

2026 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #1

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER AMENDING CIVIL CASE ASSIGNMENT STANDING ORDER **REQUIRED BY UNIFORM SUPERIOR COURT RULE 3.1** **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

Based upon the retirement of the Honorable W. Fletcher Sams (“WFS”) and the investiture of the Honorable Matthew M. McCord (“MMM”), the Superior Court of Fayette County, Georgia, hereby amends the Civil Case Assignment Standing Order entered on December 9, 2024. This Order shall apply to all civil actions filed on or after May 21, 2026 and shall immediately be filed and recorded by the Clerk of Court.

All matters currently assigned to Judge Sams (“WFS”) shall be assigned to Judge McCord (“MMM”). It is the intent of this Order that civil cases shall be distributed so that 1/4 of the civil cases are assigned to Judge McCord, 1/4 are assigned to Judge Ballard, 1/4 are assigned to Judge Coker and 1/4 are assigned to Judge Kreuziger. Newly filed contempt and modification cases and other companion or related cases, shall be assigned to the judge who presided over the underlying action where possible.

The Court has previously provided to the Clerk a permutated rotation of judge selection, titled “2025 Civil Case Judge Assignment Rotation” (hereinafter “2025 Civil Rotation”). The Clerk shall use the 2025 Civil Rotation to assign all newly filed civil matters. The Clerk or deputy clerk shall assign each case a sequential case number bearing the assigned judge’s initials in the strict sequence received and in the strict sequence prescribed, in handwriting only, except as specifically otherwise stated herein. Where the 2025 Civil Rotation indicates a case will be assigned to “WFS,” the Clerk shall, instead, assign the matter to “MMM.”

When any civil motion is filed without contemporaneous filing of a notice of hearing or order for hearing, and without contemporaneous submission of a consent order resolving the

motion, the Clerk shall notify the judge and his law clerk and judicial assistant of the filing of the motion.

All other provisions of the Civil Case Assignment Standing Order Required by Uniform Superior Court Rule 3.1 Effective January 1, 2025 and filed on December 9, 2024 that are not in contradiction with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

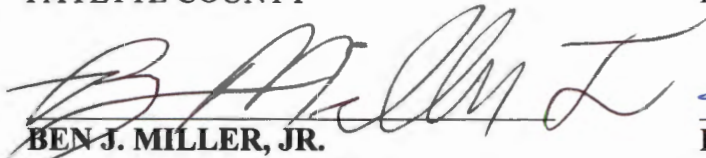
SO ORDERED this 28 day of May, 2026.



SCOTT L. BALLARD
CHIEF JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
FAYETTE COUNTY



for **BENJAMIN D. COKER**
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
FAYETTE COUNTY *w. permission*



BEN J. MILLER, JR.
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
FAYETTE COUNTY



RHONDA B. KREUZIGER
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
FAYETTE COUNTY



MATTHEW M. McCORD
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT
FAYETTE COUNTY

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GA



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That the Honorable Matthew M. McCord is hereby appointed Superior Court Judge of the Griffin Judicial Circuit to succeed the Honorable W. Fletcher Sams, for a term of office ending December 31, 2028.

THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. L.", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR



OATH OF JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF FULTON)

I, *Matthew M. McCord*, a citizen of *Pike County, Georgia*
and being an employee of *The Superior Courts of Georgia* and the
recipient of public funds for services rendered as such employee, do hereby solemnly swear and affirm that
I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia.

I do further swear that I will discharge all the duties lawfully required of me as Judge of the Superior
Court of the Griffin Judicial Circuit, according to the best of my ability and understanding.

I do further swear and affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this
State, or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust
under the government of the United States, nor of either of the several states, nor of any foreign
state; and that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office, according to the Constitution and Laws
of Georgia; and that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and of this State.

I do further swear that I will administer justice without respect to person and do equal rights to the
poor and the rich and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties
incumbent on me as Judge of the Superior Courts of this state, according to the best of my ability
and understanding, and agreeably to the laws of the Constitution of this State and the Constitution
of the United States.

SO HELP ME GOD!

Matthew M. McCord
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Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this)
21ST day of *May*, 20*26*.)
B. P. H.
.....)
GOVERNOR



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STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

I, *Matthew M. McCord*, a citizen of *Pike County, Georgia* and being an employee of *the Superior Courts of Georgia* and the recipient of public funds for services rendered as such employee, do hereby solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia.

SO HELP ME GOD!

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the)

21st day of *May*, 20*26*)

GOVERNOR

Bill

Matthew M. McCord

Signature