



Who We Are

We are a Court connected to our community. We strive every day to Inform, Engage, and Empower Our Community. Magistrate Court plays a crucial role in ensuring access to the court, its processes, and its services. The Court operates 24/ 7/ 365 and has Administrative, Judicial, and Clerical units. Administration manages administrative and executive operations. Magistrate Judges provide electronic warrant review as well as coverage for courtrooms in the Justice Center Tower (JCT) at 185 Central Avenue, the Charles Carnes Building (JCB) at 160 Pryor Street, the Fulton County Courthouse (FCC) at 136 Pryor Street, the Fulton County Jail, as well as the North and South Service Centers. The Magistrate Court Clerk, located in TG-100, receives, files, docket, and distributes all legal documents and funds paid into the Court registry and schedules hearings in adherence with the Court's Order of Business.

The Magistrate Courts of Georgia were established in 1983 when the Constitution was ratified. Fulton's current form of Magistrate Court was established by legislation in May of 2013 and the Court is the highest volume Magistrate Court in the State of Georgia. The Magistrate Court consists of an elected Chief Magistrate Judge, 8 full-time judges and up to 22 part-time judges.

Directory of Resources

Interpreter Requests

(404) 613-9071

Clerk of Magistrate Court

(404) 613-5360

Office of the Fulton County Marshal Maria McKee

(404) 612-4451

Justice Center of Atlanta

(Mediation for Small Claims and Warrant application)

(404) 523-8236

Pre-Trial Services

(Services after bonding out of detention, before Trial)

(404) 612-2626

Office of the Public Defender

(404) 612-5200

Office of the District Attorney Fani Willis

(404) 612-4981

Office of the Solicitor General Keith Gammage

(404) 612-4800

Office of the Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat

(404) 612-5101

Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority

(404) 525-0682

Senior Legal Hotline

(404) 657-9915

FREE OR REDUCED COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Atlanta Legal Aid Society www.atlantalegalaid.org

(404) 524-5811

Georgia Legal Services Program www.glsp.org

(404) 206-5175

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation www.avlf.org

(404) 521-0790

R.E.A.C.H. Clinic magistrate.selfhelp@fultoncountyga.gov

Small Claims, Garnishment, and Warrant Applications

404-613-9307



MAGISTRATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY

Justice Center Tower
185 Central Avenue S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303 Ste. T-1605

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday – Friday
8:30am – 5:00pm

CONTACT:

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What We Do

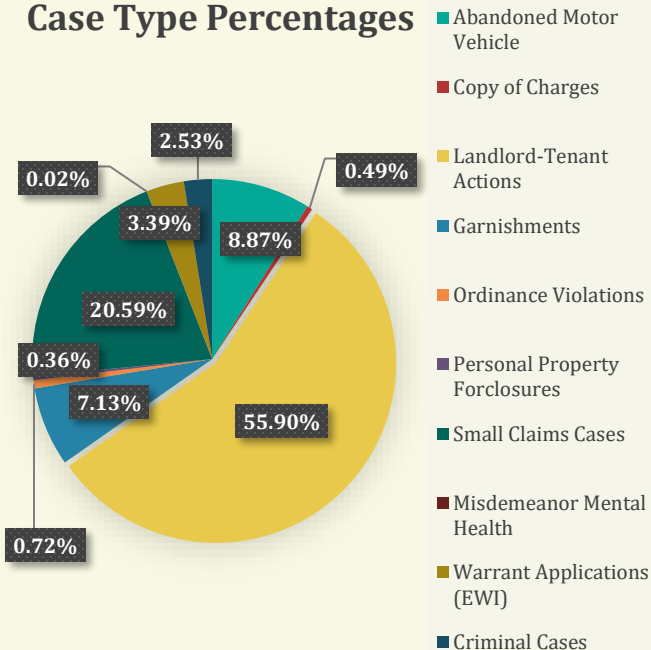
Criminal Matters:

- Arrest and Search Warrant Applications
- Warrant Application Hearings
- First Appearance Hearings
- Preliminary Hearings
- Ordinance Violations

Civil Matters:

- Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- Small Claims (damages less than \$15,000)
- Garnishments
- Personal Property Foreclosure
- Landlord-Tenant (Dispossessory)

Case Type Percentages



Meet Chief Magistrate Judge Cassandra Kirk

Cassandra Kirk is the Chief Magistrate Judge of Fulton County. She has used her 28 years of legal experience as a jurist, prosecutor, defense attorney, civil litigator, and administrative director to redesign how the Court serves its community. Over her career, Judge Kirk spearheaded the creation of two accountability courts and served as a judge in 3 of the 4 Constitutionally-required courts in Georgia. Her mission with Magistrate Court is to increase accessibility and create a Court that Informs, Engages, and Empowers Our Community.

Putting people first required substantial changes in how the Court functions and Judge Kirk strives to tackle each obstacle. Under her leadership, the Magistrate Court:

- Eliminated the Court’s 30,000 small claims case backlog
- Restructured case calendaring to reduce the time parties spend waiting in court
- Piloted a Misdemeanor Mental Health Court
- Created the R.E.A.C.H. Clinic, a self-help Consumer Clinic
- Was recognized with a Case Clearance Excellence Award for a three-year 254% clearance average
- Cleared nearly 85% of backlog cases (over 170,000 cases from 2019-2021)

Judge Kirk supports the community through service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., North Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Boards of Directors of The Atlanta Resource Foundation, Edu Housing, the Southern Advisory Committee to Children’s Rights, and the Chris 180 Advisory Board. Judge Kirk received several awards and recognitions for service and leadership, including being named Judge of the Year (Rolling Out Magazine and Women Works Media Group), Magistrate Judge of the Year (Georgia Association of Black County Officials), Humanitarian of the Year (Georgia Council of Magistrate Court Judges), Woman of the Year (Atlanta Business Journal and ACHI Magazine), Atlanta Business Journal’s Top 25 Extraordinary Atlantans, as well as a Georgia Legal Trailblazer (Daily Report).). Judge Kirk received her B.A. from Williams College, and her J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Programs & Services

To serve you, the Magistrate Court of Fulton County offers or hosts the following services:

- Misdemeanor Mental Health Court (MMC)
- Rapid Education Assistance Court Help (R.E.A.C.H.) Consumer Clinic
- Housing Court Assistance Center
- Intern Program
- Electronic Warrant Interface for law enforcement
- Mediation Services
- Wedding Ceremonies
- Visual Information Center
- Interpreter Services
- Judicial Support for Non-Complex Division, Superior Court

The Court offers pamphlets and videos for many of our case types and programs.

