

New Year, New Judges, New Standing Orders

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As you all know, our county Court's website (www.gwinnettcourts.com) is a phenomenal resource to the attorneys and public of Gwinnett County. The new year is a great time to stop by the website and look at all the other things on the website you may not have noticed previously.

With the new year, the three new judges are present on the website. Judge Rhonda Colvin Leary is State Court division 4, and her contact information and her staff's contact information is on the website, under State Court Judges. Judge Tracie Cason is Superior Court division 2 and Judge Tracey Mason is Superior Court division 9. Their contact information and their staff's contact information is on the website, under Superior Court Judges.

Also remember, with the election and installation of the new judges, the Court's standing orders have all been updated with the new Judges' signatures. You can see this both under standing orders for the State and Superior Courts, but also in each Court's forms section. Make sure that the Standing Orders you file in your cases are the updated forms, and tell your staff as well.

Magistrate Court, Probate Court, and Recorders Court all have a wealth of information on their courts and the court administration, Frequently Asked Questions, forms and other information online. In addition to information on types of cases that Magistrate Court has jurisdiction over, there is a full page of videos on topics ranging from 'I Present My Case' to 'Should I have a Lawyer.' Under Recorder's Court there is a tool to have information about your traffic citation texted to you.

The Court also has information and registration for its programs under the Court Programs tab. You can get information (or point your clients to information) and register for the Navigating Family Change class, the Advanced Co-Parenting Seminar, and the Family Law Information Class. You can also get information on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Treatment Courts, Work Release, and Work Alternative Programs.

Finally, Gwinnett County became a mandatory e-filing county on January 1, 2019. The Court's website has information on e-filing procedures: <https://www.gwinnettcourts.com/about/pressreleases/E-File%20Information.pdf>. For additional information on e-filing, come to our luncheon on January 19, 2019. In addition the Gwinnett Pro Bono Project is offering two trainings on e-filing. One on January 9, 2019 and one on January 15, 2019. Contact Rachel Lazarus (rmlazarus@atlantalegalaid.org) to register or for more information on the classes.