

COUNTY OF CHATHAM)
STATE OF GEORGIA)

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Susan Prouse
DER. CLK SUPERIOR CT.
CHATHAM COUNTY, GA.

ORDER
ON COURT-ANNEXED
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

Pursuant to the Georgia Court-annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution Act, OCGA § 15-23-1 et seq., the judges of Superior Court of Chatham County, Eastern Judicial Circuit, the State Court of Chatham County, the Probate Court of Chatham County and the Magistrate Court of Chatham County have determined that there is a need for an alternative dispute resolution program in the courts and that a court-annexed or court-referred alternative dispute resolution program would make a positive contribution to the ends of justice in the courts. OCGA § 15-23-10. It is expressly found by the undersigned that a need exists for an alternative dispute resolution program in the courts within the county. Therefore, for the purpose of instituting a court-annexed or referred alternative dispute resolution program in the county, and in accordance with OCGA § 15-23-7, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

\$7.50

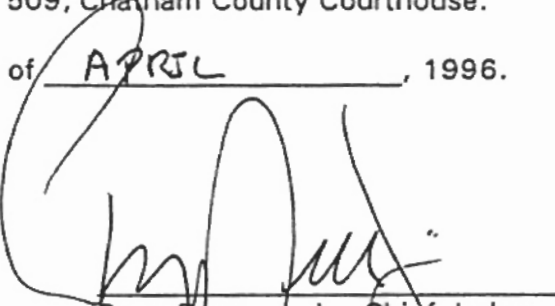
Beginning April 1, 1996, the sum of ~~\$5.00~~, in addition to all other legal costs, shall be charged and collected in each civil action or case filed in the superior, state, probate, and magistrate courts within Chatham County. A "case" shall mean and be construed as any matter which is docketed upon the official dockets of the enumerated courts and to which a number is assigned, whether such matter is contested or not.

OCGA § 15-23-7.

The Clerks of Superior Court, State Court, Probate Court and Magistrate Court shall collect such fees and remit the same to the secretary-treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Chatham County Fund for the Administration of Alternative

Dispute Resolution Programs, on the first day of each month, beginning with the month of May, 1996. Judge Harris Lewis, Judge of the Probate Court of Chatham County, is the secretary-treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Funds collected by each court shall be remitted to him at his office, Room 509, Chatham County Courthouse.

SO ORDERED, this 1st day of APRIL, 1996.


Perry Branner, Jr., Chief Judge,
Superior Courts, EJC, Ga

cc: H. Gregory Fowler, Chief Judge, State Court of Chatham County
J. Harris Lewis, Judge, Probate Court of Chatham County
John Andre, Chief Magistrate Judge, Magistrate Court of Chatham County
Doris Stephens, Clerk of Superior Court
Kathleen Horne, attorney