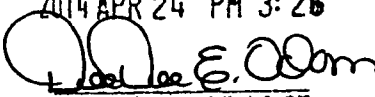


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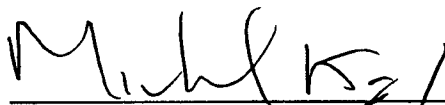
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STANDING ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

The Superior Court of Chatham County, Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia does hereby establish this standing order relating to the oversight of the Juvenile Court by Superior Court. The protocol attached hereto sets out the oversight responsibilities of the Chief Judge of Superior Court, the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court and the other judges of Juvenile Court, the judges of Superior Court and the court administrators of both courts. The attached protocol is hereby made the order of the court.

A copy of this Order and attached protocol shall be kept on file in the Clerk's office of each of the courts and in the office of the Court Administrator of each court.

BY ORDER OF THE JUDGES this 24 day of April, 2014.



Michael L. Karpf, Chief Judge Superior Court  
Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia

CC: Judge Timothy R. Walmsley  
Judge Louisa Abbot  
Judge John E. Morse, Jr.  
Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann  
Judge James F. Bass, Jr.

## Superior Court Oversight of Juvenile Court

The Superior Court has oversight, control and supervisory responsibility over Juvenile Court. OCGA § § 15-6-8(4), 15-11-50, 15-11-54(a). This protocol establishes the responsibility and leadership roles of the judges and court administrators of both courts.

### Presiding Juvenile Court Judge

- The Superior Court Chief Judge is empowered to remove and appoint a new Juvenile Court Presiding Judge after advice and counsel from the other Superior Court judges.
- Superior Court Chief Judge conducts a formal confidential evaluation process for the Juvenile Court Presiding Judge on a periodic, recurring basis as he or she determines.
- Policy development and decision making will be made by consensus among all judges of the Juvenile Court.
- When consensus cannot be reached, the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court shall have the responsibility for making any decisions that affect the Juvenile Court as a whole, provided that the decision does not unduly interfere with the autonomy of each Juvenile Court Judge's processes regarding the conduct of matters in their courtroom.

### Juvenile Court Administrator

- Juvenile Court Administrator shall be hired and removed by the Superior Court Administrator, with consultation and input from the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge and other Juvenile Court Judges.
- Juvenile Court Administrator is appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Superior Court Administrator.
- Juvenile Court Administrator reports to the Superior Court Administrator but engages primarily with the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court and the other Juvenile Court Judges.
- Juvenile Court Administrator has management oversight of all non-judicial court administrative staff at the Juvenile Court and manages the day-to-day affairs of the Court under the direction of the Presiding Judge and the Juvenile Court Judges.
- The Superior Court Administrator may from time to time prescribe additional management duties of the Juvenile Court Administrator.
- An annual performance evaluation shall be completed by the Superior Court Administrator of the Juvenile Court Administrator, with input from the Juvenile Court Judges and appropriate administrative staff.

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