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TITLE 15. COURTS
CHAPTER 6. SUPERIOR COURTS
ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

O.C.G.A. § 15-6-3 (2014)

§ 15-6-3. (For effective date, see note.) Terms of court

The terms of court for the superior courts for each of the judicial circuits shall commence as follows:

(1) *Alapaha Circuit*

- (A) Atkinson County -- First Monday in April and October.
- (B) Berrien County -- First Monday in February and August.
- (C) Clinch County -- Third Monday in March and September.
- (D) Cook County -- Second Monday in January and July.
- (E) Lanier County -- Fourth Monday in April and October;

provided, however, that if any term of court in the Alapaha Circuit begins on an official state holiday, the term of court shall commence on the following Tuesday; and if any other day within the term of court shall be an official state holiday, the court shall be closed for that holiday.

(2) *Alcovy Circuit*

- (A) Newton County -- Second and third Mondays in January, April, July, and October.
- (B) Walton County -- First and second Mondays in February, May, August, and November.

(2.1) *Appalachian Circuit*

- (A) Fannin County -- Second Monday in May and second Monday in November.
- (B) Gilmer County -- Second Monday in April and second Monday in October.

(C) Pickens County -- Second Monday in March and second Monday in September.

(3) *Atlanta Circuit*

Fulton County -- First Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

(4) *Atlantic Circuit*

(A) Bryan County -- Third Monday in March and first Monday in November.

(B) Evans County -- First Monday in February and first Monday in August.

(C) Liberty County -- Second Monday in February and September.

(D) Long County -- First Monday in March and third Monday in August.

(E) McIntosh County -- Third Monday in May and first Monday in December.

(F) Tattnall County -- Third Monday in April and October.

(5) *Augusta Circuit*

(A) Burke County -- Fourth Monday in April and October.

(B) Columbia County -- Fourth Monday in March and September.

(C) Richmond County -- Third Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

(5.1) *Bell-Forsyth Circuit*

Forsyth County -- Second Monday in March, July, and November.

(6) *Blue Ridge Circuit*

Cherokee County -- Second Monday in January, May, and September.

(7) *Brunswick Circuit*

(A) Appling County -- Second and third Mondays in February and third and fourth Mondays in October.

(B) Camden County -- First Monday in April and November.

(C) Glynn County -- Second Monday in March and September.

(D) Jeff Davis County -- First and second Mondays in March; fourth Monday in September; and first Monday in October.

(E) Wayne County -- Third and fourth Mondays in April and November.

(8) *Chattahoochee Circuit*

(A) Chattahoochee County -- Fourth Monday in March and September.

(B) Harris County -- Second Monday in January, May, and September.

(C) Marion County -- Fourth Monday in April and October.

(D) Muscogee County -- First Monday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

(E) Talbot County -- Second Monday in March and November and third Monday in August.

(F) Taylor County -- Second Monday in February, June, and October.

(9) *Cherokee Circuit*

(A) (For effective date, see note.) Bartow County -- First Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(B) Gordon County -- First Monday in March, December, and June; and second Monday in September.

(10) *Clayton Circuit*

Clayton County -- First Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(11) *Cobb Circuit*

Cobb County -- Second Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

(12) *Conasauga Circuit*

(A) Murray County -- Second Monday in February and August.

(B) Whitfield County -- Second Monday in January and July.

(13) *Cordele Circuit*

(A) Ben Hill County -- Second and third Mondays in January; first, second, and third Mondays in April; third and fourth Mondays in June; and third and fourth Mondays in September and Monday following.

(B) Crisp County -- Third and fourth Mondays in February and Monday following; third and fourth Mondays in May; first, second, and third Mondays in August; and second and third Mondays in November.

(C) Dooly County -- First and second Mondays in February; fourth Monday in April and Monday following; third and fourth Mondays in July; and third and fourth Mondays in October.

(D) Wilcox County -- Second and third Mondays in March; fourth Monday in August and Monday following; and first and second Mondays in December.

(14) *Coweta Circuit*

(A) Carroll County -- Second Monday in January and first Monday in April and third Monday in June and first Monday in October.

(B) Coweta County -- First Monday in March and first Tuesday in September.

(C) Heard County -- Third Monday in March and September.

(D) Meriwether County -- Third Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(E) Troup County -- First Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(15) *Dougherty Circuit*

Dougherty County -- Second Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

(15.1) *Douglas Circuit*

Douglas County -- Second Monday in April and October.

(16) *Dublin Circuit*

(A) Johnson County -- Third Monday in March, June, September, and December.

(B) Laurens County -- Fourth Monday in January, April, July, and October.

(C) Treutlen County -- Third Monday in February and August.

(D) Twiggs County -- Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

(17) *Eastern Circuit*

Chatham County -- First Monday in March, June, September, and December.

(17.1) *Enotah Circuit*

(A) Towns County -- January 1 and July 1.

(B) Union County -- January 1 and July 1.

(C) Lumpkin County -- Fourth Monday in February and August.

(D) White County -- First Monday in April and October.

(18) *Flint Circuit*

Henry County -- Fourth Monday in January, April, and October and second Monday in

July.

(19) Griffin Circuit:

- (A) Fayette County -- Second Monday in March and second Monday in September.
- (B) Pike County -- Second Monday in March and second Monday in September.
- (C) Spalding County -- Second Monday in March and second Monday in September.
- (D) Upson County -- Second Monday in March and second Monday in September.

(20) *Gwinnett Circuit*

Gwinnett County -- First Monday in March, June, and December and second Monday in September.

(21) *Houston Circuit*

Houston County -- First Monday in January, April, July, and October.

(22) *Lookout Mountain Circuit*

- (A) Catoosa County -- First Monday in March and second Monday in September.
- (B) Chattooga County -- First Monday in February and August.
- (C) Dade County -- First Monday in April and second Monday in October.
- (D) Walker County -- First Monday in May and November.

(23) *Macon Circuit*

(A) Bibb County -- First Monday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

(B) Crawford County -- Third and fourth Mondays in March and October.

(C) Peach County -- First and second Mondays in March and August and third and fourth Mondays in November.

(24) *Middle Circuit*

- (A) Candler County -- First and second Mondays in February and August.
- (B) Emanuel County -- Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.
- (C) Jefferson County -- Second Monday in May and November.
- (D) Toombs County -- Fourth Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(E) Washington County -- First Monday in March, June, September, and December.

(25) *Mountain Circuit*

(A) Habersham County -- January 1 and July 1.

(B) Rabun County -- January 1 and July 1.

(C) Stephens County -- January 1 and July 1.

(26) *Northeastern Circuit*

(A) Dawson County -- First Monday in March and second Monday in September.

(B) Hall County -- First Monday in May and November and second Monday in January and July.

(27) *Northern Circuit*

(A) Elbert County -- Third Monday in January and fourth Monday in July.

(B) Franklin County -- Third Monday in March and September.

(C) Hart County -- Third Monday in February and August.

(D) Madison County -- Third Monday in April and October.

(E) Oglethorpe County -- Third Monday in May and November.

(28) *Ocmulgee Circuit*

(A) Baldwin County -- Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

(B) Greene County -- Fourth Monday in January, April, August, and November.

(C) Hancock County -- Fourth Monday in March and September.

(D) Jasper County -- Second Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(E) Jones County -- First Monday in February and August and third Monday in April and October.

(F) Morgan County -- First Monday in March, June, September, and December.

(G) Putnam County -- Third Monday in March, June, September, and December.

(H) Wilkinson County -- Fourth Monday in February, first Monday in April and October, and third Monday in August.

(29) *Oconee Circuit*

(A) Bleckley County -- Second Monday in March and July and fourth Monday in October, and there shall be a grand jury for each term.

(B) Dodge County -- Third Monday in February, first Monday in June, and last Monday in September, and there shall be a grand jury for each term.

(C) Montgomery County -- First Monday in February and second Monday in August, and there shall be a grand jury for each term.

(D) Pulaski County -- Second Monday in April and September and first Monday in December, and there shall be a grand jury for each term.

(E) Telfair County -- Third Monday in March and August and first Monday in November, and there shall be a grand jury for each term.

(F) Wheeler County -- Last Monday in January and first Monday in August, and there shall be a grand jury for each term.

(30) *Ogeechee Circuit*

(A) Bulloch County -- First Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(B) Effingham County -- First Monday in June and December.

(C) Jenkins County -- First Monday in March and September.

(D) Screven County -- Second Monday in January and first Monday in April, July, and October.

(31) *Pataula Circuit*

(A) Clay County -- Second Monday in March and September.

(B) Early County -- Second Monday in January and July.

(C) Miller County -- Third Monday in February and August.

(D) Quitman County -- Fourth Monday in March and September.

(E) Randolph County -- Second Monday in May and November.

(F) Seminole County -- Third Monday in April and October.

(G) Terrell County -- First Monday in June and December.

(31.1) *Paulding Circuit*

Paulding County -- Second Monday in January and July.

(32) *Piedmont Circuit*

(A) Banks County -- First Monday in February and August; and there shall be a grand jury for each term, but the grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled in the first day of each term.

(B) Barrow County -- First Monday in February and August; and there shall be a grand jury for each term, but the grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled in the first day of each term.

(C) Jackson County -- First Monday in February and August; and there shall be a grand jury for each term, but the grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled in the first day of each term.

(32.1) *Rockdale Circuit*

Rockdale County -- First Monday in January, April, July, and October.

(33) *Rome Circuit*

Floyd County -- Second Monday in January, March, July, and September and first Monday in May and November.

(34) *South Georgia Circuit*

(A) Baker County -- Third Monday in January and July.

(B) Calhoun County -- Last Monday in May and November.

(C) Decatur County -- First Monday in May and November.

(D) Grady County -- Third Monday in March and September.

(E) Mitchell County -- Third Monday in April and October.

(35) *Southern Circuit*

(A) Brooks County -- First Monday in April and October.

(B) Colquitt County -- First Monday in February and August.

(C) Echols County -- First Monday in February and August.

(D) Lowndes County -- First Monday in March and first Tuesday immediately following first Monday in September.

(E) Thomas County -- First Monday in April and October.

(36) *Southwestern Circuit*

(A) Lee County -- Fourth Monday in April and October.

(B) Macon County -- Second Monday in May and November.

(C) Schley County -- Second Monday in February and August.

(D) Stewart County -- Third Monday in March and September.

(E) Sumter County -- Fourth Monday in February, May, and August and the Monday following the fourth Thursday in November.

(F) Webster County -- Second Monday in January and July.

(37) *Stone Mountain Circuit*

DeKalb County -- First Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

(38) *Tallapoosa Circuit*

(A) Haralson County -- Third Monday in January and August.

(B) Polk County -- Third Monday in March and July;

provided, however, that in the Tallapoosa Circuit, if the Monday set for the term of court to begin is a legal holiday, the term of court shall commence on the Tuesday next following that Monday.

(39) *Tifton Circuit*

(A) Irwin County -- Second Monday in February and second Monday in August.

(B) Tift County -- Second Monday in March and second Monday in September.

(C) Turner County -- Second Monday in April and second Monday in October.

(D) Worth County -- Second Monday in January and second Monday in July.

(40) *Toombs Circuit*

(A) Glascock County -- Third Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(B) Lincoln County -- Fourth Monday in January, third Monday in April, fourth Monday in July, and third Monday in October.

(C) McDuffie County -- Second Monday in March, June, September, and December.

(D) Taliaferro County -- Fourth Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(E) Warren County -- Third Monday in January and first Monday in April, July, and

October.

(F) Wilkes County -- First Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(40.1) *Towaliga Circuit*

(A) Butts County -- Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

(B) Lamar County -- Second Monday in March, June, September, and December.

(C) Monroe County -- Second Monday in February, May, August, and November.

(41) *Waycross Circuit*

(A) Bacon County -- Third Monday in April and second Monday in October.

(B) Brantley County -- Fourth Monday in January and second Monday in September.

(C) Charlton County -- Fourth Monday in February and September.

(D) Coffee County -- Third Monday in March and October.

(E) Pierce County -- First Monday in May and first Monday in December.

(F) Ware County -- First Monday in April and second Monday in November;

provided, however, that if any term of court in the Waycross Circuit begins on an official state holiday, the term of court shall commence on the following Tuesday; and if any other day within the term of court shall be an official state holiday, the court shall be closed for that holiday.

(42) *Western Circuit*

(A) Clarke County -- Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

(B) Oconee County -- Second Monday in March and September.