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## New Kiosk Information Centers for Juvenile Courts

### AOC Receives Federal Grants

The Georgia Children and Youth Coordinating Council (through the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention) has awarded two federal grants totaling \$37,280 to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

The funds were used to purchase eight “kiosk” information centers for juvenile courts in Georgia. The kiosks are located near the juvenile courtrooms in Chatham, Cherokee, DeKalb, Douglas, Floyd, Fulton, Walton, and Whitfield counties.



Judge Peggy Walker and Jenny McDade, Douglas County Juvenile Court, pictured with new information center.

with the new kiosk. “To be honest, I am pleasantly surprised at the use to which the people waiting for Court have put the kiosk. It is being constantly viewed.”

For further information concerning this project or other grant opportunities, please contact: Cynthia Hinrichs Clanton; 244 Washington Street, SW, Suite 300; Atlanta, GA 30334; telephone 404-656-5171. [clantonc@aoc.courts.state.ga.us](mailto:clantonc@aoc.courts.state.ga.us)



At Chatham County Juvenile Court, people waiting outside the courtroom use kiosk.

Viewers can choose from six educational videos about the juvenile justice system. The film entitled “Driving Ambition” focuses on the consequences of drinking and driving.

Judge Timothy Pape, Floyd County Juvenile Court, is pleased



Judge Jackson Harris, Cherokee County Juvenile Court, with new kiosk.

## Superior Court Judgeships Approved by Judicial Council

The Judicial Council met on August 25 at the Floyd State Office Building to consider requests for additional superior court judgeships. Requests from the Atlanta, Augusta, Blue Ridge, Gwinnett, and Rome Judicial Circuits were discussed and voted on. Ms. Holly Sparrow, Assistant Director for Research and Court Services for the Administrative Office of the Courts, reviewed the per judge caseload, rank, population, days of judicial assistance, and letters of support from each of the requesting circuits. The weighted caseload values for each circuit were presented to the Council. In ranked order as to need, these four circuits were approved for new judgeships: 1. Gwinnett; 2. Augusta; 3. Rome; 4. Atlanta. ☪

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# People, Places and Events

## IN MEMORIAM

### \* Chief Judge Walker P.

**Johnson, Jr.**, of the Macon Judicial Circuit died on August 19, 2000, at the Medical Center of Central Georgia. He had served as a superior court judge since January 1, 1978, and was a strong advocate of treatment for substance abusers. Judge Johnson established the Bibb County Drug Court and presided in that court. Prior to taking the bench, he served as District Attorney of the Macon Judicial Circuit and as United States attorney for the Middle District of Georgia. He was a graduate of Emory University and the Emory Law School.

## NEW JUDGES

\* **Judge Charles B. Mikell** was sworn-in as the newest member of the Court of Appeals of Georgia on May 31, 2000. Judge Mikell, formerly a superior court judge in the Eastern Judicial Circuit, fills a seat left by the retirement of Judge William L. McMurray.

\* **Lamar W. Sizemore, Jr.**, Macon, has been appointed by Gov. Barnes as a superior court judge of the Macon Judicial Circuit to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge Walker Johnson.

\* Ceremonies were held on July 14, 2000, at the Capitol Education Center to honor newly appointed judges to the Superior Courts: **Judge Robert Flournoy, III**, Cobb Judicial Circuit; **Judge Frank J. Jordan, Jr.**, Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit; and **Judge Richard C. Sutton**, Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, were sworn-in by Governor Barnes.

\* At a swearing-in ceremony held August 25, in the House Chambers of the State Capitol, Governor Roy Barnes administered the oath of office to the following judges:

**Judge Jeffrey S. Bagley**, Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit; **Judge David L. Dickinson**, State Court of Forsyth County; **Judge Larry B. Mims**, State Court of Tift County.

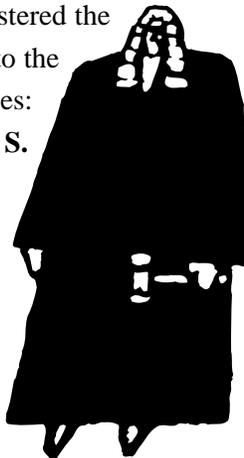
\* Ceremonies were held on October 26, at the Capitol Education Center in honor of **Judge Louisa Abbot**, Superior Court of the Eastern Judicial Circuit, and **Judge Bridgette Campbell**, State Court of Cobb County, Division II. Judge Abbot fills the seat vacated by Judge Charles B. Mikell who was recently appointed to the Court of Appeals.

\* In ceremonies on August 30, Governor Barnes administered the oath of office to **Judge Kevin A. Wangerin**, Superior Court of the Towaliga Circuit and **Judge W. Alan Jordan**, State Court of Cherokee County.

\* On August 31, **Judge Jerry W. Baxter** was sworn-in as a Superior Court judge in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; and on September 7, **Judge Penny Brown Reynolds** was sworn-in to replace Judge Baxter on the State Court of Fulton County.

\* **Juanita P. Stedman** has been appointed to the Cobb County Juvenile Court by Chief Judge Robert E. Flournoy, Jr, of the Cobb County Superior Court. Judge Stedman fills the vacancy created when Judge Adele Grubbs was elected to the Cobb Superior Court in July.

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# Indigent Defense Symposium Seeks Answers

**O**n November 9th, Georgia's first-ever symposium on indigent defense convened in Atlanta to look at the challenges facing the state in providing quality legal representation for all indigent defendants.

## How Georgia Compares

The symposium, sponsored by the State Bar and the law schools of Emory, Georgia State, Mercer, and University of Georgia, grew out of concerns about deficiencies in the current system. A study of states with a joint county/state funding scheme similar to Georgia revealed that, in spite of having the third largest population and the highest felony to misdemeanor case ratio, Georgia spent the least amount in state dollars and ranked fifth in per case spending.

Recent legislation has exacerbated the problem, as Representative Jim Martin pointed out, by increasing caseloads and requiring mandatory sentencing, while at the same time not appropriating sufficient funds to handle indigent defense adequately.

## Examining the System

The symposium consisted of four panel sessions and individual speakers. The panelists were judges, public defenders, district attorneys, legislators, law enforcement officers, and others. The sessions revealed severe problems in the sys-

tem: where defendants meet their attorneys for the first time on the day of arraignment, attorneys offering a rigorous defense were not reappointed, and cases where important factors such as mental incompetence were completely overlooked.

Three systems are currently in use for indigent defendants.

Appointment of attorneys by the judge is the oldest and most common method throughout the state. Some counties contract out their

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defense work, where attorneys or firms bid to handle all the indigent cases for a set fee. Other counties, generally the more populous ones, have a public defender's office to handle representation of indigents.

Panelists cited inadequate funding as the most serious problem. The poor compensation for representing indigent defendants, sometimes as little as \$50 per case, leaves attorneys few options other than a quick plea bargain. Even with a public defender's office, low salaries mean that many young attorneys just out of law school with large loans to repay cannot afford to be public defenders.

Many expressed concern over the structure of indigent defense.

Appointed counsel often means an attorney unaware of the many advances and changes in criminal law. Use of contract attorneys was seen by some as an inherent conflict of interest, since attorneys can make a profit only by cutting down the quality of defense.

## Solutions

Ms. Terry Everett, a public defender from Houston County, noted that her county has had success with contracting out juvenile cases under strict guidelines. Cases are given to experienced attorneys who know the workings of juvenile law. Some participants expressed further concern about possible conflicts of interest, when judges appoint attorneys for indigent defense and also monitor their expenses, while the prosecution remains independent.

Generally panelists were optimistic that the indigent defense system could see real improvement. Both Chief Justice Robert Benham and Governor Roy Barnes have expressed support for the symposium. Chief Justice Benham has named an Indigent Defense commission, composed of 24 members (see page 10), to study problems and develop a strategic plan for the future. Mr. Charles Morgan, BellSouth Executive Vice President and General Counsel, will serve as chairman of the commission. ♪

# National Association for Court Managers Meeting a Successful Showcase of Court Technology

*Symposium Highlights Citizen Concerns and Technology for the 21st Century*

Atlanta was host to the Fifteenth Annual Conference and Third National Symposium on Court Management of the National Association for Court Managers held August 13-18, 2000. Over 100 Georgia judges, court administrators, and clerks attended conference activities and programs at the Hyatt Regency.

## ***Meeting the Justice Needs of a Multi-Cultural Society***

The Symposium entitled, *Meeting the Justice Needs of a Multi-Cultural Society in the 21st Century*, is held only once every ten years. Chief Justice Robert Benham and former State Representative Julian Bond opened the conference with a theme of motivation and leadership. The plenary sessions had five major themes: Public Expectations; The Role of the Courts in the 21st Century; Accountability for Performance; Technology; and Court Managers: Survivors or Agents of Change. These sessions raised interesting questions for court managers. For example, recent public opinion surveys confirm public trust in the court's role of protection of individual rights, but the courts remain challenged by citizen con-

cerns regarding the cost, speed and fairness of court proceedings.

## ***Knowledge Fair***

Seventy exhibitors presented an array of technology possibilities such as courtroom trial presentation systems, video conferencing, e-filing, web-based case management, collection programs, facilities planning, Internet-based education programs such as traffic schools and digital transcripts. The Knowledge Fair provided an opportunity to talk to individuals with new programs in their courts such as the Mobile Self-Help Center in Ventura, California, the Court Hearing Reminder Project in Washington and updates from the New Jersey Commission on Racial and Ethnic Bias. The Georgia Council of Superior Court Clerks presented their Electronic Manual in the Knowledge Fair.

## ***Local Contributors***

Juanita Hicks, Superior Court Clerk of Fulton County, and Skip Chesshire, Superior Court Administrator, Cobb County, were local coordinators for the Conference. Thanks to the efforts of Molly Perry and Marla Moore, many attendees enjoyed dinner and dancing in the Egyptian Ballroom of the historic Fox Theatre. ♪

## **New Superior Court Judges Take Office in January, 2001**

### ***Appalachian Circuit***

Judge Roger Bradley

### ***Brunswick Circuit***

Judge Stephen Scarlett

### ***Cobb Circuit***

Judge Adele Grubbs

### ***Dublin Circuit***

Judge Stan Smith

### ***Middle Circuit***

Judge Kathy Palmer

### ***Ogeechee Circuit***

Judge Gates Peed

### ***Pataula Circuit***

Judge Ronnie Joe Lane

### ***Southwestern Circuit***

Judge John V. Harper

### ***Stone Mountain Circuit***

Judge Cynthia Jeanne Becker

### ***Tifton Circuit***

Judge J. Harvey Davis

# Family Violence Agency Holds Annual Convention

## Over 350 Attend Statewide Conference

The Georgia Commission on Family Violence sponsored its seventh annual statewide conference on September 21 & 22, 2000 in Macon. This year's theme, ***Building Bridges, Overcoming Obstacles***, focused on the hurdles that battered women and children face when escaping an abusive relationship and the ways that the community can respond appropriately. Almost four hundred participants represented interests from shelters, law enforcement, judges, victim witness programs, Pardons and Parole, the Department of Family & Children Services, batterers programs, and more.

This year's keynote speaker was Ms. Barbara Hart, Legal Director of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Ms. Hart is also an Associate Director of the Battered Women's Law Project, legal consultant to the National Resource Center on Domestic

Violence, and author of numerous works on domestic violence. Her address focused on legal issues for battered women including public policy making, crafting coordinated community intervention systems, critique and development of violence against women legislation, establishing court procedures and program standards for batterer treatment services, and designing training curricula for effective intervention against domestic violence.

Attendees participated in work-



shop sessions on violence against women with disabilities, law enforcement and prosecutorial responses to family violence, strate-

gies for obtaining public housing, older victims of abuse, battering in same-sex relationships, faith-based responses to violence, and much more.

Lt. Governor Mark Taylor was on hand to join in commemorating the work of the Georgia Commission



Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor was recognized for his work on Domestic Violence issues.

on Gender Bias at Thursday's luncheon. The Georgia Commission on Family Violence was established based on a recommendation of the Gender Bias Report in 1992. Ms. Vicky Kimbrell, Georgia Legal Services, received the Second Annual Gender Justice Award. Also at the luncheon was Macon Mayor Jack Ellis who signed a proclamation with the Macon Task Force declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Macon. Chief Justice Robert Benham and Representative Nikki Randall spoke at the luncheon, as well.

On Friday participants had the opportunity to view *Hitting Home*, by ARCH Productions, a nationally recognized youth performance depicting the devastating effects of violence on our youth and society. The cast, which consisted of children and teens, portrayed characters in a series of vignettes involved with guns, rape, gang activity, drugs, and murder. ♣



Mayor Jack Ellis (third from right) proclaimed October Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Macon. He is pictured with members of the Macon Task Force on Domestic Violence and the Lt. Governor.

# 2000-2001 Georgia Courts Directory Corrections

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## **SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES**

### Cobb Circuit

Judge Ken Nix  
30 Waddell Street  
Marietta, GA 30090-9642  
770-528-1888/F 528-8106

Judge Robert Flournoy, III  
678-581-5400

### Conasauga Circuit

Judge William T. Boyett  
FAX 706-275-7567

### Middle Circuit

Judge Walter C. McMillan  
FAX 478-552-8807

### Northeastern Circuit

Judge Kathleen Gosselin  
PO Box 1778  
Gainesville, GA 30503

## **SENIOR JUDGES**

Judge William R. Killian, Sr.  
912-267-5605

Judge Paul W. Painter  
1276 Callan Drive  
Rossville, GA 30741

## **STATE COURT JUDGES**

### Cobb County

Judge Bridgette J. Campbell  
Division II  
12 East Park Square, Suite 4D  
Marietta, GA 30090  
770-423-6800/F 423-6804

### Fulton County

Judge Brenda H. Cole  
brenda.cole@cjisful.net

Judge Penny Brown Reynolds  
404-730-4430

### Washington County

Add: Judge Alan Thrower  
221 South Wilkinson Street  
PO Box 1141  
Milledgeville, GA 31061-1141  
478-452-5442/F 451-5257

## **JUVENILE COURT JUDGES**

### Athens-Clarke County & Oconee Counties

Add: Judge Susanne Burton  
PO Box 166  
Lexington, GA 30648-0166  
706-743-8910/F 743-3130

### Bartow County

Judge Velma Tilley  
135 W. Cherokee Ave., Suite 333

### Burke County

Assoc. Judge Preston B. Lewis, Jr.

### Cobb County

Judge Juanita P. Stedman  
1738 County Services Parkway  
Marietta, GA 30008  
770-528-2225/F 528-2232

### Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens Counties

Judge William L. Reilly  
706-632-2225

### Forsyth County

Delete Jeffrey S. Bagley

Add: Judge J. Russell Jackson  
112 W. Maple Street, Suite 5  
Cumming, GA 30040  
770-781-3099/F 781-3089

### Fulton County

Assoc. Judge Sharon N. Hill  
FAX 404-335-2739

### Treutlen County

Judge Pro Tem. Thomas C. Bobbitt, III  
PO Box 1676  
Dublin, GA 30140-1676

## **PROBATE COURT JUDGES**

### Clayton County

Judge Eugene E. Lawson  
Address will not change.

### Jones County

Judge J. Mike Greene

### Walton County

Judge H. Greg Adams  
770-267-1345

## **MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGES**

### Charlton County

Judge Reginald F. Todd  
912-496-2617

### Cobb County

Judge Hugh Robinson  
30 Waddell Street  
Marietta, GA 30090-9656  
770-528-8900/F 528-8947

### Fulton County

Judge Ted E. Barner  
11955 Stradford Wood  
Roswell, GA 30076-1192  
770-667-2114

Judge Jay Roth  
160 Pryor Street, Suite J225  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
404-730-4118/F 224-0569

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## MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGES (cont.)

### Greene County

Judge Cindy T. Baugh  
Area Code: 706

### Jones County

Judge J. Mike Greene

## MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

### Athens

Delete Judge Susanne Burton

### Bloomington

Delete Judge Emory Bazemore

Add Judge Tom Edenfield

PO Box 10124  
Savannah, GA 31412  
912-234-1568

### Dalton

Judge Jim E. Wilbanks

Judge Pro Tem. Steven Fain

### Reidsville

Judge Curtis V. Cheney  
PO Box 1100  
Reidsville, GA 30453  
912-557-4768/F 557-1885

### Suwanee

Judge Gregory E. Lundy  
770-945-8996/F 945-2792

### Warner Robins

Judge Martin C. Matragrano  
306 Westcliff Center  
Warner Robins, GA 31028  
478-9390-3861

### West Point

Delete:

Judge Pro Tem. John F. Meadors, Sr.

Add: Judge Pro Tem. Kenneth D.  
Rearden

## COURT ADMINISTRATORS

### Clayton County Juvenile Ct.

Keith Parkhouse  
Address will not change.

### Muscogee County Juvenile Ct.

Sharon Tyner

## SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS

### Turner County

Linda House  
912-576-2011

## JUVENILE COURT CLERKS

### Athens-Clarke County

Robin Shearer, Clerk  
Sherri Fowler, Deputy Clerk

### Muscogee County

M. Linda Pierce, Clerk

## COUNCIL OF MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGES (p. 80)

Executive Committee  
District 3  
Judge David Pierce  
89 Cohen Walker Drive  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
478-987-4695/F 987-5249

## MUNICIPAL COURTS TRAINING COUNCIL, (p. 83)

Judge Viviane Haight Ernestes  
Chairperson

Judge Dennis T. Still  
Vice Chairperson

Judge Leroy Burke, III, replaces  
Judge A. Frost Ward as council  
member. ⚡

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## Probation Advisory Council Officers

Ms. Debra Nesbit became the  
staff director for the County and  
Municipal Probation Advisory  
Council on September 1, 2000. Judge  
William F. Todd, Jr., State Court of  
Rockdale County, is now Chair of  
the Advisory Council.

Other Council officers are:

### **Judge H. Greg Adams,**

Probate Court of Walton County;

### **Robert Lavoie,**

Director of Probation Division,  
Georgia Department of Corrections;

### **Judge Dan F. Pierce,**

Magistrate Court of Walton County;

### **Judge A. Frost Ward,**

Municipal Court of Morrow;

### **Judge John Ott,**

Alcovy Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Nesbit can be reached at  
244 Washington Street, SW, Ste. 300,  
Atlanta, GA 30334,  
telephone 404-651-7616 ⚡

# Georgia Council of Court Administrators Fall Conference and Awards

The Georgia Council of Court Administrators held their fall conference and annual business meeting in Savannah in October. Dr. Daniel Straub and Dr. Geoff Gallas, both faculty members with the Institute of Court Management, presented “Leadership for the Court Administrator” and “Purposes of the Courts.” Both of these classes are part of the ten core competency curriculums prepared and approved by the National Center for State Courts.

## Executive Board

The new officers were elected at the business meeting:

President: **Robert E. Bray**,  
Director, Atlanta Traffic Court;

President-Elect: **Cathy McCumber**, District Court Administrator, Fourth Judicial District;

Vice President: **William L. Martin III**, Clerk/Administrator of the Court of Appeals of Georgia;

Secretary: **Sherie M. Welch**, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia;

Treasurer: **Jody Overcash**, District Court Administrator, Seventh Judicial District.

## The Program of the Year Award

The City Court of Atlanta received the Council’s Program of the Year Award for its interactive commercial website.

## Merit and Service Awards were presented to:

John Zoller

Director, Fulton County  
Drug Court;

Molly Perry

Director, Council of  
Superior Court Judges;

Keith Parkhouse

Administrator, Clayton  
County Juvenile Court.

## Special Award:

Skip Chesshire,

Court Administrator, Cobb  
County Superior Court. ♣



**Mattie Thompson accepts the “Program of the Year Award” for the City Court of Atlanta**



**John Zoller accepts a Merit and Service Award.**



**Skip Chesshire accepts an award for his work on the NACM Symposium held in August.**

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**For Information on the  
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City Court of Atlanta  
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Atlanta, GA 30335  
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# Juvenile Court Judgeships Funded by HB 182

Georgia's juvenile court system received a boon when HB 182 passed during the 2000 legislative session. The measure allows for state funding of juvenile court judgeships and provides that the superior court judges of a circuit appoint circuit-wide juvenile court judges in order to receive state funds.

Already, 39 of 48 judicial circuits have requested state funds for salaries of juvenile court judges. The AOC Fiscal Office is handling payout of state funds to counties or circuits. Current monthly disbursements total approximately \$332,000.

In four circuits, new full-time juvenile court judges are now serving:

**Ocmulgee Circuit:**

Judge Phillip Spivey

**Middle Circuit:**

Judge Tom Rawlings

**Dublin Circuit:**

Judge William Tribble

**Tifton Circuit**

Judge Holli Martin

In five circuits part-time judges became full-time juvenile court judges:

**Appalachian Circuit:**

Judge William Reilly

**Augusta Circuit:**

Judge Herbert Kernaghan

**Cordele Circuit:**

Judge Terry Hughes

**Rockdale Circuit:**

Judge William Schneider

**Towaliga Circuit:**

Judge Sharon Whitwell ⚖️

Five circuits now have part-time juvenile court judges:

**Atlantic Circuit:**

Judge Benjamin Brinson  
 Judge Luz Cloy  
 Judge Linnie Darden

**Northern Circuit:**

Judge Susanne Burton  
 Judge Margaret Dyal

**Oconee Circuit:**

Judge Sarah Wall  
 Judge Dennis Mullis

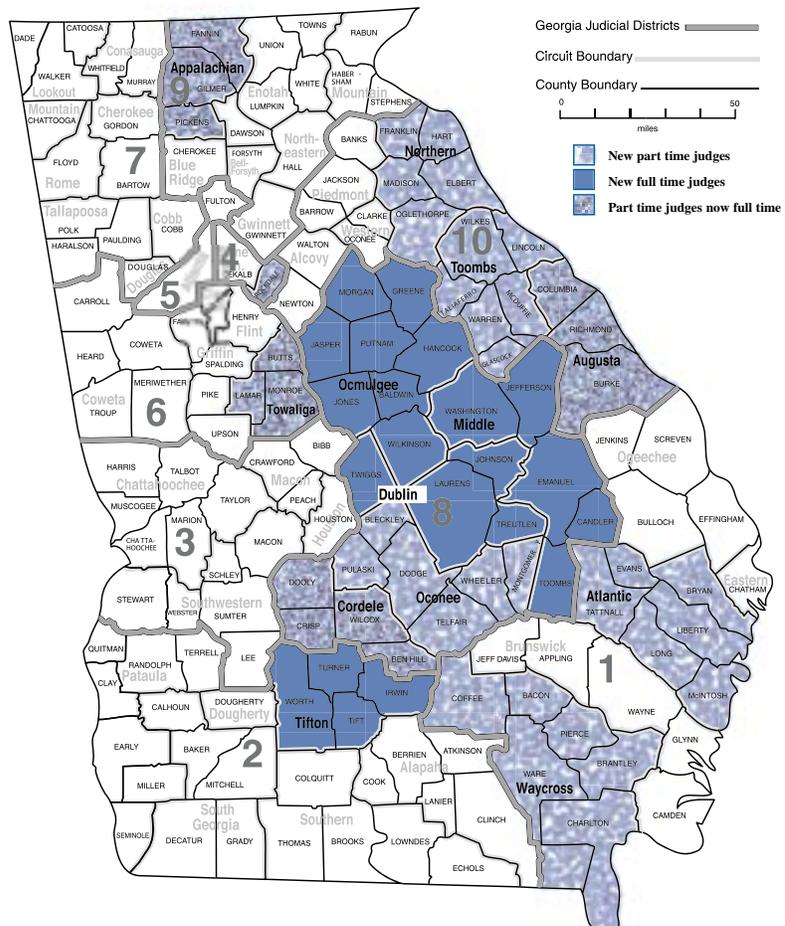
**Toombs Circuit:**

Judge Harold Hinesley

**Waycross Circuit:**

Judge Dwayne Gillis

## Juvenile Court Judges Now Preside in Most Counties



## People, Places and Events (continued)

### RETIREMENTS

\* **Judge A. Blenn Taylor, Jr.**, Chief Judge Superior Court of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit, will be retiring January 1, 2001. Future correspondence should be addressed to:

Judge A. Blenn Taylor, Jr.  
Senior Judge, State of Georgia  
4311 8th Street, East Beach  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522  
912-638-7329/F 638-9429

\* **Imanell Gable**, Superior Court Clerk of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, has announced her retire-



ment. Mrs. Gable began her service with the clerk's office after graduating from Albany High School in 1948. Under Clerk J.W.

Bush, she began her job as a clerk typist, earning \$110/month. "As my retirement draws near," said Mrs. Gable, "it is hard to imagine that I am leaving behind 52 years worth of memories and friends.... I will have to say that the best part is the many, many friends that I have made."

### Office of Dispute Resolution Moves, Has New Director

\* The Office of Dispute Resolution has welcomed **Ms. Leila Taaffe** as its new director and has moved its offices to 244 Washington Street, Atlanta, GA 30334.

### New Commission on Indigent Defense Chosen

\* Chief Justice Robert Benham has appointed the Chief Justice's Commission on Indigent Defense. The 24-member commission will study the status of indigent defense in the State of Georgia, develop a strategic plan for the future, and provide a timetable and method of implementation of the plan.

Contact the Office of Commissions and Program for more information on the commission and a complete list of its members at 404-463-6782.

#### Chair:

**Charles Morgan**, Bell South Corporation, Executive Vice President and General Counsel - Atlanta;

#### Reporter:

**Paul Kurtz**, University of Georgia School of Law - Athens;

#### Judicial Members:

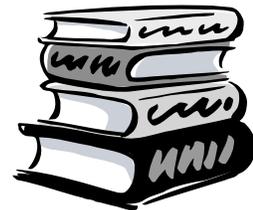
**Judge Ed Carnes**, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals - Alabama;

**Judge Lawton Stephens**, Superior Court - Athens;

**Judge Blenn Taylor**, Superior Court - Brunswick;

**Judge Andy Fuller**, Superior Court - Gainesville;

**Judge Harris Adams**, State Court - Marietta. ⚖



## Judicial Council Seeks Applicants for Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts

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# From the Board of Court Reporting ... Emergency Judicial Permits

**A**t its June meeting, the Judicial Council of Georgia approved a change to the Rules of the Board of Court Reporting's Emergency Judicial Permit.

The new permit for temporary official court reporters is valid in the court of the issuing judge for a period of one year. The Emergency Judicial Permit is nonrenewable. In addition, an individual may obtain only one emergency permit.

Each court reporter holding a current Temporary Judicial Permit will be allowed to complete their present terms which expire on April 1, 2001. Prior to expiration, each reporter will have the opportunity to apply for an Emergency Judicial Permit under the new rule.

The new rule, to be implemented on July 1, 2000, for new applicants reads as follows:

## ARTICLE 7. Emergency Permits A. Emergency Judicial Permits

Any Judge of a court of record shall have the authority to issue an emergency judicial permit allowing a person who has not previously been granted a judicial permit to act as a temporary official court reporter in said judge's court for a period not to exceed one year in accordance with OCGA § 15-14-34. Upon receipt of a written request from the issuing judge, and an Application for Emergency Judicial Permit, the

Board will assign a temporary number and issue an identification card. There is a \$25.00 fee for the issuance of the Emergency Judicial Permit. This judicial permit shall apply only to the court of the issuing judge, shall not be renewable, and will not allow freelance

reporting by the judicial permit holder. No person shall be granted more than one Emergency Judicial Permit. The application fee of a judicial permit holder shall be applied toward the cost of certification if the reporter passes the certification exam. ⚖



## New Address for Many Clayton County Judges

**A**s of November 1, 2000, you will find the following Clayton County court offices at their new address: **9151 Tara Boulevard, Jonesboro, Georgia 30238**. Phone numbers and fax numbers for these personnel do not change. Clayton County Probate Court and Juvenile Court remain at the 121 S. McDonough Street location.

**Superior Court:** Chief Judge William H. Ison, Judge Matthew O. Simmons, Judge Deborah H. Benefield, Judge Albert Collier;

**District Attorney:** Robert E. Keller;

**Superior Court Clerk:** Linda T. Miller;

**State Court:** Chief Judge Harold G. Benefield, Judge Morris Braswell, Judge John C. Carbo, III, Judge Linda S. Cowen;

**Solicitor:** Keith C. Martin;

**Magistrate Court:** Judge Michael P. Baird, Judge Barbara Briley, Judge Clara E. Bucci, Judge John Campbell, Judge Robert F. Dolph, Sr., Judge Audrey B. Johnson, Judge Avery T. Salter, Jr., Judge D. Keith Scott, Jr., Judge H.B. Watts;

**Official Court Reporters:** Lisa Bull Anderson, Janice S. Baker, Jerri L. Brooks, Rebecca E. Gosdin, Janice P. Lowe, Richard M. Miller, Jr., Sharon M. Moore, Kim H. Raines.

**Court Administrator:** Ralph L. Lurker - Superior and State Courts. ⚖

# Council of Court Administrators Seeks "Program of the Year" Nominations for 2000

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Nomination letters should include name, address, and tele-

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**Application deadline is April 6, 2001.** ⚖️



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## Watch for the 2001 Legislative Log

The General Assembly's 2001 Session begins January 8, 2001. Each session, the Administrative Office of the Courts publishes the Legislative Log which highlights bills and resolutions that concern Georgia's judicial system. If you haven't received the Legislative Log in the past, call 404-656-5171 to have your name added to our list!



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