



# Judicial Council of Georgia

## Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Harold D. Melton  
*Chair*

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*Director*

### Judicial Council Ad Hoc Committee on Improving Community Access to Legal Resources

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Judicial Council of Georgia, ad hoc committees exist to address issues of limited scope and duration, and the Judicial Council Chair shall create and charge ad hoc committees as are necessary to conduct the business of the Judicial Council.

Therefore, I hereby establish the Judicial Council Ad Hoc Committee on Improving Community Access to Legal Resources with the mission to support the identification and implementation of effective means of making legal resources available to all users of our civil justice system, including self-represented litigants. The Committee's work will include conducting a thorough examination of the utilization of Georgia's law libraries by the public.

The following members are hereby appointed to this Ad Hoc Committee:

- Justice Charles J. Bethel, Supreme Court of Georgia, Co-Chair
- Judge Robert C.I. McBurney, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Co-Chair
- Chief Judge Willie E. Lockette, Superior Court, Dougherty Judicial Circuit
- Judge LaTisha Dear Jackson, Superior Court, Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit
- Chief Judge Cassandra Kirk, Magistrate Court of Fulton County
- Judge William P. Adams, State Court of Bibb County (retired)
- Judge Larry B. Mims, State Court of Tift County (retired)
- State Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of State Court Judges
- Juvenile Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges
- Probate Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Probate Court Judges
- Magistrate Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Magistrate Court Judges
- Municipal Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Municipal Court Judges
- Will Simmons, President, National Association for Court Management and District Court Administrator, Sixth Judicial Administrative District
- Brad Butler, Court Administrator, Conasauga Judicial Circuit
- Karlise Grier, Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
- Michael Monahan, Director, State Bar of Georgia Pro Bono Resource Center
- Jeannie Ashley, Director, Fulton County Justice Resource Center
- Jeff Davis, Esq.
- Charles T. Lester, Jr., Esq.

- Lauren Kelly, Esq.
- Eleanor Crosby Lanier, Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning & Mediation Clinic Director, University of Georgia School of Law
- Georgia Legal Services Program Executive Director or their designee
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society Executive Director or their designee

Committee membership may include advisory members appointed, as needed, by the Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs. Advisory members may be heard but shall not be entitled to vote. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff support to this Committee and notify the judiciary of the creation of the aforementioned committee. The Committee will exist from the date of this order until June 30, 2021.

So decided this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



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Chief Justice Harold D. Melton  
Chair, Judicial Council of Georgia