

# COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES OF GEORGIA

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## ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRADUATIONS

## **ROCKDALE COUNTY RESOURCE COURT**

Submitted by Mary-Lou Snow, Rockdale County Resource Court Program Coordinator



## CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

On May 6, 2021, the Honorable Judge Robert Mumford and the Rockdale County Resource Court Team celebrated one graduate and his steadfast perseverance. Guest speaker, Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) and Rockdale County employee, Natalie Eskew, shared her personal journey and uplifting transformation as she battled through a lifetime of trauma and addiction. She turned her "mess" into her "message" and instilled hope to all who listened. The Rockdale County Resource Court has celebrated a total of 25 graduates since program inception in July 2016.

Submitted by Lakisha Dixon, Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator

The Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court held its second graduation on May 5, 2021. Graduate Sheryel Jimmerson is the first graduate to complete the program in the minimum allotted time of 18 months. Ms. Jimmerson served in the United States Marines. As a result of many trials and tribulations throughout her life, Ms. Jimmerson found herself in the Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court Program. She was determined to show that she could complete the program successfully and she did. By her side the entire time was her devoted fiancé, Charles Strong, and VTC Mentor and Speaker for this auspicious occasion, Master Sergeant Sparkle Adams. Mrs. Adams



dedicated 25 years of honorable and distinguished service to the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserves with careers in various occupations before retiring in 2006. Mrs. Adams has served as Mayor Pro-Tem and President of the Kiwanis Club of Forest Park. She currently serves as member of the Atlanta Chapter Tuskegee Airman, President of the Atlanta Metro Chapter National Association of Black Military



Women and is the creator and Executive Director of Walking In Authority Teen Council (WIATC). She offered words of encouragement not only to Ms. Jimmerson but to all VTC participants. The Clayton County Veterans Treatment Court not only celebrated this great achievement with Ms. Jimmerson, but she was also united in holy matrimony to her fiancé on this special day by presiding Judge Robert Mack. Ms. Jimmerson was overwhelmed with emotions and thanked all who supported her on this journey and is looking forward to becoming a VTC Mentor herself one day. She also encouraged participants following in her footsteps to trust the process.

## DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Submitted by Talina Landestoy, DeKalb County Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator

On April 27, 2021, DeKalb County Veterans Treatment Court (DCVTC) graduated two of its Army Veterans virtually with a great turnout! DCTVC continues to provide top-notch services to its participants using virtual platforms and in-person services when necessary. Keeping our participants safe and engaged in their treatment is our top priority. We are so proud of our Vets and their resilience during this challenging journey with the added struggles of a global pandemic. Congratulations to our graduates. Continue to stay Army Strong during your recovery!

## ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS NEWS

## FULTON COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Submitted by John Collins, Fulton County Accountability Court Director



Judge Newkirk

Fulton County Accountability Court would like to thank Judge Henry Newkirk for his service with the Fulton County Veterans Court. Judge Newkirk has given tirelessly of his time over the past four years. Under his leadership, the Court has successfully navigated the Pandemic and begun countless initiatives to assist our participants and foster their recovery.

We are delighted to announce that Judge Ural D. Glanville will be taking over at the helm starting July 2021. Judge Glanville is a Superior Court Judge in Fulton County, where he has been serving since 2005. Previously, he served as a Magistrate Judge from 1996 - 2004, and his legal experience includes time serving as a prosecutor, criminal defense attorney and as a civil litigator. Judge Glanville served in the United States Army and the Army



Reserve as a Judge Advocate in Operation Iraqi Freedom deployed to Afghanistan and was the Chief Judge at the Army Court of Criminal Appeals. Additionally, he was the Commanding General of the NATO Rule of Law Support Mission/Rule of Law Field Force – Afghanistan. General Glanville retired as a Brigadier General in 2019 with over 30 years of military service.

Judge Glanville

## BALDWIN COUNTY RECEIVES THREE NATIONAL AWARDS

Dear Judge Brenda Trammel,

You and/or your team played a role in helping the Adult Treatment Court Collaborative, Baldwin County Regional Airport and Baldwin County Transit achieve their goals the last few years. Those efforts were recognized by the National Association of Counties yesterday. Thank you and your team for your hard work and dedication to this community and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Carlos Tobar, ICMA-CM County Manager, Baldwin County



## **REPRESENTING ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS!**

Submitted by Craig Ogilvie, Henry County Drug Court Coordinator



My son graduated from UGA in May. During his Public and International Affairs convocation, he was representing Henry County Accountability Courts (face mask image)!!! His name is Colin Ogilvie, and while in his undergrad program, he interned with both the Henry County District Attorney's Office and the Henry County Public Defender's Office over two summers. He loves Accountability Courts. He graduated with a double major. His Bachelor's degrees are in Political Science and in International Affairs. He is working with Chi Alpha (a campus ministry at UGA) over the next 12 months and will be attending Law School next year.

## COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES NEWS

## JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send submissions for the June 2021 newsletter to Debbie Mott (<u>Debbie.Mott@GeorgiaCourts.gov</u>) by Friday, June 25. If you plan to include a photo where participants can be identified, please be sure to send a signed photo consent with your submission.

## GEORGIA ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS JOB POSTINGS

Please see the Career Opportunities tab (under About Us) on the CACJ website for information about these job postings:	
*Hall County Lab Technician	*Forsyth County Contract Counselors
	*Southwestern Judicial Circuit Drug Court Coordinator
*Hall County Court Counselor *Hall County Lab Technician	*Forsyth County Clinical Case Manager
*Hall County Lab Technician	*Rockdale County Juvenile Drug Court Case Manager
*Tifton Judicial Circuit Drug Court Coordinator	*Rockdale County Behavioral Health Clinician – Team Lead
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#### TRAINING



The Future of Teleservices in Drug Courts

Part 1: Where Are We Now? Recent Developments and Emerging Opportunities

JUNE 16, 2021, 1:00-2:15 P.M. ET; DISCUSSION GROUP 2:15-3:00 P.M. ET

Treatment courts across the country have adapted almost overnight to COVID-19 guidance and restrictions, building quickly upon lessons learned from previous implementation efforts. Although the majority of this workforce continues to operate remotely today, treatment court practitioners are now beginning to contemplate strategic directions for a postpandemic service model. Part I of this three-part Virtual Learning Community presents a retrospective view of the transition to teleservices from the perspective of treatment court practitioners, a review of the mounting evidence-base for teleservices in treatment court settings, commentary on the potential for enhancing best practice standards through the use of teleservices, and results of a nationwide survey of treatment courts regarding practice modifications, implementation barriers, effective innovations, and intent to continue the use of teleservices.

