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MAGISTRATE COURT NEWSLETTER



AN INNOVATIVE, EFFICIENT, & ACCESSIBLE COURT

CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE CASSANDRA KIRK

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ABOUT US

The Fulton County Magistrate Court has been proudly serving the Fulton County community for nearly 4 decades. Our court consists of 8 full-time and 15 part-time judges, all of whom work alongside the Chief Magistrate Judge, Cassandra Kirk. Cassandra Kirk was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to serve as Chief Magistrate Judge of the Fulton County Magistrate Court on December 29, 2014. Last year she was elected by the Fulton County voters in the first ever judicial magistrate election in Fulton. Through her leadership the Magistrate Court has not only made improvements on the bench but also within the courthouse. Through community outreach and special programs the accessibility of our court increases every day. Our court is a place to uphold the law but to also help the citizens of Fulton utilize and understand their rights. We do this by making sure we have up to date operations that can always assist our community and supporters like you.

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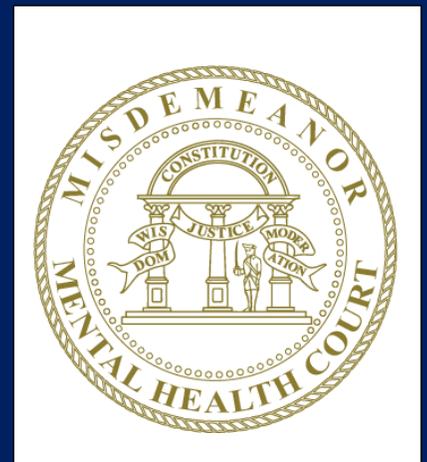
"Walk in failure to appear court is the fastest most professional court in the state. You're not shamed for your allegations or treated like a criminal. Instead you are treated like a person with genuine respect and dignity."
- PAUL MILLER

YOUR CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE...**CASSANDRA KIRK**

In October of 2018, the Honorable Cassandra Kirk became the first elected Chief Magistrate Judge of Fulton County. A graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law, Judge Kirk has over 25 years in legal experience. Before her current position, she served as a Juvenile Court Judge where she created Fulton's first Juvenile Drug Court program. She has also served as a prosecutor, a criminal defense attorney, and a civil litigator. Currently, Judge Kirk remains an active member in our community through her involvement with North Avenue Presbyterian Church (Elder), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Regional Leadership Institute and Leadership Atlanta. She is also on the Board of Directors for The League of Women Voters of Atlanta-Fulton County, Star C, and Street Grace. Judge Kirk is honored to be a part of Fulton County's Magistrate Court and aims to "ensure the court is accessible for all court users."

MISDEMEANOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT

The Misdemeanor Mental Health Court came into existence in the summer of 2018 when State Court Judge Porter and Magistrate Court Judges Lilian Caudle and Cassandra Kirk sought reform for people arrested with mental health issues. With the help from Solicitor General Keith Gammage they started a 90 day pilot program that has since developed into an integral part of our court system. The aim of Misdemeanor Mental Health Court is not only to protect public safety, but to also reduce recidivism rates and provide mental health services to those who might otherwise never receive them. The standards of the program are high, but with the help of our incredible team, participants continue to flourish and we have now had 5 successful graduations.



INTRODUCING OUR JUDGES (Click their Name to Read More)...



JUDGE LILLIAN CAUDLE



JUDGE TODD ASHLEY



JUDGE LINDA BORSKY

INTRODUCING OUR INTERNS...



Victoria Carney-Peters is an intern with the Atlanta Associates Program. This program is an 11-week faith-based internship that allows 10 college students to work within the city of Atlanta in their career field of interest. The goal of this program is to help students develop skills that will aid in not only their professional lives, but their personal and spiritual lives as well. Click [here](#) for more information about the Atlanta Associates Program.



Aidaiba Nwasike is a High School intern with the Atlanta Bar Association’s Summer Law Internship Program. SLIP was founded in 1993 and has allowed for over 780 students in Metro Atlanta to spend the summer working with different law organizations in the city of Atlanta. Through this organization students are able to gain work experience, knowledge about the legal field, and mentor relationships within the Atlanta Legal Community. Click [here](#) for more information about the Summer Law Internship Program.

“Committed to excellence in providing fair, accessible, and timely resolution of criminal and civil matters within its jurisdiction through innovation and efficiency”- Our Mission Statement



William Keegan-Georgia State University College of Law (Rising 2L)

Jada Butler-Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School (Rising 3L)

Minh Vu Nguyen-Georgia State University College of Law (Rising 2L)

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Nathanael Riepe-Mercer School of Law (Rising 2L)

Katherine Edmonds-Georgia State University College of Law (Rising 2L)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

The Magistrate Court is The People’s Court. Therefore, we are seeking volunteers to work 8-12 hours a week with administrative tasks. These tasks include, but are not limited to, answering the phone, opening mail, and filing paperwork. We hope this opportunity will allow our volunteers to not only become an active part of our Court, but also gain valuable work experience. Please note that volunteers will be subject to a background check. If interested, please contact us at 404-613-9071.