

2023 Budget Request

Juvenile Court
Gwinnett County

Judge Robert Waller, Presiding
Judge Rodney Harris
Judge Nhan-Ai Simms



Gwinnett



Vision

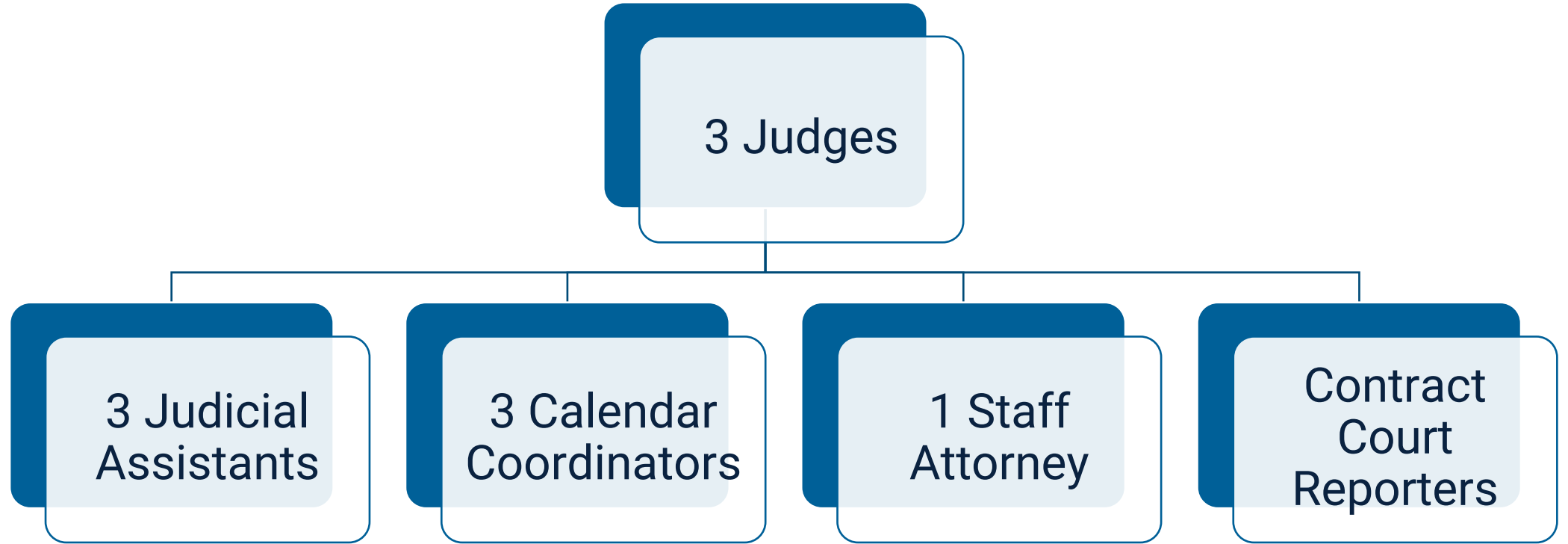
Juvenile Court's vision is to provide services to ensure the positive development of children, safety to the community, and preservation of the family unit.



Juvenile Court

- Juvenile Court exercises jurisdiction in cases involving delinquent, unruly, dependent, and runaway offenses under the age of 18.
- Juvenile Court has concurrent jurisdiction with Superior Court involving capital offenses, custody, child support cases, and termination of parental rights.

Juvenile Court



Administrative Office of the Courts



Internal Strategic Decisions

- Continue to update technology in the courtroom to improve the quality of virtual participation in hearings
- Move to online portal for traffic cases
- Increase participation in evidence-based programs to ensure positive outcomes for delinquency treatment and rehabilitation
- Work with state and national nonprofits to receive recommendations on necessary resources to ensure best practices for child welfare cases

County Initiatives

- **Safe, Livable, and Healthy Community**
Ensure a safe community by providing superior and comprehensive services and engaging partners to create a healthy Gwinnett.
- **Sustainability and Stewardship**
Maintain a smart and sustainable government by consistently operating based on sound reasoning and best practices with a long-term focus.
- **Organizational Excellence and Accountability**
Maintain the Gwinnett Standard, attract and retain a quality workforce, and continue the practice of transparency while providing services to the residents of Gwinnett.

Decision Package

2023_JCT_001

- Requesting funding for two full time Judicial Staff Attorney positions
 - One Staff Attorney shared by three judges
 - Volume of judicial orders to be drafted by the Staff Attorney has steadily increased and necessitates additional staff
 - The judges have a need for the Staff Attorney to be present in the courtroom for contested proceedings, often resulting in scheduling conflicts for the other judges

Decision Package

2023_JCT_002

- Requesting funding for an in-house contract Psychologist
 - Ongoing and increasing delays in conducting evaluations for children in detention or families in the foster care system
 - Approximately 3-month turnaround for State's Psychologist
 - Approximately 6-week turnaround for contracted vendors
 - The Court is often unable to make a decision on a case until an evaluation has been completed, causing the child to go without needed services and extending detention time

Decision Package

2023_JCT_003

- Requesting funding for a fleet vehicle for the Accountability Court Programs
 - Prior to the reorganization, the Accountability Court staff utilized a fleet vehicle assigned to Juvenile Court Probation
 - Access to a fleet vehicle will allow the Accountability Court Case Coordinators to continue to visit their program participants as required by their program policies and procedures

Total Budget

2023 Requested Budget	\$6,123,349
Decision Packages	\$408,678



Questions



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