



Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia

Welcome from the Council President

Public service is indeed an honor, and respect is not something you always deserve due to a title you may hold. Respect is something you earn. These are truths I remind myself of daily, and they are statements I believe our outstanding judges live by.

It is my pleasure to serve as President of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia. Formerly an Assistant District Attorney, I was appointed as Juvenile Court Judge for the Southwestern Judicial Circuit (Lee, Macon, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, and Webster Counties) in 2001 and continue to serve in this capacity. Throughout my 19 years in this role, I have found that the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated all those years ago. The work we juvenile court judges do is sometimes painful, sometimes inspiring but almost always rewarding. Many people think of juvenile court as an institution that deals with “bad kids.” However, our ultimate goal is to do what is in the best interests of the children we serve, their families and the community. This can be a difficult balancing act. We not only handle delinquency cases, we preside over dependency cases (most often through the foster care system), transfers from probate and superior courts, cases involving children in need of services, traffic offenses and emancipations.

Each of our circuits is unique, and we are fortunate to have an extraordinary director and dedicated staff at the Council to assist us. They somehow never manage to say “no” when called upon.

On behalf of our 156 judges, our director, and staff, welcome and thank you for your interest in the Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia.

Judge Lisa C. Jones, Juvenile Courts of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit
President, Council of Juvenile Court Judges