

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MUSCOGEE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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ORDER

The Muscogee County Clerk of Superior Court is hereby ordered to assign pro se post-conviction criminal motions to the judge who originally presided over the case or that judge's current successor in office.

To account for rotations in past criminal divisions, these motions shall be assigned to the judge who entered the most recent order in the case or that judge's current successor in office.

Unless otherwise ordered, the following lines of succession shall determine the assignment of pro se post-conviction criminal motions:

The HON. BOBBY G. PETERS, and his successors, shall be assigned motions in cases originally presided over by the Hon. Roxann G. Daniel, the Hon. William J. Smith, the Hon. John H. Land, and the Hon. J.R. Thompson;

The HON. BEMON G. MCBRIDE, III, and his successors, shall be assigned motions in cases originally presided over by the Hon. Kenneth B. Followill;

The HON. ARTHUR L. SMITH, III, and his successors, shall be assigned motions in cases originally presided over by the Hon. Douglas C. Pullen, the Hon. E. Mullins Whisnant, the Hon. J. Alvan Davis, the Hon. Hubert Calhoun, and the Hon. T. Hicks Fort;

The HON. MAUREEN C. GOTTFRIED, due to her appointment to a judgeship created in 2014, shall continue to be assigned motions in cases over which she presided and her successors in office shall be assigned motions accordingly.

The HON. JOHN T. MARTIN, III, and his successors, shall be assigned motions in cases originally presided over by the Hon. William C. Rumer, and the Hon. Robert G. Johnston, III; and

The HON. BENJAMIN S. RICHARDSON, and his successors, shall be assigned motions in cases originally presided over by the Hon. Benjamin A. Land, and the Hon. Frank J. Jordan, Jr.;

The HON. CAROLYN "TIPPI" CAIN BURCH, and her successors, shall be assigned motions in cases originally presided over by the Hon. J. Ronald Mullins, Jr., the Hon. John D. Allen, the Hon. Rufe E. McCombs, the Hon. Albert W. Thompson, and the Hon. Oscar D. Smith, Jr.;

The preceding method of assigning motions shall apply to all superior court judgeships created in the future until further order of this Court. Any questions regarding the proper assignment of these motions shall be addressed to the Chief Judge.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of July, 2024.


Chief Judge Arthur L. Smith, III
Muscogee County Superior Court