

Ex Parte #  
17-196

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF  
CHATTAHOOCHEE, HARRIS, MARION, MUSCOGEE, TALBOT & TAYLOR  
COUNTIES  
CHATTAHOOCHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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SUPERIOR COURT

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ORDER DECLARING WEATHER-RELATED JUDICIAL EMERGENCIES

The undersigned judicial official, acting under authority of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60 et seq., hereby declares the existence of judicial emergencies in certain counties of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit as the result of severe weather conditions including the potential for high winds, heavy rain, hail, and long track tornadoes that officials determined as causing hazardous road travel. These weather conditions substantially endangered or infringed upon the normal functioning of the judicial system and the ability of jurors, litigants, court personnel, and other persons to have access to the courts or to meet schedules or time deadlines imposed by court order, rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation during the following time periods.

In **Chattahoochee County, Muscogee County, and Taylor County**, a weather-related emergency existed during the entire business day on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 whereby each of said counties Superior Court Clerk's office was closed until reopening as regularly scheduled on April 6, 2017.

In **Talbot County**, a weather-related emergency began at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017 whereby the Superior Court Clerk's office was closed and continued to be closed until reopening as regularly scheduled on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, and a weather-related emergency began at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 whereby the Superior Court Clerk's office closed and continued to be closed until reopening as regularly scheduled on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

In **Marion County**, a weather-related emergency began at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 whereby the Superior Court Clerk's office closed and continued to be closed until reopening as regularly scheduled on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

In **Harris County**, the Superior Court Clerk's Office remained open during said periods and therefore is not subject to this Order.

For the periods of the judicial emergencies defined above for each named respective county, the undersigned judicial official hereby suspends, tolls, extends, or otherwise grants relief from deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements enumerated in O.C.G.A § 38-3-62.

Let the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia be notified of this action *instanter* by fax transmission. Let all Judges and Clerks of Court of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and the Clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and Supreme Court of Georgia be notified and served with a copy of this action by first class mail, fax, email transmission or other suitable means. Let the Presiding Judge or the Clerk of Court for each court in each county provide notice of this Order to affected parties, to their counsel, and to the public either by direct announcement or by posting a copy in a place of public view in each Clerk's office, on each County's or Clerk's official website, or other public gathering site.

SO ORDERED, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, at 445 p.m.



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Bemon G. McBride, III  
Chief Judge of the Superior Courts  
Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit

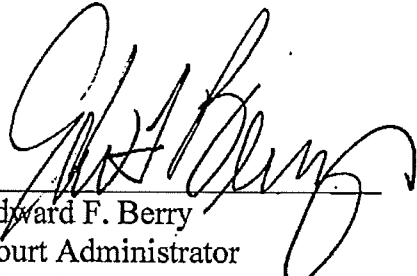
## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have served a copy of the **ORDER DECLARING WEATHER-RELATED JUDICIAL EMERGENCIES** on the Courts listed below, by mailing a copy of the same with the required postage stamps affixed, by hand delivery, by courier, by facsimile transmission, or by electronic means.

Georgia Supreme Court  
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Room 572  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Court of Appeals of Georgia  
Clerk's Office  
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This 10th day of April, 2017.

  
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