



Welcome from the Council of Juvenile Court Judges Website
from the CJCJ President

The Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia (CJCJ) is dedicated to supporting the judiciary in its vital role of serving children, families, and communities throughout our state. CJCJ provides a strong network of peer support, ongoing judicial education and resources designed for the unique challenges and responsibilities of the juvenile bench. Currently there are 178 members of CJCJ, which includes 76 Full-Time Juvenile Court Judges, 26 Part-Time Juvenile Court Judges, 9 Full-Time Associate Juvenile Court Judges, 10 Part-Time Associate Juvenile Court Judges, 35 Pro Tempore Judges, and 22 Senior Judges. CJCJ is governed by an Executive Committee that consists of six executive officers and ten district representatives. Collectively, CJCJ is a body of judges that collaborate to promote excellence in juvenile court practice, fostering innovation, and advocating for policies that protect and uplift Georgia's families.

Juvenile Court Judges preside over a wide array of cases involving children and families such as cases where children are alleged to have been abused or neglected, cases where children are alleged to have committed one or more delinquent acts, and cases where children are in need of services provided by the state. In cases involving abuse and neglect that cannot be remedied, the Juvenile Court exercises jurisdiction over cases that involve termination of parental rights. Juvenile Court Judges are also given jurisdiction to hear certain child custody cases transferred from the Superior Courts of Georgia and guardianships transferred from the Probate Courts of Georgia.

CJCJ has been guided by its dedicated Executive Director, Eric John, who has served in this role for over 30 years. His amazing and dedicated staff provide advice, training, accounting and other valuable resources to support Council members in their efforts to administer justice through the juvenile courts of our state. They are the foundation and pillar of the entire Council.

On behalf of Our Executive Committee, our Executive Director and his staff, and the entire Council, we welcome use of this website as a resource for learning more about the role of juvenile courts, understanding the judicial process and discovering how we are working to improve outcomes for children and families throughout Georgia. CJCJ firmly believes that an informed and engaged community is essential to a fair and effective juvenile justice and welfare system.

Sincerely,

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