The Georgia Court System

MUNICIPAL COURT*

370 courts, 350 judges active.

Jurisdiction (limited):

- Ordinance violations; criminal preliminaries; traffic.
- *A small number of special courts, authorized by the Georgia Constitution, have limited civil or criminal jurisdiction throughout a designated county.

MAGISTRATE COURT

159 courts, 159 chief magistrates; 354 magistrates.

Jurisdiction (limited):

- Search and arrest warrants, felony and misdemeanor preliminaries, county ordinances.
- Civil claims of \$15,000 or less, dispossessories, distress warrants.
 No jury trials.

PROBATE COURT

159 courts, 159 judges.

Iurisdiction (limited):

- Exclusive jurisdiction in probate of wills, administration of estates, appointment of guardians, involuntary hospitalizations, marriage licenses.
- Traffic in some counties.

JUVENILE COURT

159 courts, 120 judges and associate judges.

Jurisdiction (limited):

- Deprived, unruly, delinquent juveniles.
- Juvenile traffic.
 No jury trials

STATE COURT

72 courts, 118 judges.

Jurisdiction (limited)

- Civil law actions except cases within the exclusive jurisdiction of superior court.
- Misdemeanors, traffic, felony preliminaries.

 Jury trials.

