



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** On July 2, 2026, Hannah Kass filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus (the "Petition") against the Honorable Sonja N. Brown, in her official capacity as the Judge of the Superior Court of Cobb County, and the Honorable Robert E. Flournoy, III, in his official capacity as Senior Judge serving by designation on the Superior Court of Cobb County, in case number 26CV05486; and

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Law declined representation of Judge Brown and Judge Flournoy due to a conflict; and

**WHEREAS:** The Petition seeks equitable relief against Judge Brown in her official capacity as a Superior Court Judge of this State and against Judge Flournoy in his official capacity as a Senior Judge of this State; and

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Dennis T. Cathey of Cathey & Strain, LLC is an attorney duly admitted to the State Bar of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Cathey has agreed to represent Judge Brown and Judge Flournoy at a rate mutually agreed upon with the Office of the Governor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 45-15-70 AND BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That Mr. Dennis T. Cathey of Cathey & Strain, LLC is hereby appointed as Special Counsel to assume control and responsibility for the representation of the Honorable Sonja N. Brown and the Honorable Robert E. Flournoy, III, in all matters related to the Petition.

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

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GOVERNOR