Debra DeBerry Clerk, Superior Court



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## **DEKALB COUNTY**

NEWS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Clerk of Superior Court's Office to Reopen March 13, 2023

Decatur, GA – The Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, located in the DeKalb County Courthouse at 556 North McDonough Street, Ground Floor, **will reopen on Monday**, **March 13, 2023 to the public and employees.** The office was previously closed due to a water pipe bursting and flooding multiple areas in the Judicial Tower.

The Board of Equalization's office remained open during the closure. All hearings for the Board of Equalization will be held as scheduled.

For additional information please refer to the Administrative Order dated March 10, 2023. Thank you for your cooperation.

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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.

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 23AP1124

Starting Monday, March 13, 2023, all Judicial Chambers in the Judicial Tower will reopen, and personnel may return to their offices.

In person court proceedings, including jury trials, will resume on April 3, 2023. Criminal cases with demands for speedy trial will be prioritized.

For planning purposes, especially for those arriving during peak morning hours, Elevator A is designated as the freight elevator and is for the sole use of the construction crews. Elevator A shall not be accessible to anyone not on a construction crew.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of March, 2023.

Tion. LaTisha Déar Jackson Chief and Administrative Judge of the Fourth Judicial Administrative District Superior Const of DeKalb County Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit

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