

TRAINING

Training has been scheduled in four locations in the state. On each day, a morning and an afternoon session will be held. The morning sessions will be held from **9:00 a.m. to noon**, and the afternoon sessions from **1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided at each location. Alternative arrangements have been made for some counties.



Atlanta - March 27, 2006

State Bar of Georgia
104 Marietta Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30303
Room ABCD
*Parking free for bar members

Tifton - March 29, 2006

State Bar of Georgia
244 E. Second Street
(across from courthouse)
Tifton, GA 31793

Macon - April 3, 2006

AOC Office
110 Holiday Drive
Suite B
Macon, GA 31210

Statesboro - April 5, 2006

Georgia Southern University
Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building
(Corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive)

** An alternative training is being planned for the morning of March 31st in Athens or Washington Georgia. Details will be forthcoming.*

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Magistrate Court of Liberty County

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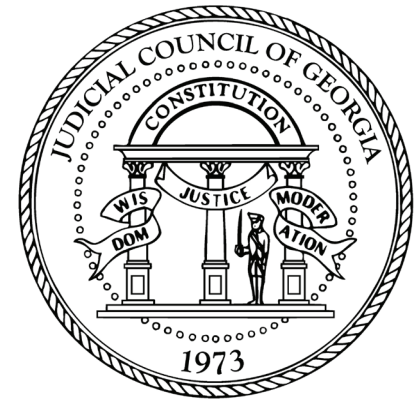
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*Judicial Workload
Assessment Committee*


TIME & MOTION STUDY



**Georgia Superior
Courts**

*Chief Judge Joe C. Bishop, Chair
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THE JUDICIAL WORKLOAD ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE



In 2005, the Judicial Council of Georgia convened the Judicial Workload Assessment Committee (JWAC). This Committee was established to work extensively with judges and judicial stakeholders across the state to make the case count, and all matters affiliated with the process, as accurate as possible. The Committee and its advisory group includes members from every class of court.

The JWAC has made several monumental recommendations to the Judicial Council. These recommendations will ultimately impact Georgia's judicial outlook. The Committee's Chair, Chief Judge Joe C. Bishop, has sought to make the Committee a driving force in providing the most timely and reliable information to the Judicial Council as it seeks to make judgeship recommendations to the General Assembly.

As the needs of Georgia Courts change and expand, so will the duties of the JWAC. The Committee continues to work with and consult state and national resources to ensure that only quality decisions are proposed to support courts across Georgia.

ABOUT THE STUDY

The 2006 Workload Assessment study has been approved by the Judicial Council of Georgia. To date, judgeship weights and recommendations have been based upon a study conducted by the National Center for State Courts in early 2000. Since that time, Georgia courts, judicial structure, and circuit boundaries have changed. In an effort to keep the weights as current and objective as possible, the JWAC is conducting the current assessment.

The 2006 assessment differs from the original study in that it takes into consideration more discreet categories of information. The study will update the weights more objectively by comparing county level characteristics such as population growth and caseload, and case type complexity. While the 2000 study only classified three judicial circuits in the state (rural, suburban and large urban), the current analysis takes into consideration a more diverse perspective of Georgia Courts.

Revising the weights based on a more accurate and systematic model that takes into consideration the changing dynamics of the courts will inevitably result in more reliable case weights for each judicial circuit.

There is no way around updating the weights. This model will make the process more efficient, accurate, and more equitable for all circuits.
Dr. Gregory Arnold

WHAT TO EXPECT

Here are some points about what to expect during the study:

DURATION OF STUDY: The study will last for nine weeks (approximately 90 days).

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION: Judges will log time from April 17th until August 23rd.

HOW WILL TIME BE KEPT: Forms will be provided by the JWAC staff and posted online for convenient access.

HOW MANY FORMS ARE THERE: There are three forms to log case information: A Criminal, General Civil and Domestic Relations Form.

MEASURING BEYOND BENCHTIME: Judges will log case and non-case related administration such as signing orders or attending required training. The forms also consider travel to courts and vacation or sick leave.

TRAINING FOR STUDY: Participating judges are asked to attend training. If the proposed training dates are incompatible with the judge's schedule, alternative arrangements can be made. At least one judge from the county selected to participate should attend the training.

COUNTIES PARTICIPATING: 41 of the 159 counties are currently participating in the study. Each county was randomly selected using a statistical software package.