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STATE OF GEORGIA

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STANDING ORDER REGARDING JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE
AND DESIGNATION OF ASSISTING JUDGES

Shana S. Rust

WHEREAS, All of the Judges of the Superior Court of Chatham County have determined that the business of the Court requires the assistance of senior judges, and such assistance shall be required from time to time, as the business of the Court requires, and the need for assistance may arise on short notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.2(b), the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Chatham County hereby makes this written request for assistance to the following Senior Judges of the Superior Court of Chatham County to preside in Chatham County Superior Court to conduct hearings, trials, and hear any and all other matters otherwise in the exclusive and non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Superior Court from time to time as needed during the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022: **Honorable James Bass, Jr.**, and **Honorable Michael L. Karpf**.

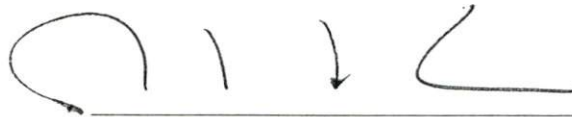
The designated judges are qualified to serve as judges in the Superior Court and, as assisting judges, they shall discharge all the duties and exercise all the powers and authority of a Judge of the Superior Court. The requesting court shall provide all necessary equipment, facilities, and resources to allow the assisting judges to preside and discharge their duties as requested.

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The designated judges shall be compensated as provided in O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.2(d)(1). In addition, without limiting any other provision of this order, the designated judges may be compensated using funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the purpose of reducing the Superior Court case backlog by assigning the designated judges to hear urgent legal matters, such as family violence cases, to allow sitting judges to manage and reduce the existing case backlog.

This Order, containing a standing written request by the Superior Court of Chatham County for assistance and a written designation of assisting judges, shall be filed and recorded upon the minutes of the Clerk of Superior Court and shall be effective through December 31, 2022 or further order of this Court.

SO ORDERED, this 5 day of January, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large loop on the left, followed by a vertical line, a downward-pointing arrow, and a horizontal line that curves upwards at the end.

Penny Haas Freeseemann, Chief Judge
Chatham County Superior Court, E.J.C. of Georgia

cc: Hon. James Bass, Jr.
Hon. Michael Karpf
All Judges of Chatham County Superior Court
Tammie Mosely, Clerk of Superior Court
Crystal Cooper, Court Administrator