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Date:	September 10, 2015
To:	Post Judgment Collection - Garnishees
From:	Richard T. Alexander, Jr., Esq., Clerk of Courts
Subject:	Federal Court Injunction and Order Declaring Georgia's Garnishment Statutes O.C.G.A. § 18-4-60 et seq. Unconstitutional

## **RETURN OF GARNISHEES' PAYMENT**

To Whom It May Concern:

On September 8, 2015 Senior Judge Marvin Shoob of the United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division entered his Order declaring various aspects, and indeed, the whole <u>Georgia garnishment statute</u> <u>unconstitutional</u> in various aspects. As Clerk of the courts impacted, I have been enjoined from issuing any further garnishment summons due to the findings by the Court. The Order may be found in <u>Strickland v. Richard T.</u> <u>Alexander, Clerk of the State Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia</u>, Civil Action No. 1:12-CV-02735-MHS.

As a result of this Order, all courts in Gwinnett Co. will not issue any summons in garnishment cases until such time as the garnishment statute is revised or the injunction is removed. Due to this ruling and Order, the Clerk's office will take the action stated above along with that below.

- 1. The Clerk's office will continue to accept garnishment filings. No filings will be rejected; however, no summons will be issued.
- 2. All garnishees' answers with funds attached received <u>after</u> September 8, 2015 will be filed; however, any money associated with the answer <u>will be returned to the garnishee until further notice</u>.

Richard T. Alexander, Jr., Esq. Clerk of Superior, State and Magistrate's Courts