

IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE PIEDMONT CIRCUIT

BARROW, JACKSON AND BANKS COUNTIES

STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re:)
)
CRIMINAL CASE ASSIGNMENTS)

**TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER FOR SCHEDULING
OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL MATTERS**

WHEREAS newly appointed Superior Court Judge Sarah J. Griffie, pursuant to judicial canons and ethics, is prohibited from presiding over criminal matters for which she had supervisory authority through her role as Chief Assistant District Attorney prior to being sworn in as a Superior Court Judge; and

WHEREAS it creates an additional workload for the other Superior Court Judges of the Piedmont Circuit to handle those criminal matters for which Judge Griffie cannot preside; and

WHEREAS that additional workload can be alleviated by Judge Griffie presiding over designated probation revocation matters and bond hearings for which her recusal is not required;

THEREFORE, the following classes of probation matters and bond hearings are to be assigned to Judge Griffie when she is able to assist with a scheduled criminal plea/motion day.¹

(1) Any pending probation matter, whether scheduled for a 1st appearance, status or evidentiary hearing for which the alleged violations are:

(a) All technical violations including, but not limited to, failing to report or pay as directed; or

¹ Pursuant to judicial ethics and rules regarding recusals, Judge Griffie will, as required, recuse or decline to hear any of the matters addressed herein in the event she has knowledge that she was directly involved in the investigation or prosecution of the underlying criminal charge or the charges forming the basis of the probation violation or bond hearing.

- (b) All special condition violations including, but not limited to, failing to complete a residential treatment program; or
 - (c) New offenses that occurred outside of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit; or
 - (d) New offenses that occurred within the Piedmont Judicial Circuit after September 3, 2024.
- (2) Bond hearings in criminal cases that would not be assigned to the scheduled presiding judge under the Piedmont Judicial Circuit alphabetic case assignment system, but only if the offense occurred after September 3, 2024.²
- (3) Negotiated guilty pleas in criminal cases that would not be assigned to the scheduled presiding judge under the Piedmont Judicial Circuit alphabetic case assignment system, but only if the offense occurred after September 3, 2024.

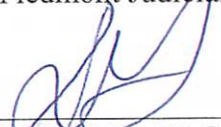
This standing order shall be temporary in nature and shall expire on December 31, 2024.

The Clerk of Court in each county within the Piedmont Judicial Circuit shall file this Order and enter it up on the Minutes of the Court.


SO ORDERED this 13th day of November, 2024.



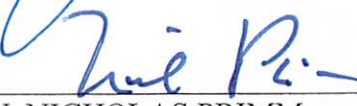
HON. CURRIE M. MINGLEDORFF II
Chief Judge of Superior Courts
Piedmont Judicial Circuit



HON. SARAH GRIFFIE
Judge of Superior Courts
Piedmont Judicial Circuit



HON. JOSEPH H. BOOTH
Judge of Superior Courts
Piedmont Judicial Circuit



HON. NICHOLAS PRIMM
Judge of Superior Courts
Piedmont Judicial Circuit

² To provide further clarification, if Judge Griffie is assisting Judge Primm with his plea/motion calendar and a bond hearing is scheduled for a case that is otherwise assigned to Judge Booth, that bond hearing should be presented to Judge Griffie. Judge Primm would address the bond hearings for cases that are assigned to him.