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# FALL CONFERENCE & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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*From Vision to Victory:  
Strategic Planning for Court Leaders*



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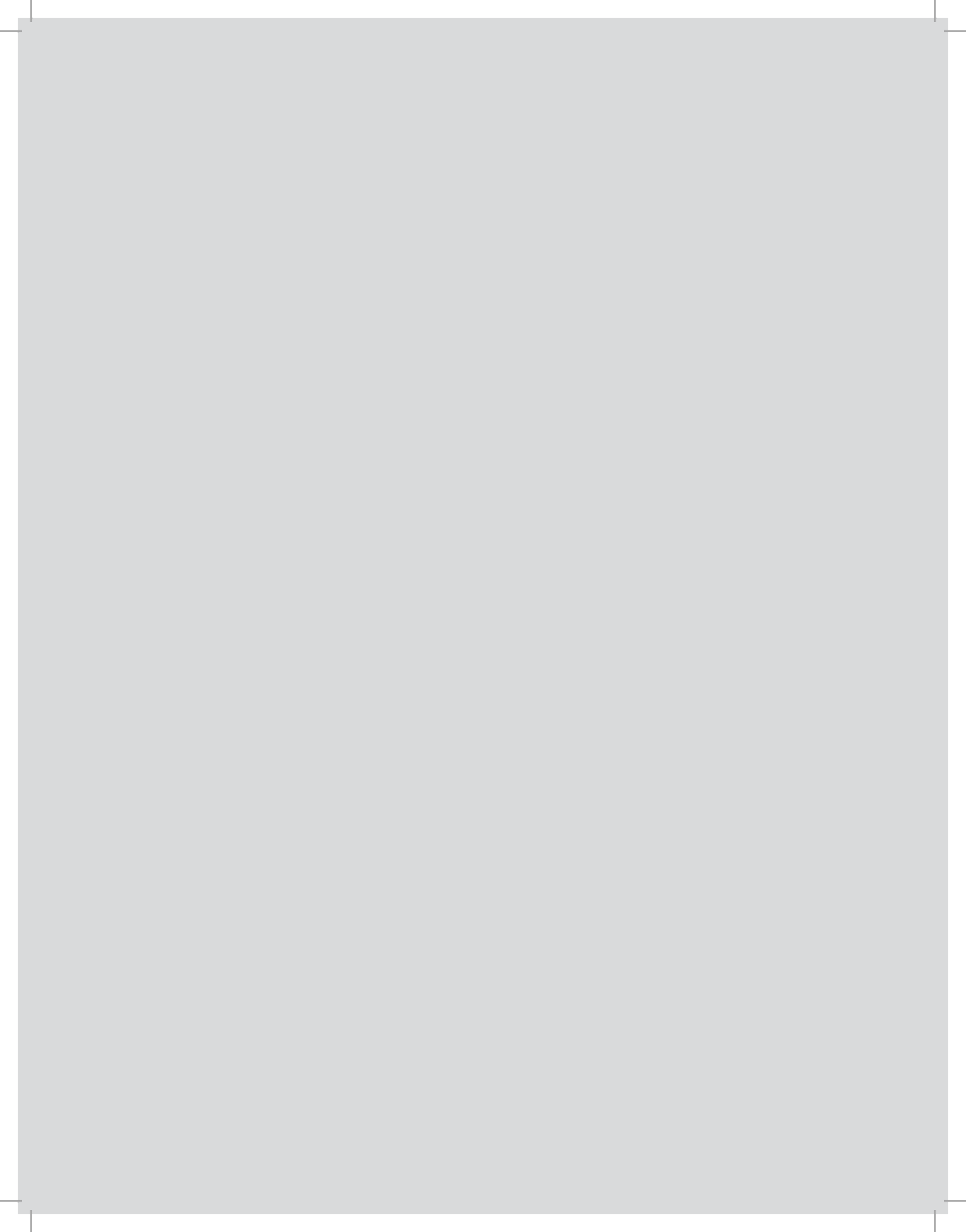


**Hyatt Regency**

Savannah, Georgia

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September 21-24



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**Timothy Ezell,  
MBA, MPA, CPM®  
GCCA President**

Greetings, GCCA Members and Guests,

Welcome to the Georgia Council of Court Administrators (GCCA) Fall Conference here at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, September 21–24, 2025!

Fresh off the energy of our Spring Conference, we now gather under the banner of “From Vision to Victory: Strategic Planning for Court Leaders.” This theme calls us to move beyond ideas and transform them into lasting results that strengthen Georgia’s courts and communities.

At GCCA, our mission has always been to equip, inspire, and connect court professionals across the state. The Fall Conference continues that legacy by offering a line-up of sessions, speakers, and collaborative opportunities designed to challenge your thinking, sharpen your skills, and fuel your leadership journey. This week is about more than professional development—it’s about harnessing the collective energy of this council to push beyond vision and drive real victories in our courts. Whether through innovative planning strategies, new technologies, or shared best practices, you will leave Savannah with practical tools and renewed inspiration to lead with clarity and confidence.

But remember, GCCA’s impact extends beyond these conferences. We are strongest when our members are engaged. If you haven’t already, I encourage you to join a committee—Education, Communications, or Budget Planning—and bring your unique strengths to the table. Together, we shape not just the future of this council, but the very standard of justice across Georgia.

This gathering also holds special meaning for me as it marks my final conference as your President. Serving GCCA has been one of the greatest honors of my career. I have witnessed firsthand the resilience, innovation, and passion that each of you brings to this profession. While my term concludes, my hope for GCCA’s future burns brighter than ever. I know this council will continue to thrive because its strength has always been in its members—in your willingness to serve, to lead, and to grow together.

Thank you for granting me the privilege to serve you. Let us make this Fall Conference not only a time of learning, but also a celebration of what we have achieved together—and a launching point for the victories yet to come.

With gratitude and excitement for GCCA’s future,

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Timothy Ezell  
President, Georgia Council of Court Administrators



*a special message from*

*Senator Ossoff*

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Georgia Council of Court Administrators  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to you all on hosting your annual Fall Conference.

This conference is a testament to your dedication and the bonds of your community, and I am glad you are able to join together in celebration.

While I regret that I could not be there with you to celebrate, know that you are in my thoughts, and I am appreciative of the work you all do for the people of Georgia.

Please feel free to reach out to my office if we can ever be of assistance.



Sincerely,

Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator



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FROM THE CHAMBERS OF  
**NELS S.D. PETERSON**  
CHIEF JUSTICE

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September 22, 2025

Mr. Timothy Ezell  
Georgia Council of Court Administrators  
Suite 300  
244 Washington St, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5900

Dear Mr. Ezell and GCCA Members,

It is a privilege to extend a warm welcome to each of you on behalf of my colleagues on the Supreme Court of Georgia. Your dedication to the effective management of our courts ensures that the judicial system can function the way it was designed – by administering justice efficiently, professionally, and with the fairness and respect that is deserved by all who come before us.

While your work as administrators occurs behind the scenes, it is indispensable to the efficiency of the judicial system. Your commitment to case flow management, support of judicial staff, and service to *all* people of the State of Georgia is to be commended. Your efforts strengthen the rule of law and promote confidence in our courts.

My colleagues and I recognize and value your service and contributions to the judicial system. We wish you continued success in the important work you do for the people of Georgia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nels S.D. Peterson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nels S.D. Peterson



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA COURT ADMINISTRATORS WEEK

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Council of Court Administrators (GCCA), established in 1997, has served as the preeminent professional organization for court management professionals in Georgia, fostering innovation, collaboration, and excellence in court administration; and

**WHEREAS:** GCCA provides essential leadership and training opportunities for court administrators and professionals at all levels of the judiciary, ensuring the effective administration of justice across the state; and

**WHEREAS:** The mission of GCCA is to support the professional development of its members and to improve the administration of justice through education, resources, and the exchange of best practices, aligned with its vision of enhancing the efficiency, integrity, and accessibility of courts throughout Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** Court administrators play a vital role in upholding the rule of law by ensuring courts remain responsive, innovative, and effective in delivering justice to millions of Georgians seeking resolution to their legal matters. They build strong relationships with their communities, justice partners, and stakeholders, while mentoring and training the next generation of leaders in court administration to perpetuate the effective administration of justice; and

**WHEREAS:** Georgia Court Administrators Week provides an opportunity to honor the accomplishments of court administrators and to recognize their dedication to improving the lives of Georgia's citizens by ensuring access to justice; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 22–26, 2025, as GEORGIA COURT ADMINISTRATORS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



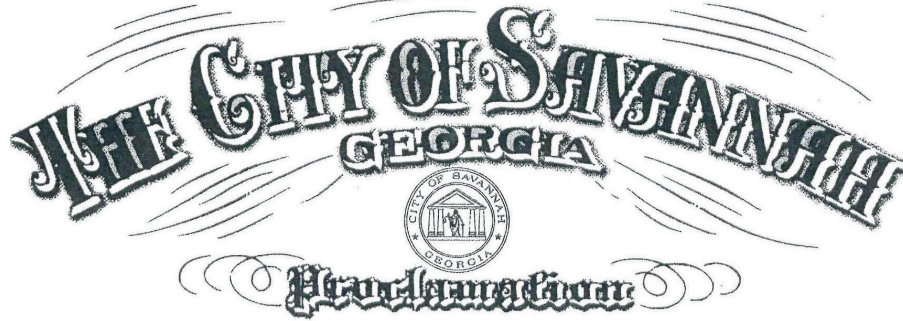
*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Karen M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF



- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Council of Court Administrators (GCCA), established in 1997, has served as the leading professional organization for court management professionals in Georgia, dedicated to fostering innovation, collaboration, and excellence in court administration; and
- WHEREAS:** GCCA provides essential leadership and training opportunities for court administrators and professionals at all levels of the judiciary, ensuring the effective administration of justice throughout the state of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission of GCCA is to enhance the professional development of its members and to improve the administration of justice through education, resources, and the exchange of best practices, while pursuing its vision of creating efficient, fair, and accessible courts; and
- WHEREAS:** Court administrators play a critical role in upholding the rule of law, ensuring that court systems remain responsive, innovative, and effective in providing justice to millions of Georgians including the residents of Savannah; and
- WHEREAS:** Savannah, as part of the state of Georgia, benefits greatly from the expertise, dedication, and innovative leadership of court administrators who work tirelessly to ensure the judicial process is transparent, impartial, and equitable; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Council of Court Administrators promotes collaboration and knowledge-sharing among its members to build strong relationships with communities, stakeholders, and justice system partners while mentoring and training the next generation of court leaders.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor, City of Savannah, Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2025 as**

### **GEORGIA COUNCIL OF COURT ADMINISTRATORS**

In Savannah, Georgia and encourage all citizens to recognize and honor the significant contributions of court administrators to the administration of justice and the betterment of our communities.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed.*  
This 22<sup>ND</sup> day of, SEPTEMBER 2025

ATTEST  
  
Clerk of Council

  
MAYOR





Our Council stands strong today because of the vision, perseverance, and dedication of those who came before us.

Each president has carried the torch, guiding us closer to our shared victory.

# *From* VISION *To* VICTORY

## Timeline of GCCA Presidents (1997 - 2024)

1997 - Howard "Skip" Chesshire

1998 - John Zoller

1999 - David Ratley

2000 - Robert "Bob" Bray

2002 - Cathy McCumber

2003 - William "Bill" Martin

2004 - Elizabeth "Libby" Blackwell

2005 - Jody Overcash

2006 - Danny DeLoach

2007 - Michele Marchant-Welmon

2008 - Judy Cramer

2009 - Dr. William T. Simmons

2010 - Lynn Epps

2011 - Marla Moore

2012 - Phil Boudewyns

2013 - Edwin T. Bell

2014 - Cheston R. Roney

2015 - Brad Butler

2016 - Tracy "T.J." BeMent

2017 - Yolanda Lewis

2018 - Tracy B. Johnson

2019 - Jeff West

2020 - Stephanie Hines

2021 - Robin Rooks

2022 - Joshua Weeks

2023 - Lynn Ansley

2024 - LeNora Hawkins-Ponzo

*Celebrating Leadership, Legacy, and Progress*

# Officers



## Tim Ezell, President

Timothy Ezell serves as Chief Operations Officer for the Fulton County Clerk of Superior and Magistrate Courts, and has more than two decades of experience in court administration. He has served as Court Administrator for both Fulton County Juvenile Court and Fulton County Magistrate Court. Throughout his career, he has led transformative operational initiatives, implemented innovative case management solutions, and championed leadership development programs that strengthen the judiciary. As GCCA President, Timothy is committed to fostering collaboration, expanding professional education, and equipping court professionals with the skills to meet the evolving demands of justice administration.



## Lindsay Mobley, President-Elect

Lindsay Mobley is the Court Services Director for Troup County, the Program Director for the Coweta Judicial Circuit ADR Program, and the President-Elect for GCCA. She has worked in the legal field for 26 years in various roles and has been in her current position for 5 years. She joined GCCA in 2016 with the goal of learning more about her profession, sharpening her skills, and building a network of friends and colleagues she could relate to in the judicial system. She looks forward to serving as your President for the upcoming year and is encouraged by the plans the Board has outlined for our membership in the months to come.



## LeNora Hawkins-Ponzo, Past President

LeNora has over 25 years of experience in court administration and has served DeKalb County for 19 years. As the District Court Administrator for Georgia's 4th Judicial Administrative District and Trial Court Administrator for DeKalb's Superior Court, she is known for driving innovation and efficiency in court operations. Under her leadership, the county has implemented first-of-their-kind initiatives in Georgia, including courtroom wireless payments, a Self-Help Center for State and Magistrate Courts, and a digital court reporting pilot. Her collaborative, service-driven leadership has earned her numerous awards, such as the Atlanta Bar Association Employee of the Year and the Tyler Technologies Excellence Award. LeNora continues to grow through advanced graduate studies and remains committed to delivering high-impact solutions in the justice system.



## Kimberly Ciccaglione, Treasurer

Kimberly Ciccaglione has been employed with the Gwinnett County Administrative Office of the Courts since 2004. Over her tenure, she has held roles in various divisions such as Indigent Defense, Finance, and Court Services. In 2019, she was appointed Deputy Court Administrator, where she assists in managing court support activities and staff supervision for the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit. Kimberly has been a member of GCCA since 2015 and has proudly served on the GCCA Executive Board since 2017.



## Colin Slay, Secretary

Colin Slay has served with the Clayton County Juvenile Court for over 26 years, beginning as a college intern and advancing through key roles including Probation Supervisor, JDAI Coordinator, Chief of Staff, and, since 2018, Court Administrator. His extensive experience spans Intake Operations, Probation, and Court Administration, reflecting a long-standing commitment to juvenile justice reform and public service. Mr. Slay has served on several state boards and committees and has served on the GCCA Executive Committee since 2017.



2024/2025

# BOARD MEMBERS

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## Abby Carter

Abby is the Director of Alternative Dispute Resolution for Gwinnett County Courts. She has worked in various administrative roles in Gwinnett County for 18 years, Abby is an Executive Board Member for GCCA and has served in the past and plans to serve again as the Education Chair for GCCA.



## Justin Dobson

Justin Dobson serves as Deputy Director of Court Services for the Fulton County Clerk of Superior and Magistrate Courts. He has a decade of experience in court administration and has been involved with GCCA in various roles since 2019. He is a current podcast host for InRecess with GCCA and has served on the board for the last 3 years. In his free time, you can find him on the golf course.



## Mallory Minor

A seasoned court leader, Mallory Minor, serves as the Court Administrator for the Municipal Court of Mableton in Cobb County, fulfilling a dual role as both Court Administrator and Clerk of Court. She also shares her expertise as an adjunct professor at a local community college. Mallory currently serves on the Georgia Council of Court Administrators (GCCA) Board and as the Education and Conference Chairwoman. Outside of her professional commitments, she is a devoted mother, an avid reader, and remains committed to steady, purposeful career growth and advancement.



## DeAndre Moore

DeAndre Moore currently serves as the Court Administrator of the Municipal Court of Atlanta. Mr. Moore served in Fulton County for over a decade, initially as a Court Support Manager, then promoted to Chief Deputy Clerk of the Civil Division, and finally to Director of Court Services. Mr. Moore holds several certifications, including, Certified Court Manager, Certified Public Manager, and the Master of Court Administration from GCCA.



## Katie Young

Since 2012, Katie has been dedicated to serving within the court system. In 2016, she presumed the role of Business Manager for Gwinnett County Recorder's Court. She currently holds an Executive Board Member position with GCCA, where she also contributes as a member of the Education Committee. Her responsibilities include assisting with conference planning and overseeing the accurate tracking and organization of continuing education hours for GCCA members.

# Meet Your Conference Emcees



We'd like to introduce you to our four fantastic emcees, who will be your hosts and navigators for the Fall '25 Conference. They're here to inform us of conference events/announcements, make sure we stay on schedule, and welcome all our incredible speakers to the stage. Please join GCCA in recognizing our conference emcees:



## **Paula Myrick**

**PROGRAM GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR - Judicial Council/AOC**

Paula Myrick serves as the Program Grants Administrator for the Judicial Council of Georgia/Administrative Office of the Courts – Communications, Children, Family, and Courts Division, where she has worked for 18 years. She has been an active member of GCCA for 6 years and contributes as part of the Education Subcommittee. Passionate about connecting and encouraging others to thrive, Paula is dedicated to serving this great organization as a connector and bridge builder.



## **Justin Dobson**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COURT SERVICES - Fulton County Clerk of Superior and Magistrate Courts**

Justin Dobson serves as Deputy Director of Court Services for the Fulton County Clerk of Superior and Magistrate Courts. He has a decade of experience in court administration and has been involved with GCCA in various roles since 2019. He is a current podcast host for InRecess with GCCA and has served on the board for the last 3 years. In his free time, you can find him on the golf course.



## **Connaka Raines**

**PROGRAM GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR - Judicial Council/AOC**

Connaka Raines serves as an Assistant Court Administrator for the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit, where she supports the Superior, State, Magistrate, Juvenile, and Recorder's Courts. She has been an active member of GCCA since 2020, volunteering at the registration table and serving as an emcee at several conferences. Connaka believes GCCA is the best (and most fun!) way to connect with peers, share best practices, and learn new concepts in the court administration field.



## **Antwan Walker**

**Accountability Courts Director - DeKalb County Superior Court**

Antwan Walker serves as the Accountability Courts Director for the DeKalb Judicial Circuit. He has been an active member of GCCA since 2023 volunteering with the social committee and GCCA CARES. Georgia Council of Court Administrators (GCCA) grants access to professional development and training, network with other court professionals, share ideas, and enhance your leadership skills. GCCA provides a professional forum to improve court administration, strengthen the quality of justice, and promote professionalism among court managers through educational programs and collaborative opportunities.



**2025 FALL CONFERENCE AND  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
AGENDA**  
HYATT REGENCY SAVANNAH

***"FROM VISION TO VICTORY: STRATEGIC PLANNING  
FOR COURT LEADERS"***

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

Time	Event	Location
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Registration	Registration Booth
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Networking Event	Hospitality Suite #415

**Monday, September 22, 2025**

Time	Event	Location
7:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast & Registration <i>(Attendees MUST sign-in to receive conference materials)</i>	Registration Booth and Regency Ballroom ABC
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Opening Ceremony - GCCA President Timothy Ezell	Regency Ballroom ABC
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Keynote Speaker <b>Chris Womack</b> <i>Chairman, President, and CEO of Southern Company</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Networking Break	Regency Ballroom ABC
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Grow the People, Grow the Culture: The Hidden Power of Everyday Education in Retention and Relevance <b>Lisa Ryan</b> <i>Grategy</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
11:45 am – 1:15 pm	President's Luncheon, Awards Ceremony, and Business Meeting	Harborside Ballroom

## Monday, September 22, 2025, *continued*

Time	Event	Location
1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	From Paper Stacks to Power Stats: How Georgia Courts Can Lead with Data <b>Stevie Poole</b> <i>Product Manager for Tyler Technologies</i> <b>Judge Stephen Kelley</b> <i>Superior Courts of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Networking Break	--
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Administration Conversations <b>Soo Jo</b> – County Attorney, Fulton County Government <b>Jessica Corbitt</b> – Director of External Affairs, Fulton County Government <b>Colet Odenigbo</b> – Court Administrator, DeKalb County Juvenile Court <b>Adolphus Graves</b> – Court Administrator, Cobb County Juvenile Court <b>Jason Stephenson</b> – Court Administrator, Northeastern Judicial Circuit <b>DeAndre Moore</b> – Court Administrator & Chief Clerk, Municipal Court of Atlanta (Moderator)	Regency Ballroom ABC
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Sponsored by BIS Digital <i>(Leopold's Ice Cream)</i>	Mezzanine
7:00 pm – 10:30 pm	GCCA Presents: Boots & Blue Jeans Social – <b>Hosted by Tyler Technologies</b> Musical Highlights By: <b>Tony Evans Jr. &amp; Ava Connell</b>	Harborside Ballroom

## Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Time	Event	Location
7:00 am – 8:15 am	Breakfast Attendees <b>MUST</b> sign-in to receive conference materials	Regency Ballroom ABC
7:15 am – 8:15 am	Registration (Attendees <b>MUST</b> sign-in to receive conference materials)	Registration Booth
8:15 am – 8:30 am	Conference Announcements – Timothy Ezell, President GCCA	Regency Ballroom ABC

## Tuesday, September 23, 2025 *continued*

Time	Event	Location
8:30 am – 9:45 am	Beyond the Blueprint: Adaptive Leadership for Lasting Influence <b>Yolanda Lewis</b> <i>Executive Vice President for Justice and Health, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
9:45 am – 10:05 am	Networking Break	--
10:05 am – 11:05 am	The Importance of the Court Administration-Bench Partnership in High-Profile Cases <b>Judge Robert McBurney</b> <i>Fulton County Superior Court</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
11:05 am – 11:25 am	Networking Break	
11:25 am – 12:25 pm	Judgment Calls: Executive Decision-Making in Court Administration <b>Lillian Nash Caudle</b> <i>Senior Manager, Accessories &amp; Lifestyle, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
12:25 pm – 2:00 pm	Luncheon, Business Meeting (cont.) & Installation of 2025- 2026 GCCA Board	Regency Ballroom ABC
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Ethical Legal Research with Generative AI, <b>Elizabeth Henslee</b> <i>Court Specialist Account Executive LexisNexis</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Strategic Planning for Competency Dockets: A Roadmap for Court Leaders <b>Judge Shukura L. Ingram</b> <i>Fulton County Superior Court</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Networking Break with Taste of Savannah Treats	Regency Ballroom ABC

## Tuesday, September 23, 2025 *continued*

Time	Event	Location
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	On the Path to Well-Being: United for Impact <b>Kimberly Waller</b> <i>President and CEO</i> <i>United Way of Coastal Empire</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	GCCA CARES – United Way of Coastal Empire - Attendee Engagement Subcommittee <b>LaShawn Murphy, Chair</b> <b>Antwan Walker, Co-Chair</b> Vendor Raffle, Vendor Liaison Subcommittee <b>Christina Lunebach, Chair</b> <b>Samantha Cannon, Co-Chair</b>	Regency Ballroom ABC
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<i>Savannah Soirée (Networking Event) –</i> <b><i>Sponsored by Infax, Inc.</i></b>	Garden Terrace & Hospitality Suite #415

## Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Time	Event	Location
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Regency Ballroom ABC
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Conference Announcements– <b>Lindsay Mobley</b> GCCA President	Regency Ballroom ABC
8:45 am – 10:15 am	Building a Functional Team: Applying the RACI Model to Court Leadership <b>Judge Vincent Crawford</b> <i>DeKalb County Juvenile Court</i>	Regency Ballroom ABC
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Closing Remarks <b>GCCA President Lindsay Mobley</b>	Regency Ballroom ABC

# SPEAKER BIOS



## **Chris Womack - Keynote Speaker**

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT, AND CEO OF THE SOUTHERN COMPANY

Chris Womack, chairman, president, and CEO of Southern Company, is a transformative leader in the U.S. energy sector with over 35 years of experience. From advancing the Vogtle nuclear expansion to championing cutting-edge technologies, he has consistently driven progress through innovation. Under his leadership, Southern Company is navigating a pivotal era—delivering the energy solutions customers and communities need for today and tomorrow. A recognized national thought leader, Womack’s strategic vision and focus on culture are shaping the future of energy and redefining what’s possible for the industry.



## **Lisa Ryan - *Grow The People, Grow The Culture: The Hidden Power of Everyday Education in Retention and Relevance***

GRATEGY

Lisa was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and before stepping onto stages across the country, she spent 13 years in industrial sales, including 7 years in the welding industry. She’s as confident with a welding torch as she is with a microphone!

She has lived the lessons she teaches, having been both the top talent that walked away and the under-valued employee let go over a conference call. Those experiences inspired her mission: to help leaders create workplaces where people feel valued, engaged, and motivated to stay.

Since 1997, Lisa has delivered over 1,000 presentations for organizations like Honeywell, Ferguson, and Associated Equipment Distributors. She is a Certified Speaking Professional™—an achievement earned by only 17% of speakers worldwide—and a Past President of the National Speakers Association Ohio Chapter. She also holds her MBA from Cleveland State University and has served on numerous boards.



## **Stevie Poole - *From Paper Stacks to Power Stats: How Georgia Courts Can Lead with Data***

PRODUCT MANAGER, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES

Stevie Poole is the Product Manager for Tyler Technologies’ Justice Insights suite of analytics applications, which includes Court Analytics, eFile Analytics, Jury Analytics, Probation Analytics, and Pretrial Analytics. In this role, she leads product strategy, data architecture, and stakeholder engagement to help courts, agencies, and state offices transform raw data into actionable insights. Her work focuses on modernizing statewide reporting, benchmarking court performance, and making analytics more accessible to justice stakeholders.

Stevie’s career began in journalism and government relations, giving her a strong foundation in public sector operations and communication. A graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Media Strategies, she first reported on government for a local newspaper before moving into advocacy work for a trade association. Since joining Tyler, she has combined her communication background with data expertise to bridge the gap between justice partners, technologists, and decision-makers.

Today, Stevie is recognized for her ability to translate complex data models into meaningful analytics tools that improve efficiency, accuracy, access, and transparency across the justice system.

# SPEAKER BIOS



## **Judge Stephen D. Kelley - From Paper Stacks to Power Stats: How Georgia Courts Can Lead with Data**

SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE BRUNSWICK JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In December 2009, Governor Sonny Perdue appointed Stephen Kelley to the Fifth Judgeship, Judge of Superior Courts of the Brunswick Judicial Circuit. In 2010, Governor Perdue also appointed Judge Kelley to the Georgia Council on Family Violence where he served as Chairman in 2013. Judge Kelley has served on the Judicial Workload Assessment Committee, the Civil E-Filing Steering Committee, Court Technology Committee and in 2022 the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court appointed Judge Kelley as Chair of the Judicial Council on Technology. In 2024 he was appointed to co-chair the Judicial Council Ad Hoc committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Georgia Courts.



## **DeAndre Moore - Moderator/Administrative Conversations**

COURT ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF CLERK, MUNICIPAL COURT OF ATLANTA

DeAndre Moore currently serves as the Court Administrator of the Municipal Court of Atlanta. Mr. Moore served in Fulton County for over a decade, initially as a Court Support Manager, then promoted to Chief Deputy Clerk of the Civil Division, and finally to Director of Court Services. Mr. Moore holds several certifications, including, Certified Court Manager, Certified Public Manager, and the Master of Court Administration from GCCA.



## **Adolphus Graves - Panelist/Administrative Conversations**

COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COBB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

Adolphus Graves serves as the Court Administrator for Cobb County Juvenile Court, where he oversees operations, guide strategic initiatives, and leads efforts to enhance outcomes for youth and families. With more than 20 years of experience in juvenile justice and court administration, he is known for his commitment to innovation, workforce development, and building strong community partnerships. Adolphus brings a practical, solutions-focused perspective to court leadership, drawing on a career dedicated to improving systems, supporting staff growth, and promoting fairness within the justice process.

# SPEAKER BIOS



## **Jason Stephenson - Panelist/Administrative Conversations**

COURT ADMINISTRATOR, NORTHEASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Jason Stephenson is the Court Administrator of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit comprised of Hall and Dawson counties. He is a member of the Georgia Bar and graduate of the Georgia State University College of Law. As Court Administrator, he oversees the non-judicial activities of the fifth busiest circuit in the State. Jason and his wife, Gina, live with their two sons in Gainesville.



## **Y. Soo Jo - Panelist/Administrative Conversations**

COUNTY ATTORNEY, FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Fulton County Attorney Soo Jo serves as general counsel for the largest county in Georgia where she leads an in-house legal department that handles all civil legal matters for the County. Immediately prior to becoming the county Attorney. Ms. Jo was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Georgia, where she served in the civil rights enforcement unit and civil division. Ms. Jo's public sector work has included serving as an attorney for the City of Atlanta, Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia Department of Human Services, and Magistrate Court of Gwinnett County. She has also served as an EEO manager for The Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. Ms. Jo has 28 years of broad ranging experience in civil and public sector law, with a particular focus on employment matters.



## **Colet Odenigbo - Panelist/Administrative Conversations**

COURT ADMINISTRATOR, DEKALB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

Mr. Colet Odenigbo started his career in juvenile Justice as a volunteer for a Youth Violence Prevention Initiative in Detroit, Michigan in 1991. He is a veteran of the United States Navy. He earned a B.Sc., degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice from Alabama A&M University. He graduated from Troy University with a master's degree in public administration. Currently, Mr. Odenigbo is at the dissertation phase of completing a PhD in Public Administration. He has completed his CCM and CCE and is currently among the 55th class of ICM Fellow at the National Center for State Courts.

Mr. Odenigbo belongs to several professional and community organizations and have received numerous awards and citations among which are Navy Meritorious Award for Volunteer Service, National Defense Medal, a Proclamations from the United States Congress, the Georgia House of Representatives, and from the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners. He is a life member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., A member of Georgia Council of Court Administrators and National Association of Court Managers among others.

# SPEAKER BIOS



## **Jessica Corbitt - Panelist/*Administrative Conversations***

DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Jessica Corbitt-Dominguez is the Director of External Affairs for Fulton County Government. In this role, she leads Communications, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Digital Communications services for Georgia's largest County. Jessica and her team work closely with Fulton County officials on strategies to inform and engage Fulton County's one million residents. During her career of more than 25 years with Fulton County, she has led communications efforts during multiple crises – from acts of violence, legal challenges, and a cyber attack. During these incidents she has served as a bridge between the government, the press and the community. Throughout her career, Jessica has been an advocate for transparency and plain language communications to empower residents and other stakeholders through timely and accurate information. Jessica is a graduate of Emory University and lives in Atlanta with her husband and two children.



## **Yolanda Lewis - *Beyond the Blueprint: Adaptive Leadership for Lasting Influence***

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR JUSTICE AND HEALTH, MEADOWS MENTAL HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE

Yolanda L. Lewis is a seasoned justice executive with over 25 years of experience driving transformative change in government and philanthropy. She has a proven track record of designing and implementing strategic solutions to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of justice systems and health services.

Prior to joining the Meadows Institute, Yolanda served as the Senior Director of Safety and Justice at The Pew Charitable Trusts, where she oversaw research, policy reform, and program implementation to improve justice-related efficiencies at the state and local levels. Her executive leadership experience also includes serving as the District and Trial Court Administrator for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, where she led initiatives to enhance public safety, judicial administration, case management, and mental health services.

A certified court manager has served as faculty for Michigan State's Judicial Administration program and held leadership roles with the National Association for Court Management, Georgia Council of Court Administrators, and Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System. Yolanda is a board member for the National Center for State Courts, the District of Columbia's Commission on Racial Equity, and Impact100, an all-women's collective funding organizations tackling critical issues such as systemic poverty, education, and environmental justice. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, a Master of Public Administration, and is a graduate of the executive leadership program from Yale University.

# SPEAKER BIOS



## **Judge Robert McBurney - *The Importance of the Court Administration-Bench Partnership in High-Profile Cases***

FULTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Judge McBurney has served on the Superior Court of Fulton County since 2012. He handles a split docket of civil and criminal cases. Judge McBurney chairs the Mental Health Task Force, a joint city-county collaboration of criminal justice and public service agencies from Atlanta and greater Fulton County. Before joining the bench, Judge McBurney worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in Atlanta. As a federal prosecutor, he focused on cases involving public corruption, international terrorism, and child exploitation. Judge McBurney received his B.A. from Harvard College and his J.D. from Harvard Law School. Prior to his years of public service, he worked as a management consultant for McKinsey & Company. Judge McBurney lives in Atlanta with his wife, an executive training officer at McDonald's (yes, the burger place), two wonderful (and exhausting) boys, and two fuzzy dogs. He does not know how to juggle but he does make really good pancakes.



## **Lillian Nash Caudle - *Judgement Calls: Executive Decision-Making in Court Administration***

SENIOR MANAGER, ACCESSORIES & LIFESTYLE, MERCEDES-BENZ USA, LLC

Lillian Caudle leads a business unit at Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC responsible for more than \$600 million in annual revenue, bringing a deep commitment to operational excellence and innovation from her prior roles in law and the judiciary. As a former judge on Georgia's busiest court, she presided over felony and mental health dockets and served as Deputy Chief Judge, leading judicial education and efforts to modernize court operations and improve access to justice. Previously, she was Associate General Counsel at MBUSA, where she advised on national distribution strategy, autonomous vehicle technology, and litigation risk during a period of rapid change in the automotive industry. Lillian began her legal career clerking for U.S. District Judge Marvin Shoob and later became a partner at Jones Day, leading complex litigation and investigations. A longtime advocate for community service and legal innovation, she continues to support public education and civic engagement in Atlanta, where she lives with her husband and teenage son.



## **Elizabeth Henslee - *Ethical Legal Research with Generative AI***

COURT SPECIALIST ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, LEXISNEXIS

Elizabeth Henslee is a lawyer and librarian who is a court account executive for LexisNexis. Elizabeth received her B.A. from Emory University, her JD from Florida A&M University College of Law, and her M.L.I.S. from University of South Florida. Prior to becoming an account executive, Elizabeth was a staff attorney for the Fifth District Court of Appeals (DCA) in Florida and an adjunct law professor at Florida A&M University College of Law teaching legal research and writing. Elizabeth was a practicing Florida attorney before joining the Fifth DCA and teaching. Her expertise includes artificial intelligence, legal databases, legal research, legal drafting, intellectual property, and First Amendment protections. Elizabeth is an anthologized author, a textbook author, and co-author of "The Lawyer's Guide to Artificial Intelligence" published by the American Bar Association on Artificial Intelligence and the practice of law.

# SPEAKER BIOS



## **Judge Shukura L. Ingram - *Strategic Planning for Competency Dockets: A Roadmap for Court Leaders***

FULTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Ingram began her career as an Assistant Solicitor for the City Court of Atlanta, where she first gained jury trial experience. After leaving the Solicitor's Office, Judge Ingram joined the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, where she served for six years as an Assistant District Attorney. During her tenure in the District Attorney's Office, Judge Ingram was lead trial counsel on various matters, most notably specializing in homicide and high-profile cases. A number of her cases garnered media attention.

In 2007, Judge Ingram joined Thomas Kennedy Sampson & Tompkins LLP. As a Senior Associate for the firm, Judge Ingram handled a variety of matters including wrongful death, personal injury, medical malpractice, insurance defense, premises liability and contractual relations. Additionally, Judge Ingram supervised and managed the work of junior associates.

In 2015, she was appointed to serve as a full-time Magistrate Judge on the Magistrate Court of Fulton County and on August 1, 2018 she was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to the Superior Court of Fulton County.



## **Kimberly Waller - *On the Path to Well-Being: United for Impact***

PRESIDNET AND CEO, UNITED WAY OF COASTAL EMPIRE

Kimberly Waller joined the United Way of the Coastal Empire in June 2024 as President and CEO, leading efforts to improve lives, expand access to vital services, and foster collaboration for sustainable growth. Previously, she served as a Presidential Appointee in Washington, D.C., directing a federal bureau at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to advance the economic and social well-being of children, youth, families, and communities. With experience spanning nonprofit, government, and higher education, Kimberly has championed initiatives that uplift communities and strengthen access to resources. Guided by her belief that communities create opportunities, she is committed to achieving more together. She holds both a law degree and a bachelor's in social work from the University of Pittsburgh.



## **Judge Vincent Crawford - *Building a Functional Team: Applying the RACCI Model to Court Leadership***

DEKALB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

Judge Vincent C. Crawford currently serves as a Juvenile Court Judge for the DeKalb County Judicial Circuit. A native of Savannah, Ga., Judge Crawford graduated cum laude from Florida A&M University in 1987 and earned his law degree from the Walter F. George School of Law in 1990. He began his legal career with Georgia Legal Services in the fall of 1990, representing battered women in divorce proceedings as well as indigent clients facing a range of legal issues. In 1993, he was appointed Assistant District Attorney with the Richmond County District Attorney's Office, where he served as Deputy Chief of the violent crime division and led several high-profile prosecutions that contributed to significant reductions in local crime rates. He joined the DeKalb County District Attorney's office in April 1995, serving in the trial division for two years.



**UNITED WAY**  
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This year, the Georgia Council of Court Administrators (GCCA) is rallying behind United Way of the Coastal Empire—an organization that has spent more than 85 years helping people thrive in Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty counties. Their work directly supports programs in education, financial stability, health, and basic needs—impacting lives in both ordinary and crisis moments.

## Why United Way?

By supporting United Way of the Coastal Empire, your gift helps:

- Expand early education and youth programs
- Provide financial tools and emergency assistance to families
- Improve access to health and wellness services
- Deliver rapid relief during natural disasters and crises

**Our Goal = \$ 1,500.00**

We're calling on our GCCA community to help us raise \$1,500 in support of this impactful organization. All donations will be collected by GCCA and presented directly to United Way of the Coastal Empire on behalf of our members and partners. Whether you're an individual looking to give back or a team inspired to support families in need, your contribution can make a lasting difference.

**Let's show how much GCCA cares—together we can meet our goal and help transform lives across Georgia's coastal region!**

## How to Give!

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Contributions will go directly to GCCA and will be pooled toward our \$1,500 collective gift to United Way.

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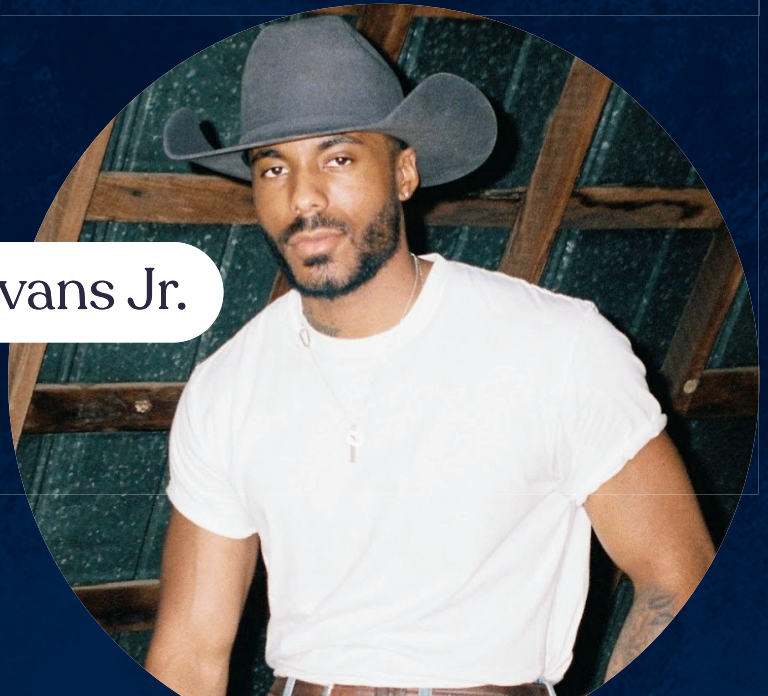
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Are you looking to get more involved with our organization, expand your network, and have a direct impact on our success?

Joining one of our committees is the perfect way to do it!

Our organization thrives on the passion and dedication of its members. We're not just a group of individuals; we're a community built on shared goals. But to keep our community strong and our organization running effectively, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

It's the active participation of members like you that fuels our progress, shapes our future, and ensures we're meeting the needs of everyone involved. By lending your skills and voice to a committee, you'll be at the heart of the action. You'll work alongside other motivated members, build meaningful relationships, and gain valuable experience.

Whether you're interested in planning events, shaping our policies, or improving member outreach, there's a committee that's a perfect fit for you. Your involvement is the key to our continued success.

Please consider joining a committee and helping us build an even better organization for everyone.

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# GCCA Committees



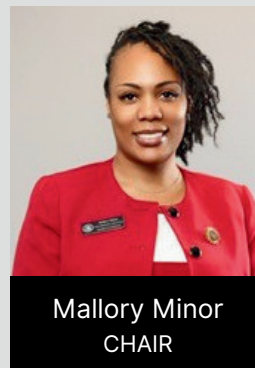
## Education & Conference



Planning and executing our annual conference is a massive undertaking. It's a year-long process that requires dedication, creativity, and teamwork. From brainstorming engaging session topics and securing dynamic speakers to coordinating logistics and ensuring every attendee has a seamless experience, a tremendous amount of hard work goes into making this event a success. By joining this committee, you'll be at the heart of it all. You'll work alongside a team of passionate individuals who are committed to creating an unforgettable experience for our members. Being a part of this committee isn't just about organizing an event; it's about shaping the future of our organization by providing top-tier educational opportunities and a platform for invaluable networking.

### Responsibilities Include:

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Conferences
- ▶ Marketing & Promotion
- ▶ Vendors
- ▶ Logistics
- ▶ Attendee Engagement



Mallory Minor  
CHAIR



Kimberly Wright  
CO-CHAIR








# GCCA Committees

## Communications

Join our Communications Committee and help us tell the story of our court organization! As a member of this committee, you'll play a vital role in keeping our organization informed and engaged. You'll have the opportunity to contribute to a variety of projects, including:



-  **Website Management:** Keep our website current and user-friendly with the latest news, events, and resources.
-  **Social Media:** Create compelling content for our social media channels to increase our reach and connect with the community.
-  **Email Blasts:** Craft engaging email campaigns to keep members and supporters updated on important announcements.
-  **Marketing & Outreach:** Develop and execute marketing strategies to promote our initiatives and attract new members and volunteers.
-  **Podcast Production:** Help us produce a podcast to share insights and stories about our organization and what we do.

We're looking for individuals with a variety of skills, including writing, editing, graphic design, social media management, and audio production. Whether you're a seasoned professional or a passionate beginner, your contributions can make a real difference.

### Social Media

We post to the following platforms:



### Podcast

#### Roles Needed:

Producers, Design, Sponsorships, Editors, Researchers, Hosts



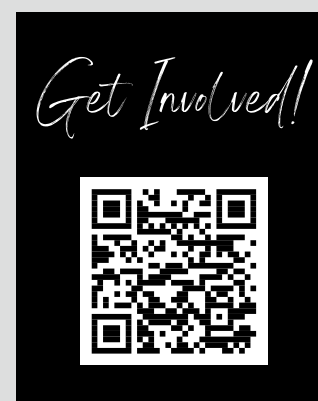
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# GCCA Committees

*Get Involved!*



## Nominating

The Nominating Committee plays a crucial role in ensuring strong leadership for the organization. Our primary responsibility is to actively seek out and evaluate qualified individuals for potential service on the Board of Directors and as Officers. We carefully review all nominations, considering each candidate's experience, skills, and commitment to the organization's mission. Based on this thorough process, the committee develops and presents a final slate of candidates to be considered for election, ensuring a balanced and effective leadership team for the future.



**LeNora  
Hawkins-Ponzo,**  
CHAIR

## Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for administering scholarships that support members' professional development. Our work involves a meticulous review of all applications to ensure they meet the established criteria for eligibility. The committee carefully evaluates each submission, considering the applicant's qualifications and alignment with the scholarship's purpose, which is to provide tuition, room, and per diem reimbursement for attending GCCA seminars. We then select and award scholarships to the most deserving candidates, helping to invest in the education and growth of our members.



**Kimberly  
Ciccaglione**  
CHAIR

## Awards

The Awards Committee is responsible for celebrating the outstanding achievements of our members and community. Our work involves actively soliciting nominations for various awards, thoroughly reviewing each submission to evaluate the candidates' contributions and impact. The committee then carefully selects and recommends honorees who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and service. This process ensures that deserving individuals are recognized for their commitment to our shared goals and mission.



**Lindsay Mobley**  
CHAIR

## Membership

The Membership Committee is dedicated to growing and strengthening our organization. We are responsible for actively recruiting new members, welcoming them into the organization, and ensuring they have a positive and engaging experience. Our work also involves monitoring membership trends, developing strategies to improve member retention, and creating initiatives that foster a vibrant and connected network. By focusing on both recruitment and engagement, we strive to build a thriving and supportive environment for all members.



**Abby Carter**  
CHAIR

# STAY INFORMED

Stay connected with our latest news and events by following us on social media! We regularly share updates on happenings, educational opportunities, and job openings to keep you informed and engaged with our organization.



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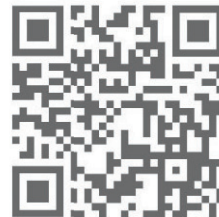
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