

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY  
IN THE STATE COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**In the matter of:  
Declaration of  
Temporary Judicial Emergency**

**Administration and Procedure**

**NOTICE OF TEMPORARY JUDICIAL EMERGENCY IN THE SUPERIOR AND  
STATE COURTS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY**

On the afternoon of April 28, 2026, the Chief Judges of the above Courts became aware that there were disruptions to the Odyssey E-filing system for the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, maintained by the Clerk of Court, leading to the inability of the Clerk's Office to accept or process court filings from about 3:00PM until after 5:30PM. Various issues with the system also occurred throughout the day of April 28,2026, it is unclear what error messages an attempted filer received during the day. The Clerk's office directed some attorneys to submit some filings via e-mail, but some attorneys or pro se litigants may not have realized that was an option since e-filing is mandatory in civil matters and the problems continued beyond the end of normal business hours.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(D) , the Chief Judge of the Superior Court finds that this outage constituted a judicial emergency, as it substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or to meet schedules or time deadlines imposed by court order or rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, a judicial emergency is declared by this

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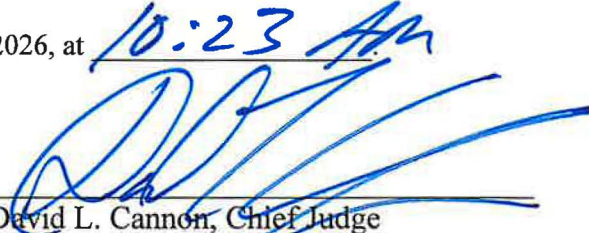
<sup>1</sup> See also, Uniform Superior Court Rule 36.16(F).

Order for this time period and shall affect the Superior and State Courts of Cherokee County and the clerk's thereof.

Accordingly, it is the Order of the Court that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, for a period of one day, the Court hereby suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from: (1) a statute of limitations in civil cases; (2) the time within which to file a writ of habeas corpus; (3) the time within which to serve a party; (4) the time within which discovery or any aspect thereof is to be completed; (5) the time to file an answer in civil cases; (6) the time to file a motion for new trial in civil cases; (7) the time to respond to motions filed in civil cases; (8) the time within which to appeal or to seek the right to appeal any order, ruling, or other determination; and/or (9) such other legal proceedings as determined to be necessary. Any deadline that was imposed upon a party shall be extended one additional day as if the deadline was April, 29, 2026.

The Court shall give notice to the judicial officials and the public, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 25 day of April, 2026, at 10:23 AM

  
David L. Cannon, Chief Judge  
Superior Court of Cherokee County  
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit