

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

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING CHIEF JUDGE SELECTION AND DUTIES

The Chief Judge is responsible for overseeing the Court's administration, which includes representing the Court in budget discussions, as well as any other duties assigned by law or agreed to by the Superior Court Judges of the Circuit. The Chief Judge will also be the Circuit's nominee for the position of Administrative Judge for the Fourth Judicial Administrative District, which includes the DeKalb and Rockdale Judicial Circuits.

The Chief Judge will serve for a two-year term and will be selected on a rotating basis according to seniority on the Court. When one Chief Judge's term expires, the most senior Judge who has not previously served as Chief Judge will be the next Chief Judge. If that person chooses not to serve, the next eligible Judge will be the next Chief Judge. The two-year term of the Chief Judge begins on January 1st of odd-numbered years.

If action by the Chief Judge is necessary when the Chief Judge is unavailable, the most immediate past Chief Judge who is available will be the acting Chief Judge. If no past Chief Judge is available, the first Judge next in line to be Chief Judge will be the Acting Chief Judge.

The Division of the Chief Judge shall be assigned 25% fewer cases than each of the other divisions so that he or she may have sufficient time to perform the duties of Chief Judge

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1st day of January, 2026.



Honorable Shondeana C. Morris
Chief and Administrative Judge
DeKalb County Superior Court
DeKalb Judicial Circuit