Commission on Family Violence**

Leslie Abernathy (Forsyth) Governor

Appointment August 2018

### **Advisory Council of Board to Department of Community Supervision**

Ralph Powell (Worth)

### **Ad Hoc Committee on Criminal Justice Reform Council on Misdemeanor Probation**

Ben Studdard (Henry)

Wayne Purdom (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**

Janis Gordon (DeKalb)

### **Judicial Council Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Continuity of Court Operations**

Eric Brewton (Cobb)

Bob Bray – Advisory Member

### **Judicial Council Legislative Committee**

Wes Tailor (Fulton)

Bob Bray (Advisory)

### **Council of Accountability Courts**

Charles E. Auslander, III (Clarke) – Exec.

Committee State Court Representative – 6/30/2023

### **Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution**

Charles E. Auslander, III (Clarke)

### **Judicial Council Committee on Access to Justice**

Jason Thompson (Fayette)

Linda Cowen (Clayton)

Jane Morrison (Fulton)

### **Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism**

Susan Edlein (Fulton)

### **Judicial Council Committee on Improving Access to Legal Resources**

Jason Ashford (Houston)

### **Judicial Qualifications Commission**

Vacant – 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

### **Judicial Council COVID-19 Task Force**

Russ McClelland (Forsyth)

### **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)

### **Judicial Council Budget Committee**

Al Wong (DeKalb)

Judge Tailor has worked very hard on this listing and tried to put everyone who indicated an interest in being on the committee that he or she requested. If he has left someone off, it was not intentional, and he or she will be added to a committee upon request

\*New judges