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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

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STANDING ORDER

This Order supersedes all prior orders regarding assignment of criminal cases in this Court. Effective September 10, 2021, criminal case assignments shall be modified as follows: Consistent with Uniform Superior Court Rule 3.1, newly-filed criminal cases shall be randomly assigned to the end that all six Superior Court judges are allocated an equal number of criminal cases. Criminal cases filed prior to September 10, 2021 shall be reassigned as directed by a separate transfer order of this Court to the end that all six Superior Court judges are allocated an equal number of criminal cases.

Consistent with Uniform Superior Court Rule 3.2, when practical, all criminal actions involving substantially the same parties, or substantially the same subject matter, or substantially the same factual issues, whether pending simultaneously or not, shall be assigned to the same judge. Whenever such action is refiled, or a derivative or companion action is filed or refiled, or a defendant is reindicted on a previous charge, or is indicted on a subsequent charge while still under charges or serving a confinement or probated sentence on a previous action, or codefendants are indicted separately, such actions shall be assigned to the judge to whom the original action was or is assigned. Generally, such actions will be assigned to the judge to whom the action with the lower action number is assigned.

BY ORDER OF THE JUDGES this 8th day of September, 2021.

Penny Haas Freesemann, Chief Judge, Superior Court Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia