



## Council of State Court Judges of Georgia

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### **2021-2022 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS** **(as of July 2021)**

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District 4:	Eddie Barker (Douglas)
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)  
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| 1. Kimberly Anderson (DeKalb) | 7. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)       |
| 2. Jason Ashford (Houston)    | 8. Jay Roth (Fulton)           |
| 3. Steve Campbell (Habersham) | 9. John Stephenson (Dougherty) |
| 4. Maria Golick (Cobb)        | 10. Ben Studdard (Henry)       |
| 5. Jeff Hanson (Macon/Bibb)   | 11. Josh Thacker (Spalding)    |
| 6. Dax Lopez (DeKalb)         | 12. Erica Tisinger (Carroll)   |

#### **BUDGET**

Chair: Maria Golick (Cobb)  
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| 1. Vi Bennett (Wayne)                 | 5. Russ McClelland (Forsyth) |
| 2. John Edwards (Lowndes) - Treasurer | 6. Wes Tailor (Fulton)       |
| 3. Greg Fowler (Sr. Chatham)          | 7. Al Wong (DeKalb)          |
| 4. Ellen Golden (Lowndes) - JRS       |                              |

**CASE COUNTING STANDARDS**

Chair: Michelle Homier (Cherokee)

Vice-Chair: Jane Morrison (Fulton)

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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)         |
| 6. Shawn Bratton (Gwinnett)    | 24. Dax Lopez (DeKalb)               |
| 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) |
| 12. Linda Cowen (Clayton)      | 30. Ralph Powell (Worth)             |
| 13. John Dennis (Chattooga)    | 31. Greg Sapp (Chatham)              |
| 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)         |

37. David Watkins (Richmond)
38. Derek White (Chatham)

39. Al Wong (DeKalb)

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

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4. Diane Bessen (Fulton)
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)
24. Kiesha Storey (DeKalb)
25. Ben Studdard (Henry)
26. Doug Ashworth (ICJE)

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1. Jason Ashford (Houston)
2. Larry Baldwin (Hall)
3. Vi Bennett (Wayne)
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. Robert Garner (Barrow)
19. Ron Ginsberg (Sr. Chatham)
20. C. J. Gober (Sr. Cherokee)
21. Ellen Golden (Lowndes)
22. Jason Harper (Sr. Henry)
23. John Holland (Turner)
24. Joseph Iannazzone (Sr. Gwinnett)
25. Mike Jacobs (DeKalb)
26. Alan Jordan (Cherokee)
27. Jeannette Little (Troup)
28. Dax Lopez (DeKalb)
29. Russ McClelland (Forsyth)
30. Jane Manning (Cobb)
31. Jeffery Osteen (Liberty)
32. Wayne Purdom (DeKalb)
33. Eric Richardson (Fulton)
34. Jay Roth (Fulton)
35. Richard Slaby (Richmond)
36. Margaret Spencer (Clayton)
37. Ben Studdard (Henry)
38. Wes Taylor (Fulton)
39. Ronnie Thompson (Effingham)
40. Erica Tisinger (Carroll)
41. Billy Tomlinson (Bryan)
42. Al Wong (DeKalb)
43. 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)   |

**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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Recording Secretary: Allison Salter (Cobb)

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Charles Auslander (Clarke)    | 13. Steve Jenkins (Elbert)          |
| 2. Eddie Barker (Douglas)        | 14. Kellie McIntyre (Richmond)      |
| 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)        |
| 8. Linda Cowen (Clayton)         | 20. Alan Thrower (Baldwin)          |
| 9. Ellen Golden (Lowndes)        | 21. Monique Walker (Richmond)       |
| 10. Janis Gordon (DeKalb)        | 22. Al Wong (DeKalb)                |
| 11. Jeff Hanson (Macon/Bibb)     | 23. Doug Ashworth (ICJE)            |
| 12. Tammi Hayward (Clayton)      |                                     |

**NOMINATING**

Chair: Russ McClelland (Forsyth)

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Greg Fowler (Sr. Chatham) | 5. Ben Richardson (Muscogee) |
| 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)  
Vice-Chair: Ralph Powell (Worth)

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Vi Bennett (Wayne)         | 5. Hubert Reeves (Jenkins) |
| 2. Robert Gardner (Barrow)    | 6. Alan Thrower (Baldwin)  |
| 3. Ron Hallman (Evans)        | 7. Billy Tomlinson (Bryan) |
| 4. Hugh McCullough (Tattnall) |                            |

### **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)  
Vice-Chair: Jeff Hanson (Bibb)

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Leslie Abernathy-Maddox (Forsyth) | 10. Sharell Lewis (Bibb)       |
| 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**

Chair: Jean Bolin (McIntosh)

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

### **RETIREMENT**

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

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Pattie Booker (Richmond) | 5. Toby Prodggers (Cobb)       |
| 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**

Chair: Ben Studdard (Henry)

Vice-Chair: Vacant

1. Jason Ashford (Houston)
2. Leon Braun (Sr. Liberty)
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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Co-Chairs: Pattie Booker (Richmond),

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

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Chair: Jason Ashford (Houston)

Vice-Chair: Diane Bessen (Fulton)

1. Harold Benefield Sr. (Clayton)
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**

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

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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 Tailor (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**

Jean Bolin (McIntosh) June 30, 2023

#### **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)

**Bench & Bar Committee of State Bar**

Jane Manning (Cobb)

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