

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF HALL AND DAWSON COUNTIES
STATE OF GEORGIA

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In re: §
Rule Requiring Family Law §
Information Center Review in § ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Pro Se Divorce Cases §

ORDER

This Order applies to all divorce cases filed without representation in Hall and Dawson Counties.

The Northeastern Judicial Circuit Family Law Information Center (FLIC) was established to assist parties filing without representation in specified areas. FLIC serves two primary purposes: 1) help individuals and families access the Courts who cannot otherwise afford representation, promoting equal access to justice and 2) help the Courts run efficiently, serving all citizens and entities with pressing legal matters in the Hall and Dawson County Court system.

With the adoption of increasingly complex family laws and electronic filing requirements, FLIC's role has become more crucial in maintaining the accessibility to and fluidity of the Court system, particularly with respect to divorce filings. Approximately half of all divorce cases in Hall County are filed with no representation on either side.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2024, any unrepresented party filing for divorce in Hall or Dawson County shall be required to apply for and go through FLIC's review process before requesting a hearing date, with limited exceptions. A party can request a waiver of this requirement by filing a motion with the Court or contact FLIC for exceptions. Additionally, some cases are too complex or otherwise ineligible for FLIC assistance. In these circumstances, FLIC will provide the filing party with a notice to present to the Court when requesting a court date.

Although no party is required to apply for FLIC review prior to filing an action, parties are strongly encouraged to do so to minimize delays caused by not following proper e-filing procedures, filing incomplete paperwork or not following Court procedures. Applying for FLIC review and making sure forms are in order will increase the likelihood a case is ready to proceed once a hearing is scheduled.

FLIC information can be found at: www.nejc.org/familylaw or by calling 770 531-2463.

SO ORDERED this 31st day of October, 2023.

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Chief Judge Kathlene F. Gosselin

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Judge Jason J. Deal

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Judge Lindsay H. Burton

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