

IN THE STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

AMENDED STANDING ORDER GOVERNING ASSIGNMENT OF COGNATE CASES

The State Court of Fulton County has determined that it is in the interests of the public, the parties, and judicial economy to assign to the judges presiding over the Fulton County Recovery Treatment Court Program certain criminal cases accused pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-6-391. The Court has further determined that these are cognate case, having substantial issues of fact or law in common such that their assignment to the judges of Fulton County Recovery Treatment Court Program is likely to affect a substantial saving of judicial effort and to avoid wasteful and duplicative proceedings for the Court and the parties.

THEREFORE, it is HEREBY ORDERED that all criminal cases involving at least one charge of driving under the influence, where the charge upon conviction could result in the second driving under the influence conviction within ten years (as defined by O.C.G.A. § 40-6-391(c)(2)) or third lifetime, or more, shall hereinafter be assigned to the judges then presiding over the Fulton County Recovery Treatment Court Program. The Clerk, in the Clerk's discretion, shall devise a system such that new cognate cases are randomly assigned to each judge presiding over the Fulton County Recovery Treatment Court Program.

This 14th day of December, 2023.



Wesley B. Tailor
Chief Judge, State Court of Fulton County

