

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
WESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF STATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

*Filed with Clerk of Court
This 10th Day of
January, 2025 at 11:40PM.
Elisa Zarate, Clerk of Court*

**AMENDED ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE
AND
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2025, Governor Brian Kemp declared a statewide State of Emergency, effective immediately through Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in preparation for the approaching winter storm expected to impact Georgia beginning this Friday, January 10, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Court has received reports from Athens-Clarke County Emergency Management Team and the Athens-Clarke County government concerning the early morning through the afternoon of Friday, January 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet scheduled or time deadlines imposed by the court order or rule, statute of administrative rule or regulation;

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse shall be closed on Friday, January 10, 2025, and reopen as usual on Monday, January 13, 2025. Superior, Magistrate, Probate, and Juvenile Court shall be closed on Friday, January 10, 2025. Filings may still be made remotely with the Clerks of the Courts located at the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse through the following websites:

- Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court: Civil and Criminal Cases:

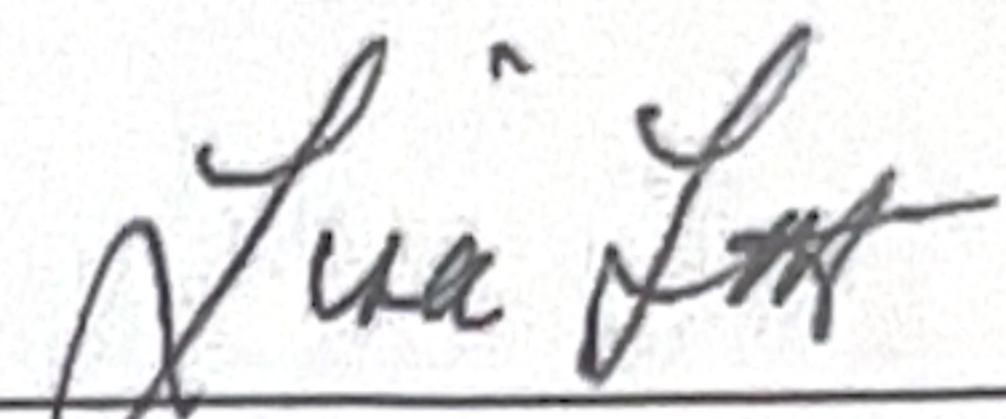
and

- All after hours procedures involving CHINS, Delinquency and DFACS matters shall remain in full force and effect.

For emergency matters that require Court involvement, or for the need to speak to a court official on an emergency basis, please call the Athens-Clarke County Clerk of Court, Elisa Zarate, at 762-400-6497 or the Athens-Clarke County Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Division at 706-613-3250.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines falling on Friday, January 10, 2025, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until Monday, January 13, 2025.

IT SO ORDERED, at 9:58 this 10th day of January, 2025.



Chief Judge Lisa Lott
Western Judicial Circuit