

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY  
IN THE STATE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 98-13**

**IN RE: MUTUAL REQUEST AND ORDER FOR JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE**

Comes now Richard S. Gault, Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Circuit and Jeffrey S. Bagley, Judge of the State Court of Forsyth County, and mutually request 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 Circuit is a circuit with one superior court judge and one state court judge. There will be occasions when the superior court judge and the state court judge, 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 which may necessitate immediate attention.

2.

The state court judge has agreed to supervise the operation of the Juvenile Court of Forsyth County as a permanently designated superior court judge pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.1(2)(D).

3.

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 juvenile deprivation matter, all of which could be handled before the same judge.

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The above reasons are in addition to any others identified in O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.1.

This 1st day of July, 1998.

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

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Jeffrey S. Bagley, Judge  
Forsyth County State Court  
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

## **ORDER**

The Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth Circuit and the Judge of the State Court of Forsyth County, having determined in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.1(2)(D) that the business of the affected Courts require the permanent assistance of an additional judge for reasons set forth in the foregoing "Mutual Request for Assistance," do hereby agree to render judicial assistance one to the other in a manner and at times to be determined by the Judges.

This Order shall be filed by the Clerk of Court and spread on the Minutes of the affected Courts and shall constitute an Internal Operating Procedure of the Superior and State and Juvenile Courts of Forsyth County.

**SO ORDERED**, this 1st day of July, 1998.

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

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Jeffrey S. Bagley, Judge  
Forsyth County State Court  
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY  
BELL-FORSYTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**ORDER**

Under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-11-10(a) the Court appoints J. Russell Jackson as Associate Juvenile Court Judge of Forsyth County. The appointment will be on a part time, as needed basis and Mr. Jackson will continue in the private practice of law.

This appointment is on a continuing basis and the Department of Family and Children Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Mental Health are directed that they may request and rely upon the assistance of the Associate Judge in the same manner as they may call upon the Judge under the Juvenile Court Code, as restricted by O.C.G.A. § 15-11-10. The Associate Judge may be used when the Judge exercising jurisdiction over juveniles is ill, absent or disqualified. He may also be used when the caseload requires assistance, when requested by the Judge exercising jurisdiction over juveniles to assist on certain dates or as to certain types of cases or on an individual case assignment basis, all as permitted under the Juvenile Court Code.

The Associate Judge shall be compensated by agreement and as the budget of the Court allows.

**SO ORDERED**, this 1st day of July, 1998.

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