

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WALTON COUNTY  
ALCOVY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURTS**

**ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE AND  
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

On January 23, 2026, Governor Brian Kemp declared a statewide State of Emergency, effective immediately, through January 30, 2026, in preparation for the approaching severe inclement weather expected to impact Georgia beginning January 23, 2026.

In addition, the Court has determined that a judicial emergency exists in Walton County, Georgia in that Walton County is under an ice storm warning issued by the National Weather Service 12:15 p.m. on January 23, 2026. The warning is in effect from 1:00 p.m., January 24, 2026, through 10:00 a.m. January 26, 2026.

The emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, and/or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation,

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61, during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Walton County Courthouse shall be closed, effective 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026, and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, unless the judicial emergency is extended. All civil and criminal matters on any calendar are hereby continued.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-62 (a), all court deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements imposed by applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended until January 27, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Pursuant to OCGA 38-3-63, the Sheriff or designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; the County Manager/Administrator or designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension on the county website; the Clerk of Court shall provide notice of the closure in the same manner as they would for cancellation of any other court matter, including announcements on television, radio, and public address systems; and notice of this order and any extension shall be provided to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, to the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the affected jurisdiction, and on the clerks of the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Court of Appeals of Georgia. In addition, a copy of this Order shall be posted on the Alcovy Judicial Circuit website at [www.alcovycircuit.com](http://www.alcovycircuit.com).

Anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation may contact the office of the Chief Judge of Superior Court by calling (770) 788-3781, by email at [judge5@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:judge5@co.newton.ga.us), or by calling the Walton County Sheriff's Office at (770) 267-6557.

SO ORDERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026, at 3:32 p.m.

  
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Chief Judge, Superior Courts  
Alcovy Judicial Circuit