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Judge Robert McBurney Elected as the New Chief Judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit

The Chief Judge begins his term February 1, 2018

February 1, 2018, Atlanta, GA— The Honorable Robert McBurney has been named Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County and the Atlanta Judicial Circuit. The Chief Judge is a two year elected term, with a two year retention opportunity which allows a total of four years of office.

The Chief Judge is highest judicial administrative officer in Fulton County and is essential to the successful operations of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit. It is the responsibility of the Chief Judge to ensure that the third branch of government operates efficiently in Fulton County, and that the citizens of Fulton County -- and all other visitors to the courthouse -- receive equal access to justice and fairness when appearing before any Court in Fulton County. The Chief Judge also ensures that the administrative tasks of the Court are carried out effectively to include, but are not limited to prompt disposition of cases, resource utilization, and issuance of Administrative Orders to properly direct the Courts' day-to-day affairs. Chief McBurney states, "I am profoundly honored to have been given this leadership opportunity. I look forward to continuing a collaborative working relationship with my colleagues, our court staff, our justice partners, and County executives. Together, we make the Atlanta Judicial Circuit so very successful at providing effective judicial services to our community. Our Circuit has been -- and will continue to be -- a leader among trial courts in Georgia."



About the Honorable Robert McBurney

Judge McBurney was appointed to the Superior Court in February 2012. Prior to his judgeship, Judge McBurney was senior litigation counsel with the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia. A graduate of Harvard College, Judge McBurney received his law degree from Harvard Law School. In addition to managing a steady docket of civil and criminal cases and serving on numerous Superior Court committees, Judge McBurney also serves on the Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV), a group of community leaders, legislators, judges and law enforcement officials from around the State dedicated to developing practical, cost-

effective ways of reducing and eventually eliminating domestic violence in Georgia. Judge McBurney is the co-chairman of the GCFV's Legislative Committee.

Former Chief Judge Gail S. Tusan had this to say about her succeeding colleague, "Collaborative partnerships with our fellow County and Justice System Stakeholders have contributed to the success of Superior Court's Strategic Plan over the past four years. Judge McBurney has been consistent with his willingness to pitch in on behalf of our bench, particularly in the areas of customer service, jury operations and judicial training. It was always a pleasure for me to have then Assistant District Attorney McBurney try a case in my courtroom because he was always well prepared, practical and efficient in engineering solutions for the conflict at hand, and personable. I know that he will bring those same attributes to this new leadership position. I have worked tirelessly to ensure an excellent transition in this key role for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit and look forward to supporting my colleague as he assumes the position of our Chief Judge."