

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY  
COLUMBIA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA

TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURTS  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF STATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

Superior and Juvenile Courts  
Columbia County, Georgia

Filed for Record This 1st  
Day of October, 2024

*Cindy Mason*  
Cindy Mason, Clerk of Court

12:52pm

ORDER  
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in this county such that there is either a state of emergency as declared by the Governor, a public health emergency, a local emergency or such other serious emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet scheduled or time deadlines imposed by the court order or rule, statute of administrative rule or regulation;

**IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Courts of Columbia County shall be closed all day, during normal business hours through October 4, 2024; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Superior Court, or his/her designee, shall immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, the County Manager, or his/her designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A § 38-3-63 by posting it on the count website or other appropriate public address system.

**SO ORDERED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

*Sheryl B. Jolly*

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Chief Judge, Superior Court