

THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF HALL AND DAWSON COUNTIES
NORTHEASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Extension of Judicial Emergency

Date: April 8, 2020

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AMENDED ORDER EXTENDING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a Judicial Emergency was previously declared to exist in Hall and Dawson Counties until May 31, 2020 (*See Order Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency*, April 2, 2020), and WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court, Harold D. Melton, thereafter entered a superseding extension of a statewide emergency through May 13, 2020.

THEREFORE, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Honorable Chief Judge Kathlene F. Gosselin of the Superior Courts of Hall and Dawson Counties does hereby amend her April 2, 2020 Order to comport with the statewide declaration.

Accordingly, IT IS THE ORDER of the undersigned that the courts of Hall and Dawson Counties will hear only matters previously deemed essential until the statewide declaration of emergency ends at 11:59 p.m. on May 13, 2020. Unless further modified or extended, non-essential matters may resume after such date; however, no jury trials shall be conducted until after May 31, 2020 as previously ordered.

With regard to matters not deemed essential functions, litigants are encouraged to proceed to the extent feasible and consistent with public health guidance, for example through the use of teleconferences and videoconferences, to reduce backlogs when the judicial emergency ends.

With regard to all matters in this challenging time, all lawyers are reminded of their obligations of professionalism.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63, that the Sheriffs of Hall and Dawson Counties shall post this Order on their public notification site and in the courthouses;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Supreme Court with a copy of this Order, such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, at barnest@gasupreme.us;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall give notice of the issuance of this Order to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of April, 2020.



**Kathlene F. Gosselin, Chief Judge
Northeastern Judicial Circuit**