

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF HALL AND DAWSON COUNTIES  
NORTHEASTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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**In the Matter of Juvenile Court Judge Salaries**

Pursuant to the authority of O.C.G.A. § 15-11-52(b), the compensation of the Juvenile Court Judge is set by the Judges of the Superior Court with approval of the governing authority of the counties for which said Judge is appointed.

After consideration of Juvenile Court Judge salaries throughout the State of Georgia, and pursuant to a longstanding county judicial salary agreement that provides for a Juvenile Court Judge salary to be set at a percentage of the compensation set for a Superior Court judge, the undersigned deem it appropriate to modify the salary orders for the circuit's four existing Juvenile Court Judges, along with any future Juvenile Court Judge, until such time as a superseding order may be entered.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, subject to the approval of the County Governing Authority, that the salary of any full-time Juvenile Court Judge duly appointed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-50(b) shall receive an annual salary equal to 85 percent of the base salary received by a Superior Court judge in this circuit. The Superior Court base salary shall include the annual salary provided by the State of Georgia as well as any annual supplements provided by Hall County and Dawson County; the base salary shall *not* include the Accountability Court supplement provided by the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-29.1. Any future adjustments made to the base salary of a Superior Court judge shall be made effective for the Juvenile Court Judge on the same date, unless an alternate date is set by separate order at that time by the Chief Superior Court judge.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, the counties shall contribute 7.5% of the above annual salary to the Georgia Judicial Retirement Plan of the State of Georgia as required by law.

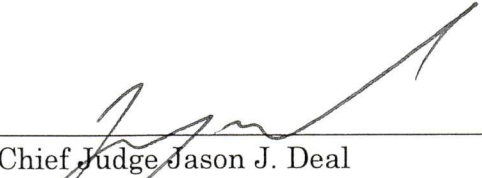
The annual salary and benefits shall be paid out of the General Fund of Hall and Dawson Counties in the ratio established by the previous Intergovernmental Agreement

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<sup>1</sup> The most recent adjustment to the base salary of a Superior Court judge was made effective by the State of Georgia on July 1, 2024. In accordance with the provisions of this Order, the salaries of the Juvenile Court judges shall therefore also be made retroactively effective to July 1, 2024.

(IGA) between the counties. For the purposes of efficient administration, Hall County shall administer the entire salary and benefits and bill Dawson County for any share pursuant to the IGA.<sup>2</sup>

**SO ORDERED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

  
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Chief Judge Jason J. Deal

  
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Judge Kathlene F. Gosselin

  
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Judge Bonnie Chessher Oliver

  
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Judge Clint G. Bearden

  
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Judge Lindsay H. Burton

<sup>2</sup> By current agreement, Dawson County will pay 16.67% of the annual gross salary and benefits of two Juvenile Court judges.