

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY
PAULDING JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE AND
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

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SUPERIOR/STATE COURT

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, Governor Brian Kemp declared a statewide State of Emergency, effective immediately, through January 26, 2026, in preparation for the approaching severe inclement weather expected to impact Georgia beginning January 24, 2026.;

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, and/or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation,

IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Paulding County Courthouse shall be closed on Monday, January 26, 2026, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. Superior, State, Juvenile, Probate, and Magistrate Courts shall be closed on January 26, 2026. The civil and criminal matters on any calendar shall be continued. Filings may still be made remotely with the Clerks of the Courts located at the Paulding County Courthouse through the following websites:

Superior Court and State Court:

Civil cases: <https://peachcourt.com/>

Criminal cases: ez-filing.net/Georgia

Magistrate Court:

<https://www.ncourt.com/ncourtefile/default.aspx?juris=GAPaulding>

Juvenile Court:

Dependency cases: dependency@paulding.gov

Delinquency cases: delinquency@paulding.gov

CHINS cases: CHINS@paulding.gov

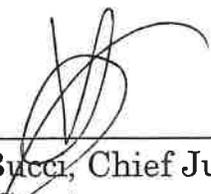
Probate Court: tf3.truefiling.com

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62 (a), all court deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until January 27, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63, the Sheriff or designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; the County Manager/Administrator or designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension on the county website; the Clerk of Court shall provide notice of the closure in the same manner as they would for cancellation of any other court matter, including announcements on television, radio, and public address systems; and notice of this order and any extension shall be provided to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, to the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the affected jurisdiction, and on the clerks of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation may contact the office of the Chief Judge of Superior Court by calling (678) 224-4278, or by email to the Court Administrator, Alyson Briant, at abriant@paulding.gov.

SO ORDERED this 23 day of January, 2026 at 12:52 AM/PM
at Dallas, Georgia.



Dean C. Bucci, Chief Judge,
Superior Court,
Paulding Judicial Circuit