

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JEFFERSON  
MIDDLE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
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 JUVENILE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

**ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE AND  
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

The Court has determined that a judicial emergency exists in Jefferson County, Georgia in that a Winter Weather Advisory, issued by the National Weather Service is in effect from January 25, 2026, 11:00 PM EST through January 26, 2026, 11:00 PM EST, and

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,

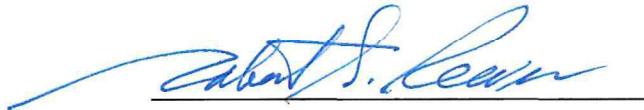
Therefore, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Jefferson County Courthouse shall be closed as of the date and time of this order and will reopen on January, 27, 2026, at the normal opening time; all civil and criminal matters on any calendar shall be continued.

Pursuant to OCGA § 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.

Pursuant to OCGA 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 478/237-7718, by email to the Court Administrator Bob Nadekow at [bnadekow@cighthdistrict.org](mailto:bnadekow@cighthdistrict.org), or by calling the County Sheriff's Office, at 478/625-7538.

SO ORDERED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Jan., 2026 at 6:44 AM/PM



Robert S. Reeves  
Chief Judge, Superior Courts  
Middle Judicial Circuit