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## **DEKALB COUNTY**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **USPS Implements New Service Delivery Standards for First Class Mail on October 1, 2021**

**DECATUR, GA** – As of October 1, 2021 the US Postal Service implemented new changes, which will increase the delivery time for about 40% of first-class mail delivery across the country.

Superior and other local courts rely on the US Postal Service to effectuate service, deliver time-sensitive documents, and receive payments for fines and fees. The date a document is mailed or received can also have enormous implications, as many court rules specify those "triggering events" which can start the clock running toward events like show cause orders, default judgments, wage garnishment, notary renewals, or real estate documents.

"Please keep this in mind when mailing to the Court. **Mail early! Utilize on-line electronic processes,**" suggests Clerk DeBerry."

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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, turnaround of judicial documents within minutes, and processes are in place to reduce fraud.