



MAGISTRATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

BERRYL A. ANDERSON, CHIEF JUDGE

CURTIS W. MILLER, JUDGE
NORA POLK, JUDGE
RHATHELIA STROUD, PRESIDING JUDGE
MISDEMEANOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT
R. JAVOYNE HICKS, CLERK OF COURT

DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1200 JUDICIAL TOWERS
556 NORTH McDONOUGH STREET
DECATUR, GEORGIA 30030

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Chief Magistrate Judge Berryl A. Anderson

VIRTUAL IS THE NEW NORMAL FOR DEKALB MAGISTRATE COURT

DECATUR, GA—With the current increase in COVID-19 cases in Georgia, DeKalb Chief Magistrate Judge Berryl A. Anderson continues to take steps to prioritize the health and safety of the public and her employees by expanding virtual proceedings. At the same time, she is ensuring the court operates efficiently and is accessible during the newest extension of the Judicial Emergency Order through August 11, 2020. While all filings are encouraged to be completed electronically at www.efilega.com, for those who need to file matters in person, there is a drop box available at the Magistrate Court Clerk's Office.

Judge Anderson said, "Our Criminal Division is already 100% virtual as of early June, and our Civil Division has kept cases moving by holding virtual hearings in several areas. The Misdemeanor Mental Health Court and our Ordinance Division have both adapted their proceedings to a virtual format as well. I am pleased that Magistrate Court has been able to keep the Court open for business during this difficult time."

The Court is conducting the following judicial functions:

Criminal Division: **Arrest Warrants and Search Warrants** -- issued to law enforcement
Misdemeanor and Felony First Appearance -- hearings
Bond Reconsideration -- hearings

Civil Division: **Temporary Protective Orders** -- Ex-Parte hearings, compliance hearings,
and limited motions hearings
 Small Claim -- status calendars and hearings
 Collection -- calendars

Ordinance Division: Jail Plea -- calendars

Misdemeanor Mental Health Court -- hearings

Beginning in August, **Code Enforcement** calendars and **Dispossessory (evictions)** status calendars and hearings (starting with matters pending before the Court prior to the entry of the Judicial Emergency Order on March 14, 2020) will be held.

Hearings are accessible to the public via the Court's YouTube channels.

To access the YouTube channels, find additional information, or receive updates, please visit our website:
<https://dekalbcountymagistratecourt.com>

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