



Office of the Chief Magistrate
Kristina Hammer Blum

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: PART TIME MAGISTRATE POSITION(S) AVAILABLE

The Gwinnett County Magistrate Court is now accepting applications for Part Time Magistrates.

Part Time Magistrates handle a wide variety of legal matters including arrest and search warrants, first appearance hearings, preliminary hearings, warrant application hearings, civil trials (cases less than \$15,000), dispossessory actions, garnishments, post judgment collection matters, personal property foreclosures, abandoned motor vehicles, family violence, and they provide judicial assistance to other courts. Every week, Magistrate Court runs approximately 50 civil and criminal calendars, hearing over 80,000 matters a year. The Gwinnett County Magistrate Court is a fast paced, but never dull, working environment.

To be considered, by law, each Applicant must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be at least 30 years of age;
- (2) Have been a citizen of state of Georgia for at least three (3) years;
- (3) Have been a member of the State Bar of Georgia for at least seven (7) years;
- (4) Have been a resident of Gwinnett County for at least one (1) year; and
- (5) Be an attorney that does *not* appear or practice in the Gwinnett County Magistrate, State or Superior Courts.*

Magistrate Court also operates 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Therefore, Applicants *must be flexible in their availability and willing to work nights, weekends and occasional holidays. Working nights and holidays is required.*

Beginning June 25, 2018, Application Packets may be requested *via email* directed to Kimberly Jenkins at Kimberly.Jenkins@gwinnettcourt.com. Applications must be submitted before 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2018.

For questions, please contact Kimberly Jenkins, Magistrate Court Executive Director, via email or by phone at 770.822.8081.

Kristina Hammer Blum
Judge Kristina Hammer Blum
Chief Magistrate

*Pursuant to Opinion No. 240 of the Judicial Qualifications Commission (issued November 25, 2013), part time judges cannot practice law in any Court in which they sit by designation: "When the [part time] judge sits by designation as a Superior Court judge on a continuing or periodic basis, the judge is also prohibited from practicing law, in any case, in any Superior Court in the circuit which the judge sits by designation." The Gwinnett County Magistrate Court handles all family violence matters by designation for the Superior Court, as well as handles all garnishment actions (and some criminal matters) for the State Court; *therefore, the Court cannot consider any Applicants with active Gwinnett County State and/or Superior Court practices.*