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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE EASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE
AND DESIGNATION OF HEARING OFFICERS

## **ORDER OF APPOINTMENT**

The Judges of the Superior Court of the Eastern Judicial Circuit have determined that the business of the court requires the assistance of an additional judge or additional judges for the calendar year 2024.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-1-9.1 Linnie L. Dardin, Leslie Keene and Maria Sayers are hereby designated to preside as a Hearing Officers as follows:

In Family Violence (O.C.G.A. §19-13-1 et seq.), Stalking (O.C.G.A. §16-5-94), and Dating Violence (O.C.G.A. §19-13-1 et seq.) matters properly before the Superior Court of the Eastern Judicial Circuit for the calendar year of 2024. Such designation shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end at close of business on December 31, 2024.

It is further acknowledged that the assisting judge shall discharge all the duties and shall exercise all of the powers and authority of a Judge of the Superior Court.

**SO ORDERED** this <u>27</u> day of December, 2023.

Penny Haas Freesemann Chief Judge of Superior Court

Eastern Judicial Circuit