



TO: COMMISSIONER TED TERRY, SUPER DISTRICT 6

FROM: JUDGE BEDELIA C HARGROVE  
CHIEF JUDGE, DEKALB COUNTY PROBATE COURT

DATE: May 21, 2025

RE: BUDGET NEUTRAL REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT  
OF A PART-TIME ASSOCIATE JUDGE

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Please allow this to serve as a follow-up to my recent communication with you. I am seeking the appointment of a part-time Associate Judge for the Probate Court. O.C.G.A. § 15-9-2.1(a)(1) requires the approval of the governing authority of the county.

This is a budget neutral request inasmuch as Camelia H. Ruffin, the attorney I want to appoint as a part-time Associate Judge is currently employed with the Court as an Attorney for the Court. I simply want to reclassify the Attorney position to a part-time Associate Judge position. I have conferred with HR Director Benita Ransom and she has confirmed that a reclassification can be handled swiftly.

I have attached Attorney Ruffin's resume for your convenience.

If you require any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me at 404-371-2718 or [bchargrove@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:bchargrove@dekalbcountyga.gov). Thank you.