

# CHIEF JUSTICE’S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM

Honorable Harold D. Melton  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of Georgia



Karlise Y. Grier  
Executive Director

## AGENDA

### Professionalism and the Georgia Court Reopening Guide, August 7, 2020, via Zoom.us

1:55 pm Pre-CLE Polling Questions ..... Ms. Karlise Y. Grier

2:00 pm Housekeeping Information and Introduction of Mr. Bert Hummel ..... Ms. Karlise Y. Grier

Introduction of Judicial COVID-19 Task Force Panel ..... Mr. Bert Hummel

2:03 pm  
(45 minutes)

### **Judicial COVID-19 Task Force Panel**

**Moderator: Ms. Elizabeth Fite**, President-Elect State Bar of Georgia  
Member COVID-19 Task Force  
Member, Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism

#### **Panelists:**

- **Honorable Shawn LaGrua**, Judge, Superior Court of Fulton County  
Chair, Judicial Council/Admin Office of Courts COVID-19 Task Force
- **Honorable Melanie Bell**, Judge, Probate Judge of Newton County,  
Chief Magistrate Court Judge, Newton County  
Chair, Grand Jury Committee of the COVID-19 Task Force
- **Judge Lindsay Burton**, Chief Judge, Hall County Juvenile Court  
Chair, Juvenile Committee of the COVID-19 Task Force
- **Honorable T. Russell McClelland**, Chief Judge, State Court of Forsyth County  
Immediate Past President, Council of State Court Judges  
Chair, Civil Committee of the COVID-19 Task Force

**Panel Discussion Abstract:** An update on the work of the COVID-19 Task Force and a discussion of **the role of professionalism** as judges and attorneys seek to implement the best practices developed by the task force.

2:48 pm – 2:51 pm Well Being and COVID-19 ..... Ms. Karlise Y. Grier/Mr. Bert Hummel

2:51 pm – 2:53 pm Introduction of Well Being Panel ..... Mr. Bert Hummel

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2:53 pm  
(35 minutes)

**Well Being Panel**

**Moderator: Ms. R. Javoyné Hicks, Esquire**

Clerk, State Court and Magistrate Courts of DeKalb County  
Chair, State Bar of Georgia Wellness Committee  
Member, State Bar of Georgia Executive Committee

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Mark A. Swancutt, MD, PhD, DTM&H**  
Staff Physician, Respiratory Clinic, Fulton County Board of Health  
Member, Judicial Council/Admin Office of Courts COVID-19 Task Force
- **Ms. Lynn Garson, Esquire, Chair, State Bar of Georgia Lawyer Assistance Program**

**Panel Discussion Abstract:** Conducting court safely during a global pandemic. Updates on COVID-19 and physical well-being. Tips for mental well-being as the Courts begin to reopen for more non-essential business.

3:28 pm Introduction of We Are A Community Panel..... Mr. Bert Hummel

3:29 pm  
(30 minutes)

**We Are A Community**  
*(A Professionalism Discussion)*

**Moderator: Ms. Rebecca Grist, Solicitor-General, State Court of Bibb County**  
Member, Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism

**Panelists:**

- **Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia**  
Chair, Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism
- **Ms. Dawn Jones, Esquire, President of State Bar of Georgia**  
Member, Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism

**Panel Discussion Abstract:** Perspectives of judges and lawyers as the Georgia Courts reopen and **the role of professionalism** as the legal profession creates a new paradigm for handling non-essential court business.

3:59 pm – 4:00 pm Closing Remarks ..... Mr. Bert Hummel

4:00 pm Adjourn