

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
(Bulloch County)

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STATE OF GEORGIA

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In Re: )  
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Declaration of Judicial Emergency )

*Richard L. Mitchell*  
CLERK OF COURT

**ORDER**

The undersigned Chief Judge of Superior Court for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit of Georgia does hereby declare the existence of a judicial emergency in this circuit. The nature of this emergency is due to a winter storm which necessitates the closure of the Bulloch Clerk of Court's Office on Monday, February 2, 2026.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all Court business in Superior, Juvenile, State, and Probate Courts for Bulloch County will be closed for business on Monday, February 2, 2026, and will reopen for business on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Given the uncertain nature or duration of this emergency, the Court hereby suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from all deadlines or other time schedules of filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, including, but not limited to:

1. A statute of limitation;
2. The time within which to issue a warrant;
3. The time within which to try a case for which demand for speedy trial has been filed;
4. The time within which to hold a commitment hearing;
5. A deadline or other schedule regarding the detention of a juvenile;
6. The time within which to return a bill in indictment or an accusation or to bring a matter before a grand jury;
7. The time within which to file a writ of habeas corpus;
8. The time within which discovery or any aspect thereof is to be completed;
9. The time within which to serve a party;
10. The time within which to appeal or to seek the right to appeal any order, ruling, or other determination; and
11. And such other legal proceedings as may be determined to be necessary;

for the duration of the time of closing set forth herein.

Because the Court expects the Bulloch County Clerk's Office to be closed for an indeterminate period of time, the Court is unable to designate another facility for the transaction of court business. Should the State of Emergency extend beyond the closure period indicated above, the Court will make a determination of an available, appropriate facility for the conduct of court business when it is appropriate to do so.

If you have an emergency requiring the assistance of the Clerk of Court, Heather McNeal, she may be reached by email at [heather.mcneal@gsccca.org](mailto:heather.mcneal@gsccca.org). If you have an emergency requiring the assistance of a Superior Court Judge please contact our office at (912) 764-9607 or email the appropriate judge's office using the directory information listed at <https://firstjudicialdistrict.org/ogeechee-judicial-circuit/>. For all other emergencies please contact the Sheriff's office or other emergency response agencies as appropriate.

SO ORDERED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2026.



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**MICHAEL T. MULDREW**  
Chief Judge  
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit

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D. Robert Busbee, District Attorney  
Renata Newbill-Jallow, Chief Public Defender  
Randall Weiland, First District Court Administrator  
Chris Eldridge, Bulloch County Manager  
Heather McNeal, Bulloch County Clerk of Court

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
(Effingham County)

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

In Re: )  
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Declaration of Judicial Emergency )

**ORDER**

The undersigned Chief Judge of Superior Court for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit of Georgia does hereby declare the existence of a judicial emergency in this circuit. The nature of this emergency is due to a winter storm which necessitates the closure of the Effingham Clerk of Court's Office on Monday, February 2, 2026.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all Court business in Superior, Juvenile, State, Probate, and Magistrate Courts for Effingham County will be closed for business on Monday, February 2, 2026, and will reopen for business on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Given the uncertain nature or duration of this emergency, the Court hereby suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from all deadlines or other time schedules of filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, including, but not limited to:

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7. The time within which to file a writ of habeas corpus;
8. The time within which discovery or any aspect thereof is to be completed;
9. The time within which to serve a party;
10. The time within which to appeal or to seek the right to appeal any order, ruling, or other determination; and
11. And such other legal proceedings as may be determined to be necessary;

for the duration of the time of closing set forth herein.

Because the Court expects the Effingham County Clerk's Office to be closed for an indeterminate period of time, the Court is unable to designate another facility for the transaction of court business. Should the State of Emergency extend beyond the closure period indicated above, the Court will make a determination of an available, appropriate facility for the conduct of court business when it is appropriate to do so.

If you have an emergency requiring the assistance of the Clerk of Court, Walt Lawson, he may be reached by email at [wlawson@effinghamcounty.org](mailto:wlawson@effinghamcounty.org). If you have an emergency requiring the assistance of a Superior Court Judge please contact our office at (912) 764-9607 or email the appropriate judge's office using the directory information listed at <https://firstjudicialdistrict.org/ogeechee-judicial-circuit/>. For all other emergencies please contact the Sheriff's office or other emergency response agencies as appropriate.

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D. Robert Busbee, District Attorney  
Renata Newbill-Jallow, Chief Public Defender  
Randall Weiland, First District Court Administrator  
Tim Callanan, Effingham County Manager  
Walt Lawson, Effingham County Clerk of Court

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
(Jenkins County)

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

In Re: )  
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Declaration of Judicial Emergency )

**ORDER**

The undersigned Chief Judge of Superior Court for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit of Georgia does hereby declare the existence of a judicial emergency in this circuit. The nature of this emergency is due to a winter storm which necessitates the closure of the Jenkins Clerk of Court's Office on Monday, February 2, 2026.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all Court business in Superior, Juvenile, State, Probate, and Magistrate Courts for Jenkins County will be closed for business on Monday, February 2, 2026, and will reopen for business on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Given the uncertain nature or duration of this emergency, the Court hereby suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from all deadlines or other time schedules of filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, including, but not limited to:

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8. The time within which discovery or any aspect thereof is to be completed;
9. The time within which to serve a party;
10. The time within which to appeal or to seek the right to appeal any order, ruling, or other determination; and
11. And such other legal proceedings as may be determined to be necessary;

for the duration of the time of closing set forth herein.

Because the Court expects the Jenkins County Clerk's Office to be closed for an indeterminate period of time, the Court is unable to designate another facility for the transaction of court business. Should the State of Emergency extend beyond the closure period indicated above, the Court will make a determination of an available, appropriate facility for the conduct of court business when it is appropriate to do so.

If you have an emergency requiring the assistance of the Clerk of Court, Tracey Herrington, she may be reached by email at [tracey.herrington@gsccca.org](mailto:tracey.herrington@gsccca.org). If you have an emergency requiring the assistance of a Superior Court Judge please contact our office at (912) 764-9607 or email the appropriate judge's office using the directory information listed at <https://firstjudicialdistrict.org/ogeechee-judicial-circuit/>. For all other emergencies please contact the Sheriff's office or other emergency response agencies as appropriate.

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Renata Newbill-Jallow, Chief Public Defender  
Randall Weiland, First District Court Administrator  
Grady Saxon, Jenkins County Manager  
Tracey Herrington, Jenkins County Clerk of Court

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
(Screven County)

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

In Re: )  
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Declaration of Judicial Emergency )

**ORDER**

The undersigned Chief Judge of Superior Court for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit of Georgia does hereby declare the existence of a judicial emergency in this circuit. The nature of this emergency is due to a winter storm which necessitates the closure of the Screven Clerk of Court's Office on Monday, February 2, 2026.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all Court business in Superior, Juvenile, State, Probate, and Magistrate Courts for Screven County will be closed for business on Monday, February 2, 2026, and will reopen for business on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Given the uncertain nature or duration of this emergency, the Court hereby suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from all deadlines or other time schedules of filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, including, but not limited to:

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9. The time within which to serve a party;
10. The time within which to appeal or to seek the right to appeal any order, ruling, or other determination; and
11. And such other legal proceedings as may be determined to be necessary;

for the duration of the time of closing set forth herein.

Because the Court expects the Screven County Clerk's Office to be closed for an indeterminate period of time, the Court is unable to designate another facility for the transaction of court business. Should the State of Emergency extend beyond the closure period indicated above, the Court will make a determination of an available, appropriate facility for the conduct of court business when it is appropriate to do so.

If you have an emergency requiring the assistance of the Clerk of Court, Mandy Howard, she may be reached by email at [mandy.howard@gsccca.org](mailto:mandy.howard@gsccca.org). If you have an emergency requiring the assistance of a Superior Court Judge please contact our office at (912) 764-9607 or email the appropriate judge's office using the directory information listed at <https://firstjudicialdistrict.org/ogeechee-judicial-circuit/>. For all other emergencies please contact the Sheriff's office or other emergency response agencies as appropriate.

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Randall Weiland, First District Court Administrator  
Lori Burke, Screven County Manager  
Mandy Howard, Screven County Clerk of Court