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Be active in the Council of Municipal Court Judges. Active participation in the Council supports the work of not only your court, but courts across Georgia.

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Participating in the Council strengthens individual courts, influences policies affecting all municipalities, and provides a forum for building the future of municipal courts in Georgia.

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Association of County Commissioners of Georgia

www.accg.org

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Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority

www.courttrax.org

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Georgia Municipal Association

www.gmanet.com

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Institute of Continuing Judicial Education

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Department of Drivers Services

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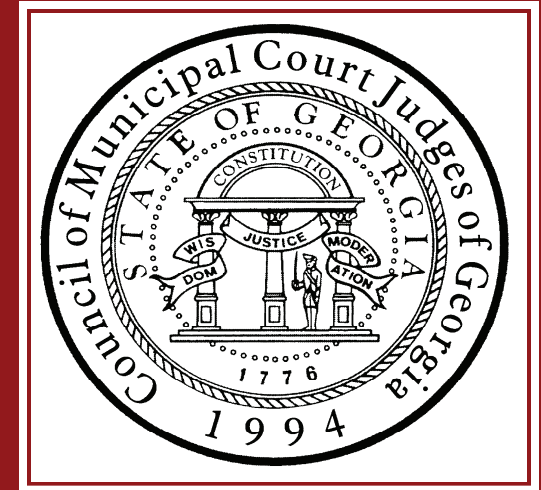
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Council of Municipal Court Judges



“Serving the Municipal Courts of
Georgia with Integrity”

Council History

The Council of Municipal Court Judges, (CMuniCJ) created 1994, started out as the Georgia Municipal Association in 1983. Established and given jurisdiction by OCGA § 36-32-40 to further improve the administration of municipal courts across the state, the Council assists judges in the execution of their duties and promotes professional training. All judges serving in municipal and special courts in Georgia are members of the Council.



The Council subcommittees address concerns affecting municipal courts. The Executive Committee acts as the governing board for the Council and provides leadership on key policy issues. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) serves as the administrative staff for the Council.

Training Council

The Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council (GMCTC) consists of five municipal judges appointed by the Council of Municipal Court Judges and is staffed by the AOC. The Training Council oversees all aspects of training for municipal judges and chief clerks, including certification, curriculum development, and continuing education courses. The GMCTC also acts as the liaison to the Judicial Qualifications Commission concerning judges who fail to meet training requirements. Georgia law requires that all municipal court judges and chief clerks obtain annual certification. Judges must initially complete 20 hours of training and 12 hours annually to remain in good standing. Chief municipal clerks are required to complete 16 hours of training in the first year of employment, and 8 hours annually each year thereafter.

Council of Municipal Court Judges Services

The Council of Municipal Court Judges with administrative support from the Administrative Office of the Courts offers a wealth of information and services to municipal court judges.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The Council meets quarterly in locations across the state. Each meeting incorporates a review of executive committee business, continuing education, and networking opportunities for all judges in attendance. All meetings are planned in conjunction with staff support from the AOC Governmental and Trial Court Liaison Division.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

A diverse training schedule not only provides an opportunity to complete certification requirements, but also to participate in curriculum that is relevant and of interest to judges. Training curriculum is developed by the Municipal Courts Training Council with consultation from the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE).

BENCHBOOK

The Council has developed a benchbook to assist judges in the daily operation of their courts. The Benchbook provides checklists and guidelines for handling cases and court related scenarios. This book is available to judges in hard copy and on CD formats.



PUBLICATION

The *Judges Bulletin* is the Council's official newsletter. The quarterly publication includes traffic law updates, meeting schedules, and other judicial-related information.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

In conjunction with its lobbyist, and the AOC Governmental and Trial Court Liaison Division, the Council pursues its legislative agendas and provides information to legislators on issues affecting municipal court judges and courts across the state.



COURT SUPPORT SERVICES

The Council has access to comprehensive support services provided by the AOC. Services include research and analysis, technology support, meeting planning, legislative tracking, and publication development.

LISTSERV

The Council provides a restricted email listserv which enables judges to communicate and exchange information of importance related to daily court administration. The listserv also connects judges from other levels of court hearing traffic cases.

WEBSITE

As a central resource, the Council's website communicates information concerning training, judge directories, and meeting schedules. The site also offers a "Behind the Bench" section which is a restricted access information area for judges.