

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

COMPENSATION INCREASE FOR FORSYTH COUNTY JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 25 – 7

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-52, the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit is vested with the authority to set the compensation of juvenile court judges; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly, through the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Act 865), authorized a \$6,000 annual state supplement to be paid to juvenile court judges in addition to county-funded salary amounts, and this supplement has been reaffirmed in subsequent appropriations; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Superior Court judges that the salaries of the Juvenile Court judges of Forsyth County reflect both county obligations and state-authorized supplements, and that continuity of compensation be maintained in the event of future legislative action;


NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to this authority, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Effective with Forsyth County's first full pay period in calendar year 2026, the annual compensation for Presiding Judge Christopher Willis and Judge Heather Dunn shall be set at \$180,954, comprised of a county salary of \$174,954 together with the \$6,000 annual state supplement first authorized by the General Assembly in the Fiscal Year 2023 General Appropriations Act (HB 911, Act 865) and reaffirmed in subsequent budgets.

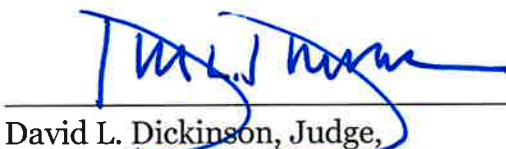
In the event the General Assembly ceases to provide the \$6,000 annual supplement, the Superior Court shall direct Forsyth County to assume responsibility for payment of this amount so that the total compensation of \$180,954 is maintained. This safeguard applies only upon legislative discontinuation of the supplement and is not affected by conditions related to case backlog requirements.

All other expenses associated with the Juvenile Court of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit shall continue to be paid from county funds with the approval of the juvenile court budget of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit by the governing authorities thereof.

SO ORDERED, this 21st day of August, 2025.



Jeffrey S. Bagley, Chief Judge,
Superior Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit



David L. Dickinson, Judge,
Superior Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit



Philip C. Smith, Judge,
Superior Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit