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IN THE STATE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 26 - 11

IN RE: JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENT OF CASES IN STATE COURT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 23, 2026

Administrative Order 22-14 entered on November 3, 2022 is hereby stricken and replaced by this order.

The Clerk of Court shall assign cases to the Judges of the State Court of Forsyth County as follows:

1. **Effective November 23, 2026,** all cases filed on or after November 23, 2026 shall be assigned randomly to each judge of the State Court within each case type for that Case Category (Criminal, Civil and TVB/Traffic) by the Enterprise Justice Case Management System (Odyssey) using weighted distribution parameters that balance the assignments within each case type among each of the judges. The case types for each Odyssey Node will be substantially aligned with the statistical categories established by the Administrative Office of the Courts and as approved by the Chief Judge. Odyssey will also be configured to account for the manual reassignment of cases so that the overall distribution of cases remains substantially balanced with respect to each case type and each judge. From time to time and after consultation with the other judges, the Chief Judge will notify the Clerk of any changes to these parameters that are necessary to correct an imbalance in the assignment of cases to the judges.

   All cases assigned to Judge Dunn shall be designated to Division A, all cases assigned to Chief Judge McClelland shall be designated to Division B, and all cases assigned to Judge Fowler shall be designated to Division C.

2. **Effective November 23, 2026,** all civil cases filed on or after November 23, 2026, shall be randomly assigned when the case is created to each judge of the State Court as provided in Paragraph 1 above. The initial random assignment shall be made by Odyssey when the Clerk creates or files a civil case in the State Court Node.

3. **Effective November 23, 2026,** pursuant to Administrative Order 18-4 and any subsequently entered administrative order governing the operation of the Traffic Violations Bureau (TVB), all cases filed on or after November 23, 2026, in the Traffic Violations Bureau ("T" cases) or the Citation Review ("CIT" cases) Node in which a traffic arraignment date is given on the citation or in which an accusation is filed prior to the traffic arraignment date on the citation) shall be randomly assigned to each judge of the State Court as provided in Paragraph 1

above. The initial random assignment shall be made by Odyssey when the Clerk or the Solicitor General creates or files a case at the TVB Node or the Citation Review Node of Odyssey.

4. **Effective November 23, 2026,** all other criminal cases ("M" cases) filed on or November 23, 2026, shall be randomly assigned to each judge of the State Court as provided in Paragraph 1 above. The initial random assignment shall be made by Odyssey when the Clerk or the Solicitor General creates or files a case at the Pending Accusation File ("PAF") Node or the Citation Review Node of Odyssey. Unless otherwise required by this Order, this assignment shall be carried forward when an accusation is "filed down" with the Clerk within Odyssey.

5. If all the judges of the State Court recuse from any case or are otherwise unable to preside over a case, the case shall be designated to Division R, to be presided over by a duly appointed judge under the Uniform Rules of State Court. The case file number shall include the case's assigned division.

6. **Except for cases filed in the Traffic Violations Bureau (TVB Node) and as otherwise superseded by a State Court administrative order or as provided by order of the Court in an individual action,** all actions involving the same parties, or substantially the same subject matter, or substantially the same factual issues, whether pending simultaneously or not, shall be assigned to the same judge. Whenever such action is refiled, or a derivative or companion action is filed or refiled, or a defendant is re-accused on a previous charge, or is accused on a subsequent charge while still under charges or serving a confinement or probated sentence on a previous action, or co-defendants are accused separately, such actions shall be assigned to the judge to whom the original action was or is assigned. Such actions shall be assigned to the judge to whom the action with the lowest action number is assigned. (See Uniform Superior Court Rule 3.2)

7. The Court Administrator is authorized and directed to periodically review the distribution of cases between the judges of the State Court and make reports and recommendations to the judges for revising the weighted distribution of cases.

SO ORDERED, this 20th day of November, 2026.

T. Russell McClelland III, Chief Judge
State Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit