

IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF ATHENS-CLARKE AND OCONEE COUNTIES
WESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

**STANDING ORDER FOR ASSIGNMENT OF PETITIONS SEEKING
FAMILY VIOLENCE OR STALKING PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

Due to the need for immediate judicial action on *ex parte* requests for protective order relief when petitions for family violence, O.C.G.A. § 19-13-3, and stalking, O.C.G.A. § 16-5-94, are filed, the undersigned hereby set the following as a rule of internal operating procedure to be followed by each Clerk of the respective Superior Court.

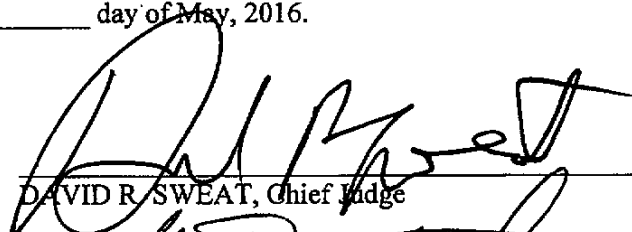
Family violence and stalking petitions filed in Athens-Clarke County shall be assigned in a rotating fashion to the Superior Court Judges with primary chambers in Athens-Clarke County.

Family violence and stalking petitions filed in Oconee County shall be assigned to the Superior Court Judge with primary chambers in Oconee County.

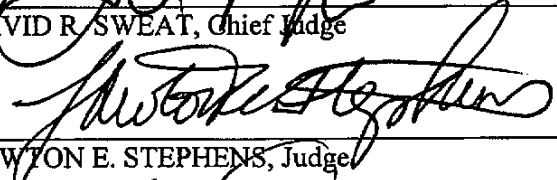
This assignment rule shall apply for all cases from the date of issuance of this Standing Order, provided, however, that the Superior Court Judges may from time to time modify assignments for a limited time to accommodate temporary changes in judicial availability.

Let the Clerk of Athens-Clarke County and the Clerk of Oconee County file this Standing Order on the minutes of the respective Superior Court.

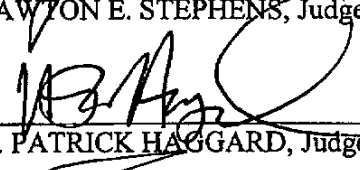
SO ORDERED, this 5 day of May, 2016.



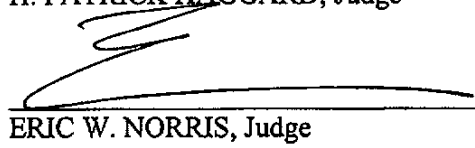
DAVID R. SWEAT, Chief Judge



LAWTON E. STEPHENS, Judge



H. PATRICK HAGGARD, Judge



ERIC W. NORRIS, Judge

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