

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Declaration of Judicial Emergency

Date: February 9, 2021  
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**ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

Based on the continued transmission of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 throughout Dougherty County, on March 13, 2020, the undersigned entered pursuant to O. C. G. A. §38-3-61 an Order Declaring Judicial Emergency for the Municipal Court of Albany, and the Probate, Juvenile, Magistrate, State and Superior Courts of Dougherty County and clerks. March 14, 2020, Chief Justice Harold Melton, of the Supreme Court of Georgia, entered an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency.

Since the above dates, the undersigned and Chief Justice Melton have repeatedly modified and extended the Judicial Emergency Orders mentioned above, as the conditions which necessitated them have either remained the same or gotten worse.

The most recent Statewide Judicial Emergency Order expired February 8, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. However, Chief Justice Melton extended that Order until March 9, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.<sup>1</sup> The current Dougherty Circuit Judicial Emergency Order is set to expire on February 9, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. . Wherefore the undersigned hereby

**ORDERS** that the current Dougherty Judicial Circuit Judicial Emergency Order be extended and remain in effect until March 9, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. . Pursuant to O. C. G. A. §38-3-63, the undersigned hereby

**ORDERS** that the Sheriff of Dougherty County post this Order on the Sheriff's notification site and in the Dougherty County Judicial Building (Courthouse);

**FURTHER ORDERS** that a copy of this Order be immediately served upon Chief Justice Harold Melton of the Supreme Court of Georgia, such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia at [barnest@gasupreme.us](mailto:barnest@gasupreme.us);

**FURTHER ORDERS** that a copy of this Order be immediately served upon the Judges

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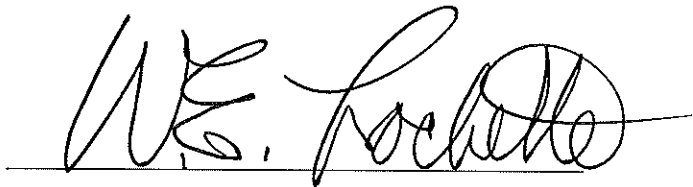
<sup>1</sup>In that Order, the Chief Justice suspended indefinitely all jury trials statewide.

of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, such service to be accomplished via email to Steve E. Castlen, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Georgia at castlen@gaappeals.us. ;

**FURTHER ORDERS** that a copy of this Order be served upon each of the Judges of the Municipal Court of Albany, and the Probate, Juvenile, Magistrate, State and Superior Courts of Dougherty County, and the Clerk of Superior and State Courts, by reasonable means to assure expeditious receipt;

**FURTHER ORDERS** that notice of the issuance of this Order be given to affected parties, counsel for affected parties, and the public by means calculated to reach such, including by posting at the courthouse, in the newspaper, email, facsimile, or announcements on radio or television.

**SO ORDERED**, February 9, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.E. Lockette", written over a horizontal line.

**WILLIE E. LOCKETTE**, Chief Judge  
Dougherty County Superior Court  
Dougherty Judicial Circuit