

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

ATLANTA

February 1, 1989

The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.
The following order was passed:

In recognition of the need for emphasis upon and encouragement of professionalism in the law practice, the Court hereby creates

THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM

The membership of the Commission shall be as follows:
The Commission's chairman will be the Chief Justice or his designee. The chair will appoint the Commission's other members.

The Commission's appointees will reflect the profession's four main "constituencies": practitioners, judges, law school faculty, and the public. Each constituency will have two seats on the Commission, except for that of practitioners, which will have three--i.e., two practicing lawyers plus the State Bar President (who will serve in an ex officio capacity). Members of the other three constituencies will be appointed according to the following scheme:

(1) Judges--one superior court judge and one judge from the Court of Appeals;

(2) Law School Faculty--one law school faculty member serving on the State Bar Law School Subcommittee on Professionalism and one faculty member from a different Georgia law school.

(3) Public--one non-lawyer, former Disciplinary Board member and one non-lawyer citizen active in public affairs.

With the exception of the chair and the President of the State Bar, the members of the Commission shall serve for a term of three years provided however that the initial appointments may be for a term of less than three years so as to accomplish staggered terms for the membership of the Commission.

By this Order, the Court issues to the Commission the following charge: The Commission's primary charge shall be to enhance professionalism among Georgia's lawyers. In carrying out its charge, the Commission shall provide ongoing attention and assistance to the task of ensuring that the practice of law remains a high calling, enlisted in the service of client and public good.

The Commission's major responsibilities shall be:

(1) To consider efforts by lawyers and judges to improve the

administration of justice;

(2) to examine ways to making the system of justice more accessible to the public;

(3) To monitor and co-ordinate Georgia's professionalism efforts in such institutional settings as its bar, courts, law schools, and law firms;

(4) To monitor professionalism efforts in jurisdictions outside Georgia;

(5) To conduct a study and issue a report on the present state of professionalism within Georgia;

(6) To plan the yearly Convocation on Professionalism;

(7) To promote various regional convocations on professionalism;

(8) To provide guidance and support to the ICLE in its implementation and execution of the CLE professionalism requirement;

(9) To help implement a professionalism component in the Bridge-the-Gap program;

(10) To make recommendations to the Supreme Court and the State Bar concerning additional means by which professionalism can be enhanced.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
CLERK'S OFFICE, ATLANTA

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last written above.

Clerk.