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Superior Court and Clerk's Office Available until 10:00 P.M. on November 3, 2020

Decatur, GA – In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-412, Clerk Debra DeBerry and eFile staff will be available until 10:00 P.M. on election day. Pleadings should be filed at www.efilega.com. Division 1 Judge Courtney L. Johnson will be presiding.

Clerk DeBerry states, "Even in the midst of a pandemic, it is important to ensure a free, fair and secure compliance with election laws."

Please contact Debra DeBerry, Clerk at 404.557.1243 or via email at ddeberry@dekalbcountyga.gov for questions or concerns regarding filing petition challenges.

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About the Clerk's Office

Debra DeBerry has been the Clerk in DeKalb County, Georgia since March 2011. The Clerk of Superior Court is a constitutional office charged by the Georgia Constitution with the care, custody, and control of DeKalb County's records. Additionally, in Georgia, the Clerk of Superior Court is responsible for the Board of Equalization legislated to hear appeals on property values and other exemptions. Judicial and Real Estate documents are filed, docketed, recorded, maintained, and archived in an expeditious manner and always available for public access. The Clerk's Office archives same-day Real Estate recording, 24-hour turnaround for judicial documents, and processes are in place to reduce fraud.

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Superior Court of DeKalb County Election Day Presiding Judge Information for Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Q: Who is the Presiding Judge for the November 3rd election date in DeKalb County, Georgia?

A: Judge Courtney L. Johnson, Division 1 is presiding on election day. All questions or inquiries regarding election matters may be directed to:

Ms. Marcee L. Campbell, Senior Staff Attorney mlcampbell@dekalbcountyga.gov 678.449.2902

If you are unable to reach Ms. Campbell, you may also email:

Ms. Thuy A. Ho at tho@dekalbcountyga.gov. Stormy Johnson at stormydjohnson1@dekalbcountyga.gov.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-412, court staff will be available between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or until all polls are officially closed.

Q: Are there any special filing instructions?

A: All pleadings must be e-filed via Odyssey eFile Georgia at www.efilega.com. In addition to the e-filing process, the Court requests a copy of the pleading be emailed directly to the court staff identified in the section above.

If assistance with the e-filing process is required, you must contact the Clerk of Superior Court. The contact number for assistance or inquiries is 404.557.1243.

Q: How will the Court schedule an emergency hearing?

A: If a hearing is required, the matter shall be scheduled on the Zoom videoconferencing platform. Court staff will email the Zoom link directly to counsel and/or the parties.

In the event an in-person hearing is scheduled, the proceeding will occur in Courtroom 7D of the DeKalb County Courthouse, Judicial Tower, located at 556 N. McDonough Boulevard, Decatur, Georgia 30030. All Covid-19 protocols implemented by the Court shall be enforced.