

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATIONS SOLICITED FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE for HARALSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

The Superior Court judges for the Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit are soliciting applications for appointment of a new Chief Magistrate judge of Haralson County, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Chief Magistrate Jason Blackmon.

The current annual salary of the position is \$ 74,372.89. It is classified as a full-time position with county health insurance, retirement, and life insurance. The successful applicant will be appointed to serve the remainder of the current term of office that will expire on December 31, 2028. The position's four-year term thereafter will be filled by public election in 2028 to a four-year term to commence January 1, 2029.

The basic authority of a magistrate judge is specified in OCGA § 15-10-2.

Qualifications for Appointment:

To be qualified to hold the office of Chief Magistrate, OCGA §15-10-22 provides that an applicant must:

- (1) Have been a resident of Haralson county for two years next preceding the beginning of his or her term of office;
- (2) Be at least 25 years of age;
- (3) Remain a resident of Haralson County during his or her term of office;
- (4) Be a citizen of the United States;
- (5) Be a registered voter; and
- (6) Have obtained a state accredited high school diploma or state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma.

Selection Process:

The applicant should be able to demonstrate that he or she is competent to perform all the duties of the office, of good moral character, emotionally stable and mature, committed to equal justice under the law, in good health, patient, courteous, and capable of deliberation and decisiveness. A merit selection panel composed of members of the community will review all applications and recommend to the Superior Court judges the persons it considers best qualified.

How to apply:

The application packet is now available ONLINE at the following website:

<https://www.haralsoncountyga.gov/> On the Home Page, go to the County Online tab, then click on Job Openings.

An Application Packet is also available for in-person pickup at the Haralson County Board of Elections and Registration, located at the Haralson County Courthouse, 4485 Georgia Highway 120, Buchanan, Georgia, 30113, during normal courthouse business hours. To avoid delayed or lost packets, application packets WILL NOT be mailed. Interested applicants may have someone pick up the packet on their behalf. The Board of Elections and the Superior Court judges and their staff will not be responsible for application packets lost or mislaid after pickup.

The DEADLINE for submitting an application for appointment to the office of Chief Magistrate is **12:00 NOON on Friday, March 14, 2025.**

The application will be kept confidential and examined only by members of the selection panel, authorized Court staff, and judges of the Superior Court, unless the applicant is selected for an interview with the panel, in which case the panel will contact references and other individuals listed on the application. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.