

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Judicial Emergency)
Act of 2004, O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60)
Courthouse Closure Due to)
Severe Winter Weather.)
_____)

DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY
AND ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSES

On January 22, 2026 Governor Brian Kemp issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency due to an expected winter weather event.¹ The Executive Order is effective from January 22, 2026 through January 29, 2026. Due to expected extreme winter weather conditions causing hazardous road and travel conditions affecting this judicial circuit, which are expected to adversely affect normal court operations thereby limiting litigants and others from having reasonable access to the courthouse, and in light of the Governor's Executive Order, a Judicial Emergency is hereby declared for the Bell-Forsyth judicial circuit pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61.

¹ See <https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders> (visited Jan. 22, 2026).

This Order shall apply to the operations of all classes of courts within the Bell-Forsyth judicial circuit and shall be for the following duration:

The County Courthouse and all annexes to the County Courthouse shall be closed from 8:30 A.M., on January 26 2026, until 8:30 A.M., on January 27 2026.

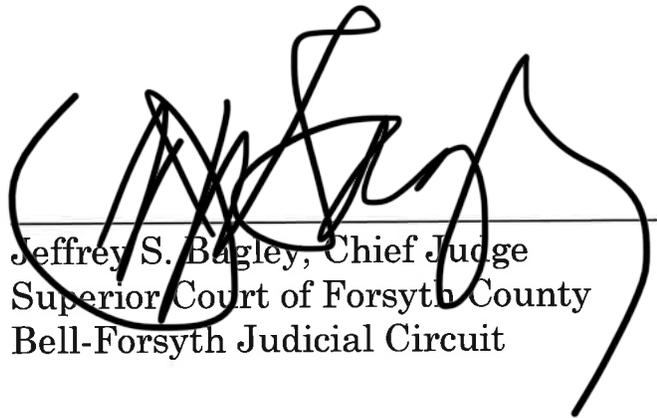
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until this judicial emergency ends and this order expires on its own terms.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63(3), the Sheriff or his designee shall post a copy of this notice on all courthouse doors; the County Manager, or his 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.

It is so ORDERED this 24th day of January 2026 at 5:07

P.M.



Jeffrey S. Bagley, Chief Judge
Superior Court of Forsyth County
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

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