

**IN THE SUPERIOR, STATE, AND JUVENILE COURTS OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 99-2

IN RE: MUTUAL REQUEST AND ORDER FOR JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

Comes now Richard S. Gault, Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit, Jeffrey S. Bagley, Judge of the State Court of Forsyth County, and J. Russell Jackson, Associate Judge of the Juvenile Court of Forsyth County, and mutually request permanent judicial assistance each of the other, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.1(2)(D), for the following reasons:

1.

The Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit is a circuit with one superior court judge, one state court judge, and one juvenile court judge. There will be occasions when these judges, of necessity, will be absent from the office due to mandatory continuing educational seminars, meetings, illness, vacation, and for other unforeseen reasons and circumstances. There will also be matters from which the judges will be forced to disqualify themselves which may necessitate immediate attention.

2.

Presently, on an experimental basis, the judges of the affected courts may assign cases to each other by subject matter or party on a cooperative basis in order to allow the appearance of parties in related matters filed in different courts to appear only before one judge who may be authorized to preside in two or more courts simultaneously. For example, a criminal defendant with charges pending in Superior Court and State court might dispose of all matters before one judge. A domestic case might include a TPO and divorce in Superior Court, a domestic battery in State Court, and a deprivation petition in Juvenile Court, all of which could be handled before the same judge.

3.

The above reasons are in addition to any others identified in O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.1. This order shall supercede Internal Operating Procedure 98-13.

SO ORDERED, this 12th day of July, 1999.

Richard S. Gault, Chief Judge
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Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

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Bell Forsyth Judicial Circuit

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