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IN THE COURTS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

DOUGLAS JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

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Annatta D. Stenbridge, Clerk

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Superior & State Court  
Douglas County, GA

On June 9, 2026, the building manager informed Chief Judge Cynthia C. Adams that there was a major flooding incident which required according to the building manager required the Courthouse's water system to be shut off. According to the building manager, the water cannot be turned on until the cause of the flooding has been remedied which at this time is unknown. Accordingly, the Court finds that the lack of water constitutes a health and safety concern to the public and employees such that the Courthouse has to be closed until further notice.

Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60 et seq, Chief Judge Cynthia C. Adams of the Superior Court of Douglas County, Douglas Judicial Circuit, hereby ORDERS and DECLARES that the issues and conditions listed above constitute a serious emergency (O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D) such that there is a Judicial Emergency within the Superior and State Courts of Douglas County effective June 6, 2026. The nature of the emergency has so disrupted the functioning of the Courts as to have substantially endangered or infringed upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, and the ability of litigants or others to have access to the Courts or to meet schedules or time deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation. The Chief Judge also believes that this emergency has raised serious due process and other constitutional concerns.

Therefore, having declared a Judicial Emergency for all courts effective June 9, 2026, the Chief Judge is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62 to suspend, toll, extend, or otherwise grant relief from deadlines or other time schedules or filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil, criminal, or administrative matters within all classes of courts housed within the Douglas County Courthouse. This emergency extends until lifted by the Chief Judge.

**IT IS ORDERED** that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Courts of **DOUGLAS** County shall be closed **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**.

Further notice will be provided should conditions warrant an extension of this closure. Updates will be posted at [www.douglascountyga.gov](http://www.douglascountyga.gov) and shared on social media.

Employees may work remotely to the extent possible and allowed by their departments. All filings are to be completed on-line to the extent the Clerk of a particular class of court has implemented on-line filing.

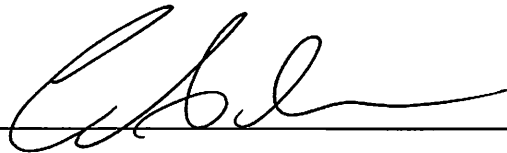
To satisfy the continuity of operations of the court system, and to ensure that the Douglas County community has access to justice during this weather emergency and closure, individuals may contact the courts as follows:

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- If you have an **emergency** that requires the court's involvement, or need to speak to a court official on an emergency basis, please call 470-308-4428 or email [jricks@douglascountyga.gov](mailto:jricks@douglascountyga.gov).
- If you have issues with the on-line filing system of Superior or State Court, please call Alecia Spivey at 706-681-0574 or Janissa Miller at 770-530-7741.
- If you are juror for State Court, please call Janissa Miller at 770-530-7741.
- If you are experiencing an immediate emergency, please call 911 or the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 770-942-2121.

This Order shall be posted conspicuously at the courthouse by the Clerk to give the public notice of the same. Let this Order be placed upon the minutes.

**SO ORDERED** this June 9, 2026.



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Cynthia C. Adams

Chief Judge, Superior Court

Douglas Judicial Court

Judge's Distribution List:

Superior Court Judge Deah Warren

Superior Court Judge Lauren Wallace

Superior Court Judge James Kiger

Chief State Cour Judge Eddie Barker

State Court Judge Brian Fortner

State Court Judge Susan Camp

Chief Juvenile Court Judge Michelle Harrison

Juvenile Court Judge Talia Nurse

Chief Magistrate Court Judge Zaine Hedge

Probate Court Judge Valie Vie

Douglas County Commission Chair Ramona Jackson-Jones

Douglas County Sheriff Tim Pounds

Courthouse Security Captain Trent Jones

Douglas County Administrator Dr. David Corbin

Douglas County Elections Department Head Milton Kidd

Douglas County Communications & Community Relations Yvette Jones

District Attorney Dalia Racine

Chief Public Defender Monica Myles

Solicitor General Sonya Compton

Clerk of Court Annetta Stembridge

Department of Community Supervision