

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE COWETA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA
CARROLL, COWETA, HEARD, MERIWETHER & TROUP COUNTIES**

STANDING ORDER NUMBER 4

IN RE: TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS

The Judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit, being mindful of the need to address temporary protective orders as expeditiously as possible, hereby enter the following Standing Order Regarding Temporary Protective Orders. It is the intent of this order that petitions for temporary protective orders brought pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-13-1 et seq., be exempted from the Standing Order Regarding Case Assignment in order to promote ease of access to the courts for litigants and to assure that all such petitions are heard within thirty (30) days of filing.

The procedure for filing petitions for temporary protective orders shall be as follows:

- (a) The Petitioner may present the proposed petition and a proposed ex parte order to any of the six Superior Court Judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit, or to any Judge in the Coweta Judicial

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Circuit who has been appointed to sit as a Superior Court Judge pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.1.


(b) If the judge to whom the petition and proposed ex parte order is presented signs the ex parte order, the Petitioner shall then immediately file the petition with the Clerk of the Superior Court. In the event the judge to whom the petition and proposed ex parte order is presented refuses to sign the ex parte order, the Petitioner shall make that fact known to any subsequent judge to whom the petition and proposed ex parte order may be presented. Failure to notify a judge that the petition and proposed ex parte order (or one alleging essentially the same facts) has been presented to another judge who refused to sign the ex parte order may subject the Petitioner to a finding of contempt of court.

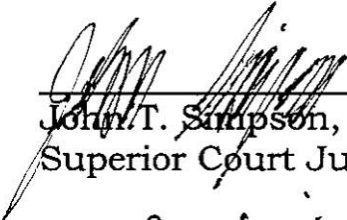
(c) The Petitioner shall be responsible for informing the Clerk whether the case that is the subject of the petition is a companion or related case as defined in USCR 3.2 by completing and filing, along with the Petition, an Affidavit Regarding Companion and Related Actions in a form that substantially complies with the form attached to this order as Exhibit "A". The Clerk of Superior Court shall accept the petition, affidavit and signed ex parte protective order for filing,


and, using the random case assignment system, assign the case to a judge for hearing. If the assigned judge will not have a regular non-jury hearing date in the county within thirty (30) days of the date of filing the petition, the Clerk shall, again using the random case assignment system, re-assign the case to another judge, repeating this process until the judge randomly assigned has a regular non-jury hearing date within thirty (30) days of the date of filing the petition.

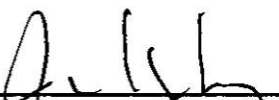
In any case in which the petitioner is seeking an award of child support, the petitioner shall bring to court on the day of the hearing a child support worksheet prepared pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15.

SO ORDERED this 12 day of February, 2014.

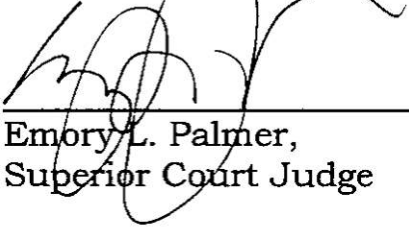

A. Quillian Baldwin, Jr.,
Chief Superior Court Judge


John T. Simpson,
Superior Court Judge


Dennis Blackmon,
Superior Court Judge


Jack Kirby,
Superior Court Judge


Bill Hamrick,
Superior Court Judge


Emory L. Palmer,
Superior Court Judge

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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| Petitioner | § | |
| | § | |
| vs. | § | CIVIL ACTION |
| | § | |
| Respondent | § | FILE NO. _____ |
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AFFIDAVIT REGARDING COMPANION AND RELATED ACTIONS

Having been sworn before the undersigned officer authorized by law to administer oaths, the Petitioner in the above-captioned case hereby swears that:

This case involves substantially the same parties or substantially the same subject matter or substantially the same factual issues as another case (whether presently pending or not), which case was heard by Judge _____.

or

The parties or subject matter or factual issues in this case have not been previously heard by a presently sitting judge of this circuit.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.

Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

EXHIBIT "A" TO STANDING ORDER #4