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To all Litigants, Attorneys, and Members of the Public,

On May 11, 2020 the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court extended the Order Declaring a Statewide Judicial Emergency of March 14, 2020 through and including June 12, 2020. Further, by Order of May 12, 2020, the Chief Judge of the Cobb Superior Court, Reuben Green, extended the judicial emergency in the Cobb Judicial Circuit.

In his order extending the judicial emergency, the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court granted Courts the discretion to add back non-essential in person proceedings so long as Courts remain in compliance with public health guidance and applicable legal principles.

Pursuant to this grant of authority, State Court will resume a limited number of in person proceedings beginning June 1, 2020. Starting June 1, 2020, State Court will open a total of four courtrooms – one courtroom per floor. The judges will preside in these courtrooms on a rotating basis. The memorandum issued by Chief Judge Reuben Green on May 12, 2020 regarding safety guidelines governs all courthouses in Cobb County and is hereby incorporated by reference for the conducting of business in State Court.

Judges will be conducting in person proceedings out of Courtrooms 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A

Additionally, State Court will continue to and increase the use of virtual hearings for appropriate matters and to the extent permitted by applicable court rules, including relying on the Chief Justice's authority to compel attendance through video conference means. It is the intention of this Court to rely on virtual methods as much as is practicable for the Court's business so as to minimize the numbers of individuals compelled to appear in State Court.

While the Court will be scheduling matters in its discretion, to the extent litigants or attorneys have cases which they wish to bring to the Court's attention, parties should contact the assigned judge's office for further instructions.

As the Court is not currently operating under its traditional calendar, the Court hereby designates a daily duty judge who, in effect, serves as the presiding judge. The Court's duty judge schedule effective June 1, 2020 is as follows:

June 1, 2020	Judge Allison Salter
June 2, 2020	Judge Maria Golick
June 3, 2020	Judge Henry Thompson
June 4, 2020	Judge Eric Brewton
June 5, 2020	Judge Marsha Lake
June 8, 2020	Judge Carl Bowers
June 9, 2020	Judge Jane Manning
June 10, 2020	Judge Bridgette Campbell
June 11, 2020	Judge David Darden
June 12, 2020	Judge Jane Manning
June 15, 2020	Judge John Morgan
June 16, 2020	Judge Jason Fincher
June 17, 2020	Judge Jane Manning
June 18, 2020	Judge Maria Golick
June 19, 2020	Judge Henry Thompson
June 22, 2020	Judge Eric Brewton
June 23, 2020	Judge Marsha Lake
June 24, 2020	Judge Carl Bowers
June 25, 2020	Judge Allison Salter
June 26, 2020	Judge Bridgette Campbell
June 29, 2020	Judge Jason Fincher
June 30, 2020	Judge David Darden



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