

Margaret Washburn Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

On June 23, 2016, the Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges held its annual Summer Law and Practice Update and Business Meeting. The Council handed out its annual awards at this meeting, including the Frost Ward Lifetime Achievement Award to Margaret Washburn. This award recognizes a municipal court judge who has made significant contributions to the Council of Municipal Court Judges over a long period of time. She was also elected to the Training Council for the Municipal Court Judges and will serve as the Chair, as former Chair, Lawrenceville Chief Judge Dennis Still has retired from the Training Council after many years of great service. Judge Still has also received the Award, as has Duluth Chief Judge Charles Barrett, who was last year's recipient, recognizing his contributions as the Council's Legislative liaison.

Judge Washburn serves as the Chief Judge for the Municipal Court of Sugar Hill and as an Associate Judge for the Municipal Court of Duluth. Judge Washburn also served as the President of the Georgia Council for Municipal Court Judges from 1998-1999 and has served as the CMCJ News Bulletin editor for over 10 years. She has authored articles for the News Bulletin and written research, educational papers, and essays for the Municipal Judges Training Council. She has taught at several seminars for Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, including this year.