



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: During the 2015 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed and I signed House Bill 279 creating three new judgeships on the Georgia Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS: The expansion of the Georgia Court of Appeals was necessary given the growing population of our State and the extremely heavy caseload of our appellate courts. The addition of three new judges provides an opportunity to reexamine the existing jurisdictions of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Georgia Court of Appeals and the allocation of caseload among the appellate courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That in consultation with the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Georgia Court of Appeals, I hereby create the Appellate Jurisdiction Review Commission to review the current jurisdictional boundaries of our appellate courts and make assessments about modernizing those courts for efficiencies and to achieve best practices in the administration of justice.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Appellate Jurisdiction Review Commission:

Justice Keith Blackwell – Supreme Court of Georgia
Justice David Nahmias – Supreme Court of Georgia
Chief Judge Sarah Doyle – Georgia Court of Appeals
Judge Steve Dillard – Georgia Court of Appeals
Senator Bill Cowsert – Georgia State Senate
Representative Jon Burns – Georgia House of Representatives
Ryan Teague – Executive Counsel, Office of Governor Nathan Deal

Thomas Worthy – State Bar of Georgia
Chuck Spahos – Prosecuting Attorney’s Council
Bryan Tyson – Public Defenders Standards Council
Kyle Wallace - Appellate Practitioner
Darren Summerville – Appellate Practitioner

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the commission should make a written report to me on or before December 15, 2015.

This 1st day of October, 2015.



GOVERNOR