MERIWETHER COUNTY, GA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE COWETA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF GEORGIA CARROLL, COWETA, HEARD, MERIWETHER & TROUP COUNTIES

STANDING ORDER NUMBER 1

IN RE: FORM OF STANDING ORDERS

On December 31, 2010, all local rules, internal operating procedures and experimental rules of the superior courts expired in accordance with Uniform Superior Court Rule 1.1. Pursuant to Uniform Superior Court Rule 1.2, the courts of this state were empowered to maintain practices and standing orders to regulate the internal processes of the court in matters which are not susceptible to uniformity, which relate only to internal procedure and which do not affect the rights of any party substantially or materially, either to unreasonable delay or deny such rights.

USCR 1.2 specifically identifies case management, court administration, case assignment, traverse and grand jury management, court-annexed alternative dispute resolution programs (which are subject to approval by the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution), specialty courts, indigent defense programs, court security, emergency planning, judicial assistance requests,

appointments of chief judges, law libraries, and other similar matters as internal processes appropriately addressed by standing orders.

The judges of the Coweta Judicial Circuit desire to put in place a uniform practice relating to entry, filing and maintenance of standing orders to make them more readily available to the public and to avoid any conflict or confusion between standing orders.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED as follows:

- (a) All standing orders entered prior to the entry of this order are hereby rescinded, and are of no force and effect.
 - (b) All standing orders shall be sequentially numbered.
- (c) All standing orders shall state the subject of the order in the heading of the order.
- (d) All standing orders shall be filed and maintained in a separate minute book dedicated to that purpose.
- (e) All standing orders shall delineate the validity and effect of any prior standing order addressing the same subject matter.
- (f) All standing orders shall be effective upon filing unless they specify a different effective date.
- (g) All standing orders shall remain in effect until further order unless they specify some other duration.

SO ORDERED this <u>/</u> day of February, 2015. A. Quillian Baldwin, Jr., Superior Court Judge Chief Superior Court Judge Dennis Blackmon, Jack Kirby, Superior Court Judge Superior Court Judge Emory D Palmer, Superior Court Judge Bill Hamrick

Superior Court Judge