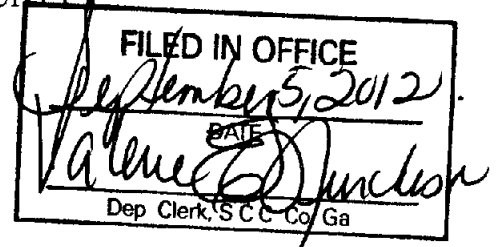


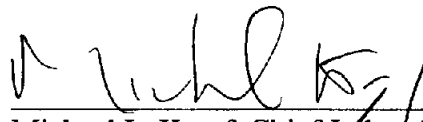
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
EASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER No. _____



This Order supersedes all prior orders regarding assignment of cases in this Court. Effective September 1, 2012, case assignments will be modified as follows. Major criminal cases¹ will be assigned to a separate division within the Court which will be known as the Major Crimes Division (MCD). MCD will be presided over by two judges, who shall rotate in and out of the division in staggered, two year terms². All domestic and other felony cases shall be assigned to the Other Felonies/Domestic Division (OFD) of the court. OFD will be presided over by the remaining four judges of the court, who shall rotate in and out of the division as individual judges rotate out of the MCD. All cases within MCD and within OFD shall be assigned to the judicial positions within those divisions by random assignment. Civil cases filed in the Court shall continue to be assigned on a random basis among the six Judges of the Court.

BY ORDER OF THE JUDGES this 5 day of September, 2012.



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

cc: Clerk of Superior Court

¹Major crimes consist of the following: murder, felony murder, armed robbery, kidnapping, rape, aggravated child molestation, aggravated sodomy, aggravated sexual battery, hijacking and vehicular homicide. Cases involving the use of firearms where the victim is injured and drug trafficking cases with multiple defendants may be referred to the division.

²Initially, one of the two MCD judges will serve a three year term in order to establish the staggered, two year rotation.