

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**23AP1093**

**UPDATE TO JANUARY 12, 2023 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

As an update to the Administrative Order entered on January 12, 2023, the extensive and thorough repairs to the Judicial Tower have reached a stage that allows certain areas to be safely re-opened ahead of schedule. The initial re-opening will start with Phase 1 with successive phases added as repairs and inspections progress.

For Phase 1, three areas will reopen: (1) the entire 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, including the Magistrate Court; (2) the Superior Court Clerk of Court Deed Room located on the Ground Floor; and (3) the Probate Court's Department for Weapons Carry Licenses and Marriage Licenses located on the Basement Floor. These three areas will re-open to the public effective Monday, February 12, 2023.

A date for Phase 2 remains pending but will commence as expeditiously and safely as possible. Based on present data, Phase 2 is expected to re-open operations in the southern wing of the Judicial Tower, meaning Courtrooms A and B on each floor, for in-person proceedings not including jury trials. A rotating schedule for using the re-opened courtrooms will be coordinated by the Chief Judge so that each court can schedule non-jury trial in-person proceedings.

Additional phases will be announced upon completion of further repairs and the inspections necessary to ensure the health and safety of employees and the public. All areas not expressly listed in Phase 1 remain closed, and court personnel are not allowed into the closed areas.

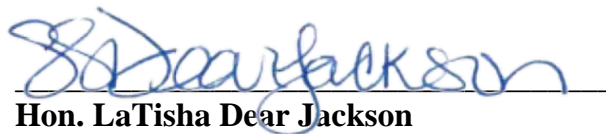
To secure the zones that remain hazardous due to ongoing construction, the Sheriff's

Office shall have stationed at every reception area/information desk, specifically the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> floors, at least one deputy at all times.

Judicial Tower offices that remain closed through Phase 1 will continue with full remote operations until further order of the Chief Judge. Please contact each specific office or judicial chamber for information regarding its specific operations.

This Order updates the prior Administrative Orders regarding the Judicial Tower, and in the event of any conflict, the provisions of this Order supersede and shall control.

SO ORDERED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.



**Hon. LaTisha Dear Jackson**  
**Chief and Administrative Judge of the**  
**Fourth Judicial Administrative District**  
**Superior Court of DeKalb County**  
**Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**