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BUDGET

Chair: Maria Golick (Cobb)
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| 3. Greg Fowler (Sr. Chatham) | 7. Al Wong (DeKalb) |
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CASE COUNTING STANDARDS

Chair: Michelle Homier (Cherokee)

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| 1. Jason Ashford (Houston) | 5. Russ McClelland (Forsyth) |
| 2. Larry Baldwin (Hall) | 6. Bill Mills (Early) |
| 3. John Doran (Sr. Gwinnett) | 7. Jason Thompson (Fayette) |
| 4. Greg Fowler (Sr. Chatham) | |

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. Allison Salter (Cobb) |
| 4. Howard Cook (Sr. Gwinnett) | 11. Greg Sapp (Chatham) |
| 5. Jason Fincher (Cobb) | 12. Margaret Spencer (Clayton) |
| 6. Janis Gordon (DeKalb) | 13. Doug Ashworth ((ICJE) |
| 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

Chairs: Charles Auslander (Clarke)

Recording Secretary: TBD

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| 1. Jason Ashford (Houston) | 19. Jeff Hanson (Bibb) |
| 2. Larry Baldwin (Hall) | 20. Michelle Homier (Cherokee) |
| 3. Eddie Barker (Douglas) | 21. Steve Jenkins (Elbert) |
| 4. Pattie Booker (Richmond) | 22. Alan Jordan (Cherokee) |
| 5. Emily Brantley (Gwinnett) | 23. Jeannette Little (Troup) |
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| 7. Leon Braun (Sr. Liberty) | 25. Russ McClelland (Forsyth) |
| 8. Eric Brewton (Cobb) | 26. Kellie McIntyre (Richmond) |
| 9. David Brown (Henry) | 27. Dee Morris (Cherokee) |
| 10. Bridgette Campbell (Cobb) | 28. Jeffery Osteen (Liberty) |
| 11. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb) | 29. Seay VanPatten Poulakos (Coweta) |
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| 14. John Doran (Gwinnett) | 32. Margaret Spencer (Clayton) |
| 15. Susan Edlein (Fulton) | 33. Kiesha Storey (DeKalb) |
| 16. Brian Fortner (Douglas) | 34. Wes Tailor (Fulton) |
| 17. Greg Fowler (Chatham) | 35. Jason Thompson (Fayette) |
| 18. Ellen Golden (Lowndes) | 36. Erica Tisinger (Carroll) |

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Co-Chairs: Leslie Abernathy-Maddox (Forsyth) and
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5. Eric Brewton (Cobb)
6. Bridgette Campbell (Cobb)
7. John Carbo (Sr. Clayton)
8. Ronda Colvin-Leary (Gwinnett)
9. Howard Cook (Sr. Gwinnett)
10. John Edwards (Lowndes)
11. Janis Gordon (DeKalb)
12. Jason Harper (Sr. Henry)
13. Michelle Homier (Cherokee)
14. Alan Jordan (Cherokee)
15. Marsha Lake (Cobb)
16. Sharell Lewis (Bibb)
17. Jeannette Little (Troup)
18. Bob Mock (Sr. Gwinnett)
19. Shalonda Jones-Parker (Clayton)
20. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
21. R. Hubert Reeves (Jenkins)
22. Margaret Spencer (Clayton)
23. Pam South (Gwinnett)
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4. Diane Bessen (Fulton)
5. John Breakfield (Hall)
6. Patricia Booker (Richmond)
7. Leon Braun (Sr. Liberty)
8. Carla Brown (Gwinnett)
9. Steve Campbell (Habersham)
10. John Carbo (Sr. Clayton)
11. Jack Carney (Sr. Bryan)
12. Ronda Colvin-Leary (Gwinnett)
13. Neal Dettmering (Douglas)
14. Susan Edlein (Fulton)
15. John Edwards (Lowndes)
16. Susan Forsling (Sr. Fulton)
17. Brian Fortner (Douglas)
18. Ron Ginsberg (Sr. Chatham)
19. C. J. Gober (Sr. Cherokee)
20. Ellen Golden (Lowndes)
21. Jason Harper (Sr. Henry)
22. John Holland (Turner)
23. Joseph Iannazzone (Sr. Gwinnett)
24. Mike Jacobs (DeKalb)
25. Alan Jordan (Cherokee)
26. Jeannette Little (Troup)
27. Dax Lopez (DeKalb)
28. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)
29. Jane Manning (Cobb)
30. Jeffery Osteen (Liberty)
31. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
32. Eric Richardson (Fulton)
33. Jay Roth (Fulton)
34. Richard Slaby (Richmond)
35. Margaret Spencer (Clayton)
36. Ben Studdard (Henry)
37. Wes Taylor (Fulton)
38. Ronnie Thompson (Effingham)
39. Erica Tisinger (Carroll)
40. Billy Tomlinson (Bryan)
41. Al Wong (DeKalb)
42. Charlie Wynne (Sr. Hall)

MANDATORY CJE

Chair: Eric Brewton (Cobb)

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| 2. John Edwards (Lowndes) | 5. Rick Waters (Mitchell) |
| 3. Bob Mock (Sr. Gwinnett) | 6. Doug Ashworth (ICJE) |

MISDEMEANOR MENTAL HEALTH

Chair: Patsy Porter (Fulton)

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| 1. Eric Brewton (Cobb) | 5. Pam South (Gwinnett) |
| 2. Maria Golick (Cobb) | 6. John Stephenson (Dougherty) |
| 3. Ellen Golden (Lowndes) | |
| 4. Michelle Homier (Cherokee) | |

NEW JUDGE EDUCATION AND MENTORING

Chair: John Edwards (Lowndes)

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| 3. Pattie Booker (Richmond) | 15. Shalonda Jones-Parker (Clayton) |
| 4. Eric Brewton (Cobb) | 16. Seay Poulakos (Coweta) |
| 5. Carla Brown (Gwinnett) | 17. Ben Richardson (Muscogee) |
| 6. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb) | 18. Josh Thacker (Spalding) |
| 7. Ronda Colvin-Leary (Gwinnett) | 19. Jason Thompson (Fayette) |
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| 9. Ellen Golden (Lowndes) | 21. Monique Walker (Richmond) |
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| 11. Jeff Hanson (Macon/Bibb) | 23. Doug Ashworth (ICJE) |
| 12. Tammi Hayward (Clayton) | |

NOMINATING

Chair: Russ McClelland (Forsyth)

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| 2. Maria Golick (Cobb) | 6. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb) |
| 3. Tammi Hayward (Clayton) | 7. Richard Slaby (Richmond) |
| 4. Steve Jenkins (Elbert) | |

PART-TIME JUDGES

Chair: James Garner (Treutlen)
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| 2. Ron Hallman (Evans) | 5. Alan Thrower (Baldwin) |
| 3. Hugh McCullough (Tattnall) | 6. Billy Tomlinson (Bryan) |

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: David Darden (Cobb)

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| 1. Linda Cowen (Clayton) | 3. Ron Ginsberg (Sr. Chatham) |
| 2. Greg Fowler (Chatham) | 4. Russ McClelland (Forsyth) |

PROBATION

Chair: Ralph Powell (Worth)
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| 2. Larry Baldwin (Hall) | 11. Russ McClelland (Forsyth) |
| 3. Eddie Barker (Douglas) | 12. Hugh McCullough (Tattnall) |
| 4. Pattie Booker (Richmond) | 13. Bob Mock (Sr. Gwinnett) |
| 5. Carla Brown (Gwinnett) | 14. Billy Mullinax (Walker) |
| 6. John Cranford (Coweta) | 15. Ben Studdard (Henry) |
| 7. John Dennis (Chattooga) | 16. Rick Waters (Mitchell) |
| 8. John Edwards (Lowndes) | 17. David Watkins (Richmond) |
| 9. Richard Kent (Colquitt) | |

RESOLUTIONS AND AWARDS

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

RETIREMENT

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| 2. John Edwards (Lowndes) | 6. John Stephenson (Dougherty) |
| 3. James Irvin (Stephens) | 7. Bob Sullivan (Carroll) |
| 4. Marsha Lake (Cobb) | |

SENIOR JUDGE/JUDGE EMERITUS COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Howard Cook (Sr. Gwinnett)

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| 1. Greg Fowler (Sr. Chatham) | 4. Bob Mock (Sr. Gwinnett) |
| 2. Jeannette Little (Sr. Troup) | 5. James Pace (Sr. Decatur) |
| 3. Jack McLaughlin (Sr. DeKalb) | 6. Kelly Turner (Sr. Lowndes) |

STATEWIDE PLANNING

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3. Jack Carney (Sr. Bryan)
4. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb)
5. Richard Kent (Colquitt)
6. Billy Mullinax (Walker)
7. Monique Walker (Richmond)

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3. Melodie Clayton (Sr. Cobb)
4. Ronda Colvin-Leary (Gwinnett)
5. Linda Cowen (Clayton)
6. David Darden (Cobb)
7. Susan Edlein (Fulton)
8. Michael Gailey (Putnam)
9. Tammi Hayward (Clayton)
10. Jeff Hanson (Bibb)
11. James Irvin (Stephens)
12. Jeannette Little (Troup)
13. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)
14. John Murphy III (Jefferson)
15. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
16. Ron Ramsey (DeKalb)
17. Eric Richardson (Fulton)
18. Ben Richardson (Muscogee)
19. Allison Salter (Cobb)
20. Greg Sapp (Chatham)
21. Danny Shepard (Miller)
22. Pam South (Gwinnett)
23. Margaret Spencer (Clayton)
24. Ben Studdard (Henry)
25. Wes Tailor (Fulton)
26. Josh Thacker (Spalding)
27. Alan Thrower (Baldwin)
28. Monique Walker (Richmond)
29. Al Wong (DeKalb)

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Chair: Jason Ashford (Houston)

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

UNIFORM COURT RULES

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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. John Stephenson (Dougherty)
10. Bob Sullivan (Carroll)
11. Wes Taylor (Fulton)
12. Ronnie Thompson (Effingham)

Special Appointments to Other Committees:

Institute of Continuing Judicial Education Board (ICJE)

Allison Salter (Cobb) 2 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)

Judicial Council Committee on Public Service Announcements - COVID

Ben Richardson Muscogee)

Judicial Council Technology Committee

Diane Bessen (Fulton) June 30, 2018

Judicial Council Committee on Cyber Insurance Implementation

Diane Bessen (Fulton)

Judicial Council Committee on Grants

Eric Richardson (Fulton) June 30, 2021

Judicial Council Committee on Interpreters

TBD

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

Ad Hoc Committee on Criminal Justice Reform Council on Misdemeanor Probation

Ben Studdard (Henry)
Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
Bob Bray – Advisory Member

Judicial Council Legislative Committee

Al Wong (DeKalb)
Maria Golick (Cobb)
Ron Ramsey (DeKalb)
Bob Bray (Advisory)

Council of Accountability Courts

Charles E. Auslander, III (Clarke) – Vice-Chair
Jason Thompson (Fayette) – Exec. Committee
Margaret Spencer (Clayton) – Advisory Member

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

Dax Lopez (DeKalb) - 6/30/2021

**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)

**Judicial Council COVID-19 Task Force Jury
Public Service Announcements Subcommittee**

Ben Richardson (Muscogee)

Georgia Board of Court Reporting

John Edwards (Lowndes)

**Judicial Council Subcommittee on Public
Service Announcements for Juries**

Ben Richardson (Muscogee)

Digital Court Reporting Rules Subcommittee

Jane Morrison – Chair (Fulton)

**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)

Maria Golick (Cobb)

**Judicial Council Automated Data Collection
Subcommittee**

Jeff Hanson (Bibb)

Judge Wong 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