



Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chief Justice Harold D. Melton
Chair

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Director

Judicial COVID-19 Task Force

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Judicial Council, 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 COVID-19 Task Force, as an ad hoc committee of the Judicial Council, with the mission of assisting courts in conducting remote proceedings and in restoring more in-court proceedings, in particular jury trials and grand jury proceedings. The Task Force will include judges from the various classes of court and will obtain input from key stakeholders including the State Bar of Georgia, prosecutors and public defenders, civil plaintiff and defense attorneys, court clerks, sheriffs, and the public.

The following members are hereby appointed to the Judicial COVID-19 Task Force:

- Judge Shawn LaGrua, Fulton County Superior Court, Chair
- Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, chosen by the Chief Justice
- Court of Appeals Judge, chosen by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Georgia State-wide Business Court Judge
- Judge of an Accountability Court, chosen by the President of the Council of Accountability Courts
- 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
- Member of the State Bar of Georgia, chosen by the President of the State Bar
- Superior Court Clerk, chosen by the President of the Council of Superior Court Clerks

In addition, designees from the following organizations are hereby appointed as advisory members to the Judicial COVID-19 Task Force:

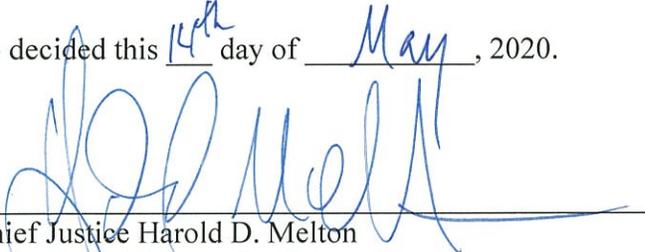
- Administrative Office of the Courts
- Georgia Department of Law
- Institute of Continuing Judicial Education
- Judicial Qualifications Commission
- Georgia Legal Services Program or Atlanta Legal Aid Society

- Georgia Council of Court Administrators
- Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
- Georgia Public Defender Council
- Georgia Trial Lawyers Association
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Association County Commissioners of Georgia
- Georgia Chamber of Commerce - Law and Judiciary Committee
- Georgia Department of Public Health
- Georgia Department of Community Health
- Department of Community Supervision
- Georgia Sheriffs' Association

Committee membership may include additional advisory members appointed, as needed, by the Task Force Chair. Advisory members may be heard but shall not be entitled to vote.

The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff support to this Task Force. Recommendations from the Task Force shall be presented to the Judicial Council and Supreme Court of Georgia for consideration. The Task Force shall exist from the date of this order until June 30, 2021.

So decided this 14th day of May, 2020.



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