

**DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY FOR CONDUCTING GRAND  
JURY PRESENTMENTS AND DELIBERATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Grand Jury presentments and deliberations take place in the grand jury room on the seventh floor of the administrative tower of the DeKalb County Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the current health risks associated with the COVID-19 virus renders access to the courthouse impractical, and

**WHEREAS**, the second floor of One West Court Square, Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia is occupied solely by the DeKalb County District Attorney's office, and

**WHEREAS**, there is space available to safely hold grand jury presentments and deliberations in the training room on the second floor at One West Court Square, Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia which could be overseen by the District Attorney's office,

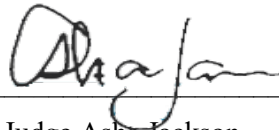
**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, the training room on the second floor of One West Court Square is designated as part of the DeKalb County Courthouse for the purposes of conducting grand jury presentments and deliberations.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that this designation will continue until such time as the Chief Judge of DeKalb County Superior Court deems the grand jury room on the seventh floor of the administrative tower of the DeKalb County Courthouse to be safe for resuming presentments and deliberations.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that notice and service of a copy of this Order shall immediately be sent to the judges and the clerk of court for the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that notice shall also be sent to the media, the State Bar of Georgia, the DeKalb County District Attorney, the DeKalb County Public Defenders' Office, the Sheriff of DeKalb County, and the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia.

SO ORDERED this 22nd day of September 2020.



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Chief Judge Asha Jackson  
Superior Court of DeKalb County  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit