



THE Gavel

Probate News

Message from the President

Dear Council Members,

Wow, the summer has flown by! Now, that the kids are back in school, things will (hopefully) settle down! I just wanted to let you know what has been going on with the council and what is coming up this fall.

As you all should know by now, we have a new Executive Director! I would like to welcome Kevin Holder to our Council! Kevin started with us full time on September 1, 2016. If his name sounds familiar, it is because he was helping us while we conducted the search. We had a strong list of applicants for the job and Kevin was the cream of the crop. Kevin is very energetic and detail oriented and I look forward to working with him!

I would like to thank Judge Tammy Brown, Judge Darin McCoy, Judge Rooney Bowen, Judge Sarah Harris and Bob Bray, the Executive Director for the State Court Council. for all their hard work. We had a long, but fun day of

interviews and I appreciate their time and effort.

COAG is coming up November 14 – 17, 2016. I would encourage all of you to attend, if possible. The setting allows for great interaction between us as Probate Judges and with other Constitutional Officers.

Also, New Judges Orientation is fast approaching and the committee is hard at work. If you would like to help with teaching a class, please let me know. We have

Traffic Training for New Judges November 30 – December 2 at the Holiday Inn Athens and Probate Training for New Judges December 11 – 16, 2016.

I know many Districts have met or are meeting soon. Keep it up! District meetings are an opportunity to share information, learn something new and fellowship. Please participate!

Hopefully, we will soon get a break in the heat. Early this morning I think I felt a slight fall hint in the breeze (or

maybe it was just wishful thinking!)
Enjoy this coming fall!

All the best,

Alice W. Padgett

Judge Alice W. Padgett President, CPCJ



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*Excerpts
from
"Drawing
the Old
Man's Will"*

by Col. T. Ross Sharpe

Item Four: "I hereby tie up my property for ninety-nine years and one dark night."

Item Five: 'I hereby give my wife all she wants, the balance to my children; and to heck with my sons-in-law who married my gals for land.'

Item Six: 'I give to my loafer son ____ the land on ____ Creek. It is so poor a cow will starve to death and too sorry to farm, but there is good fishing. When he finds out he cannot sell it, he will be mad as heck, but I ain't no giver of a promised land across the River Jordan.'

Item Seven: 'I don't want no big funeral, just a common one. Be sure I am dead before you plant me. When you write me up in the papers, go slow because my neighbors know all about me.'

Excerpts from "Drawing a Will" as related in Colonel T. Ross Sharpe's collected Tales of the Altamaha. Compiled and edited by Roger G. Branch and Fred W. Brogdon, Altamaha Heritage Press 2009.

Message from the Editor

Dear Fellow Judges,

I look forward to seeing many of you at COAG this year. It is time once again for a new Directory and you will have an opportunity for a new photo to be taken in Savannah. So, bring your smiles!

We will also have a chance to meet our Director Kevin Holder, many of us for the first time. So, bring your happy department and make him feel welcome! We are so fortunate to have a person in this position who can lend their talents to help us.

We are also fortunate to have judges who make contributions to this newsletter with articles, photos and district reports. Please continue to enlighten us and share your thoughts.



With great respect for all of you;
I remain your humble servant

Tony Thompson
Candler County Probate Court
The Gavel Editor

Welcome Kevin Holder as new Executive Director of the Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia

Kevin Holder has been chosen to serve as the new executive director for our Council. Kevin was previously with the JC/AOC's Governmental and Trial Court Liaison Division, serving as the Trial Court Liaison for the Magistrate Courts Training Council and the Council of Magistrate Court Clerks. Before joining the AOC, Kevin was the Central Records Assistant Manager for the DeKalb County Police Department. Kevin has also worked for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council,

Clayton County District Attorney's Office and the Georgia General Assembly.

During his stint with the Georgia General Assembly, Kevin was featured in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Kevin is a proud graduate of Georgia State University. He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and his master's degree in Public Administration. Kevin is known to be a voracious reader, as he reads one book per week and loves to volunteer in his community.



Profile

Dade County Probate Court Judge Kerri B. Carter

The Gavel asked Judge Carter to answer a few personal questions and she graciously agreed to play along. Despite her modesty she shared some insights into her life.

Favorite Movie(s) you've seen more than once. I don't have a favorite movie but I love action and comedy movies best.

What's your favorite quote? "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." Maya Angelou

When and where were you born? I was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on November 18, 1973.

Tell us about your education. I have a bachelor of science degree from Jacksonville State University in Alabama.

What did you study? Anything notable about your college days? My college major was criminal justice and my minor was sociology. There are many "notable" things about my college days but I will not share any of them. :)

What was your first job? I worked the concession at the roller skating rink in town when I was 12.



Have you ever held another career post? Or pursued a previous career before Probate? After college, I worked as a claims analyst for a large disability insurance company in Chattanooga. I left that job and came to work as a clerk in the Probate Office.

What did you want to be growing up? I always thought I wanted to be a nurse, teacher, or an attorney.

Do you have children? If so, how many and what age and gender are they? Do they have any special hobbies or interests? I have three boys. Jackson is 18 and just joined the Air Force. He will leave for basic training in a couple of months. Brody is 8 years old and plays football, basketball and

baseball. My baby, Ty is 6 years old and in the first grade. The little boys love to hunt and all three love to fish with their dad.

Can you tell us about your family? I am married to Eric. We have been married for 15 years. We married 2 months after we met.

How did you meet your husband? My husband was friends with my cousin who introduced us.

What about your children? Anything unusual you wish to share? My first and second children are 10 years apart!

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to spend time with my family. We love to camp, hike, swim, kayak, and fish.

Any close brushes with celebrities? My 4th grade teacher was a country music singer (one of the Forester Sisters). She went on tour the year after I was in her class. Her husband and guitarist is our current Magistrate Judge. I can sometimes hear great live bluegrass music through the walls between our offices.

Did You Know?

Since its inception in 1974, three Georgia Probate Court Judges have been chosen to serve as president of the National College of Probate Judges. They are Hon. Floyd E. Propst of Fulton County (1983-1985), Hon. William Marion Guess of DeKalb County (1995-1996), and Hon. William "Bill" J. Self II of Bibb County (2011-2012). The NCPJ is dedicated to improving probate law and probate courts nationally. Their website is <http://ncpj.org/>.

Stress and Burnout Prevention for Probate Judges

Dr. Isaiah M. Zimmerman, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist who has written extensively on the role of stress within the judiciary, particularly how it impacts the life of judges. In a presentation before the Conference of Chief Judges in Anchorage Alaska in 1980 he relates the factors that increase stress and offers a plan to prevent burnout. The following is a summary of some points from that presentation and from an article he wrote on the topic. (Zimmerman, "Stress - what it does to judges and how it can be lessened" 20 Judges J 4(8) (1981).)

Stress is Inherent in the Judicial Career.

- a. Being a judge can be a lonely transition, especially as one "learns the ropes" while trying not to appear overwhelmed and keeping a low profile.
- b. Being a judge can result in social isolation. Social deprivation can result from emotional adaptation to a new career and constraints in following the Code of Judicial Conduct.
- c. Judges can be under financial pressure and precluded from seeking outside income even as social status presumes financial well-being.
- d. Judges may not get objective feedback or constructive criticism of their work. Peer review may be lacking.
- e. Information overload may be the norm.
- f. Some judges may be dealing with Midlife Passage Stress at the same time as they are learning a new career.
- g. Little control over caseload and clientele. Like an ER doctor, policeman or nurse, judges have little control over who walks in the door.
- h. Stress is inherent in the Judicial System, despite a public misperception that judges have a leisurely schedule. Judges often feel overburdened while the public (and even other government officials) see judges as underutilized.
- i. Coping with stress and having an active stress prevention plan is essential.

Zimmerman suggests doing some of the following: Choose one action from one of four "tracks" then undertake those actions together over a two week period.

1. Professional Track
 - a. Discuss your thoughts and feelings about your work with your closest friend or spouse.
 - b. Resign from one committee or board.
 - c. Read one book in a totally unfamiliar field or topic.
 - d. Ask a respected law professor or colleague to critique a sampling of your recent writing.
 - e. Tell several close colleagues that you are going through a period of important personal reassessment. Do not be apologetic, defensive or humorous about it.
2. Personal Track
 - a. Meditate, pray or simply relax with eyes shut for a brief period each day.
 - b. At home, finish one house repair or gardening project.
 - c. By telephone, "visit" and chat with three friends you have not seen for a long time.
 - d. Go through your family photo albums. Think about the course of your life and discuss it with your family.
3. Physical Track
 - a. Do an alternating tensing and relaxing exercise for three minutes, twice each day.
 - b. After doctor approval, start light jogging, rapid walking or swimming daily.
 - c. Arrange not to be disturbed and take a short nap daily in the office or as soon as you come home.
 - d. Cut out all sugar and salt in your diet, limit coffee, tea and liquor to one drink a day.
4. Administrative Track
 - a. Exchange your briefcase for a larger in-basket and take no work home.
 - b. At the end of each day, take 15 minutes to talk the day over with your whole staff and go over plans for the next day.
 - c. Find funds and time for a course or workshop not directly related to your work: "a mini-sabbatical."
 - d. Invite your staff to two "brainstorming sessions" (one week apart) where no ideas will be criticized during the session.
 - e. Take some time each week to visit around your courthouse and get acquainted with the people who work there. Show an active interest in their jobs and problems.

Two Probate Judges Selected to serve on Georgia Election Officials Association

The CPCJ would like to congratulate two Probate Judges who are serving on the Georgia Election Officials Association (GEOA) Executive Committee.

Judge Beverly Nation, top right, of Oglethorpe County is the current President, and Judge T. J. Hudson, bottom right, of Treutlen County is the current Secretary/Treasurer of the GEOA.

Judge Nation took office as Oglethorpe County Probate Judge and Election Superintendent in 1985, and will retire at the end of this year. Oglethorpe County created an election board to begin in 2017 and Judge Nation has been appointed as chairman of that board, which will allow her to continue to serve as President of the GEOA through the current term, through 2017.

Judge Hudson has served as the Treutlen County Probate Judge, Magistrate Judge and Election Superintendent since 2005, and currently serves as Chair of the Training Council for the Council of Probate Judges Committee. Judge Hudson also has the distinction of being the first African-American male elected as Probate Judge for the State of Georgia.



Stress and Burnout Prevention for Probate Judges cont.

Zimmerman suggests the above steps be done once every six months as a form of personal renewal to prevent stress burnout. He argues that “no matter how heavy the work at the court gets; the quality and liveliness of one’s personal life must not yield to the pressures involved.”

Zimmerman offers an updated look at stress in an article titled Helping Judges in Distress. (July 2006). *Judicature* vol 90, no 1. The full article can be found online at http://www.judicialfamilyinstitute.org/pdf/Zimmerman_901JudgesDistress.pdf

A detailed listing of links to articles on this topic can be at <http://www.ncsc.org/Topics/Judicial-Officers/Judicial-Stress/Resource-Guide.aspx>

July Runoff Results

Banks - Helen Hewell
 Brantley - Karen Batten
 Bulloch - Lorna DeLoach
 Crisp - Amber Holloway
 Gilmer - Scott Chastain
 Lee - Melanie Gahring
 Long - B. H. Smith
 Lowndes - Detria Carter Powell
 Macon - Tommy Martin
 McIntosh - Harold A. Webster III
 Newton - Melanie Bell
 Oglethorpe - Kayla Harris
 Peach - Kim Wilson
 Randolph - T. C. Thompson
 Rockdale - C. Cuthbert, Jr.
 Seminole - Michael Rogerson
 Sumter - Stephanie Bennett

In Our Thoughts

Judge Gloria Dubberly of Tattnall County Probate Court lost her son Justin Keith McCloud as a result of a motorcycle accident on Saturday, September 3, 2016. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Justin, 28, was the pride of Glennville, GA, as he had lived there his whole life. In 2011, he graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was employed with The Southern Company at Plant Hatch as the youngest Senior Reactor Operator. He was a member of Glennville First Baptist Church. He is survived by his parents, Gloria and Danny Dubberly; siblings, Chase McCloud, Bruce Dubberly and Casey Gidden; step-mother, Terri McCloud; paternal grandparents, Vernon and Nancy McCloud; maternal grandparents, Mary and Leroy Purcell; paternal step-grandparents, Betty and Dan Dubberly; nieces and nephews, Ava, Quinn and Grant Giddens; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Judge Brenda McNease of Miller County Probate Court lost her mother Juanita Gray on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 11, 2016

Judge Beth Mosley of Effingham County Probate Court lost her husband in a car accident. Danny H. Mosley, 65, died April 27, 2016 at Memorial Health. The Savannah native had retired at 49 from Bell South. He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church, the Red Angus Cattlemen's Association and was a licensed Realtor. Survivors include his wife, Judge Beth Rahn Mosley; daughter, Valarie Mosley; father, Harold "Buddy" Mosley; brother, Keith Mosley; nephews, Brooks Mosley (Jessica) and Dillon Mosley; great niece, Brooklynn Mosley; and great nephew, Eli Mosley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Bethel Lutheran Church.

Anna Boling of the Carl Vinson Institute died Friday, June 10, 2016. She graduated from Nathanael Greene Academy and went on to attend Emory University. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia. Most recently she was a faculty member at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia where she helped facilitate training with the Georgia Council of Probate Court Judges. She is survived by her husband Larry Boling and children, Nell Lawson Boling of Athens and Reuben Mercer Boling of Bogart.

Former Judge JoAnn K. Collins of Brooks County Probate Court died May 30, 2016. Funeral services were conducted June 9 in Quitman Georgia. Judge Collins took office in January of 1998. She retired in 2011. Survivors include her husband, Bobby Collins of Quitman; one son, Jeffrey Collins of Atlanta; sisters-in-law, Jane Collins Edmondson of Quitman, and Joan Collins Folsom of Tallahassee.

Probate Court Information System (PCIS) Updated

The Judicial Council/Administrative Office of Courts (JC/AOC) has updated the Probate Court Information System to a new web based version. Several Probate courts have converted from the Access-based PCIS to the new web based version. Some Probate Courts have converted from the SUSTAIN system to the web based PCIS system as well.

The new PCIS version has the ability to convert data, and the software includes a PASP interface, GAVERS export interface and document scanning capabilities. A second updated

Version of the web based PCIS was developed shortly after the first release using feedback from the pilot counties who participated in the launch of the original format.

The web based PCIS is a case management system that allows probate court users to login and manage their case records. It currently handles five case types including Marriage License, Firearm Permits, Birth Certificate, Death Certificate and various Probate cases. Major functions include: Case tracking and processing, Receipting,

Scanning and Uploading of case documents, Reporting and data extraction, Event Alarms. Traffic citations are formatted and sent electronically to the Department of Driver Services. More information may be found at: <http://www.georgiacourts.gov/content/probate-court-information-system-pcis>

The JC/AOC contact is Kriste Pope, Information Systems Analyst (404-731-1358)

District 1 Holds Quarterly Meeting

District 1 held their quarterly meeting hosted by Probate Judge David Lindsey in Pickens County on August 5th. Judge Richie Parker led a discussion on training then we discussed cases in a round table setting over lunch.



Pictured left to right are: Clerk Shannon Aters (Walker Co.), Probate Judge Christy Anderson (Walker Co.), Probate Judge Jeff Hullender (Catoosa Co.), Clerk Elizabeth Brown (Catoosa Co.), Probate Judge Richie Parker (Gordon Co.), Associate Probate Judge and Magistrate Allen Wigington (Pickens Co.), Probate Judge David Lindsey (Pickens Co.), Probate Judge Jon Payne (Chattooga Co.), Probate Judge Linda H. Smith (Polk Co.), Clerk Kathy Blalock (Polk Co.) and Probate Judge Barry Greene (Bartow).

District 4 Holds Quarterly Meeting

District 4 held their quarterly meeting hosted by Probate Judge Betty Cason in Carroll County on September. Captain Jeff Richards of the Criminal Investigation Division with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office spoke about human trafficking. Lunch was at "Plates" on the square, after which the group went back to Judge Cason's office and discussed issues affected each court.



From left to right you have the new Harris County Judge Thomas W. Lakes, Spalding County Judge Jan Hunt, Lamar County Judge Kathy Martin, Carroll County Judge Betty Cason, Butts County Judge Betsy Biles, Meriwether County Judge John Rasmick, and Upson County Judge Danielle McRae.

Districts 9,10, 11 and 14 hold Joint Meeting

A joint district meeting with districts 9, 10, 11 and 14 was held on August 30, 2016 at Sybil's Restaurant in Jesup. Judge Tammy Thornton of Wayne County made the arrangements. The meeting was opened by Judge Beth Mosley of Effingham County who gave the devotion and said a prayer. We then enjoyed a very good meal before a discussion and information session on GAVERS and Vital Records led by Judge Darin McCoy. Judge McCoy serves as the Probate Judges Council liaison to the Dept. of Vital Records and is one of a few pilot county judges using the new fee and issuance module with GAVERS.

Those in attendance where: Judge Tony Thompson (Candler), Judge Larry Threlkeld (Toombs), Judge Don Wilkes (Effingham), Judge-elect Bobby Smith (Long), Judge Marie Middleton (Long), Judge Debbie Howes Duncan (Glynn), Judge Tammy Thornton (Wayne County), Judge Beth Mosley (Effingham), Chief Clerk Susan Dobson (Effingham), Judge Moye Howard (Pierce), Judge Paul McNeal (Jeff Davis), Chief Clerk Gretchen Johnson (Appling), Judge T. J. Hudson (Treutlen), Judge Nancy Aspinwall (Liberty), Judge Rubie Nell Sanders (Montgomery), Judge Al McCranie (Dodge), Judge Jeff Jones (Pulaski), Judge Calvin Bennett (Ware), Judge Cheryl McMillan (Charlton),

Judge-elect Karen E. Batten (Brantley), Judge Darin McCoy (Evans), Judge Shawn Rhodes (Wilcox), Clerk Cassie M. Walters (Montgomery), Judge Mary Jo Buxton (Johnson).

Judge Middleton introduced her successor Bobby Smith and the successor in Brantley County Karen Batten. Judge McCoy talked with us about the new fee and issuance module with the GAVERS system which will probably go into effect in early Spring. He then fielded many questions from judges about implementation and procedures. Submitted by Judge Marie Middleton (Long County), District Secretary-Treasurer



Front row, l to r: Judge Tony Thompson (Candler), Judge Jeff Jones (Pulaski), Clerk Cassie M. Walters (Johnson), Judge Marie Middleton (Long), Judge Beth Mosley (Effingham), Clerk Susan Dotson (Effingham), Judge Larry Threlkeld (Toombs), Judge Rubie Nell Sanders (Montgomery), Judge Nancy Aspinwall (Liberty), Judge Calvin Bennett (Ware).
Back row, l to r: Judge Darin McCoy (Evans), Judge Paul McNeal (Jeff Davis), Al McCranie (Dodge), Judge Moye Howard (Pierce), Judge-Elect Bobby Smith (Long), Judge-Elect Karen E. Batten (Brantley), Judge T. J. Hudson (Treutlen), Judge Debbie Howes Duncan (Glynn), Cheryl McMillan (Charlton), Judge Shawn Rhodes (Wilcox), Judge Mary Jo Buxton (Johnson), Clerk Gretchen Johnson (Appling), Judge Don Wilkes (Emanuel).
Not pictured Judge Tammy Thornton (Wayne).

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Save The Date!

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

General Election
November 8, 2016

Fall COAG
November 14-17, 2016
Savannah Marriott Riverfront

Probates Judges Day at the Capitol
January 25, 2017
Atlanta

Spring Conference
April 17-20, 2017
Macon

Traffic Judges Training
June 1-2, 2017
Lake Lanier

Hugh Thompson to Step Down January 2017

Atlanta, July 19, 2016 – Chief Justice Hugh P. Thompson announced today that he will leave the Supreme Court of Georgia in early January 2017 after the swearing in of a new Chief Justice. That means that Gov. Nathan Deal will have the opportunity to appoint another justice to the state’s highest court.

“Our Court is undergoing significant change,” said Thompson, 73, whose four-year term as Chief Justice ends in August 2017. “We will have two new justices coming on board in January as our



Court grows from seven to nine justices. I believe that selecting my successor so he or she can start at the same time will make for a smoother transition.”

Thompson said he also wants to fulfill a pledge he made to Presiding Justice P. Harris Hines so that Hines will have more time as Chief Justice before his retirement in 2018.

Thompson, who was appointed to the high court in 1994 by Gov. Zell

Miller, said he has been honored to

serve the citizens of Georgia as Chief Justice and leader of their judicial branch.

“It has been the fulfillment of dreams,” said Thompson, who has been a judge for 45 years. “I have loved every minute of it and have been privileged to serve with the most dedicated, committed and talented group of jurists in the nation.”

Results from the Survey for those Judges Who Still Handle Elections in 2016

Submitted by Judge Judy Mullis, Lanier County Probate Court

Listed in Alphabetical order:

Baldwin
 Bleckley
 Calhoun
 Camden
 Chattahoochee
 Chattooga
 Clay
 Colquitt
 Dodge
 Echols
 Elbert
 Evans
 Gilmer
 Glascock

Grady
 Heard
 Jasper
 Jenkins
 Lanier
 Laurens
 Miller
 Monroe
 Montgomery
 *Oglethorpe
 Pike
 Pulaski
 Quitman
 Schley
 Screven

Seminole
 Taliaferro
 Telfair
 Treutlen
 Warren
 Wayne
 Wheeler
 White
 Wilkes

* Oglethorpe County Commissioners has agreed to introduce legislation to create a Board.

Past Presidents of CPCJ

Judge Don E. Wilkes, Emanuel County (2015-2016)
Judge Chase Daughtrey, Cook County (2014-2015)
Judge Kelley S. Powell, Henry County (2013-2014)
Judge Mary Jo Buxton, Johnson County (2012-2013)
Judge Todd Blackwell, Baldwin County (2011-2012)
Judge Lynwood Jordan, Jr., Forsyth County (2010-2011)
Judge Tammy Brown, Barrow County (2009-2010)
Judge Lillis Brown, Rockdale County (2008-2009)
Judge Walter Clarke, Gwinnett County (2007-2008)
Judge Betty Cason, Carroll County (2006-2007)
Judge Michael Bracewell, Morgan County (2005-2006)
Judge Susan Tate, Athens-Clarke County (2004-2005)
Judge W. Marion Guess, Jr., DeKalb County (2003-2004)
Judge Darin McCoy, Evans County (2002-2003)
Judge Del Buttrill, Henry County (2001-2002)
Judge William J. Self, II, Bibb County (2000-2001)
Judge Helen Harper, Laurens County (1999-2000)
Judge Johnny Parker, Gordon County (1998-1999)
Judge Floyd E. Propst, Fulton County (1997-1998)
Judge La Verne C. Ogletree, Greene County (1995-1997)
Judge John Wheaton, Lee County (1993-1995)
Judge Lee H. DeLoach, Bulloch County (1992-1993)
Judge Eugene E. Lawson, Clayton County (1990-1992)
Judge Nancy K. Aspinwall, Liberty County (1988-1990)
Judge Henry Baker, Newton County (1987-1988)
Judge J. Mike Greene, Jones County (1985-1987)
Judge J. Ben Spear, Jr., Monroe County (1983-1985)
Judge Calvin (Mack) Simpson, Baldwin County (1973-1983)
Judge Alton Tucker, Gwinnett County (1960-1973)
Judge Clayton Hollingsworth, Jr. (1952-1960)