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An update on the activities of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority

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Board Welcomes New Member



The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority **Jean Rogers** to its Board of Directors. Jean, who has served as Crisp County Superior Court Clerk since 1993, was elected to the board position by the Council of Superior Court Clerks at their November meeting. Active in both community and industry activities, Jean is a past president of the Crisp County Heart Association and past member of the State Board of Directors of the American Heart Association. Currently she serves as president of the Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia. Jean is a life-long resident of Crisp County and holds a B.S. in Economics from Georgia Southern University. She and her husband, Mickey, have three daughters.

The Council also reelected current Board members Woodson Daniel, Tom Lawler and Barry Wilkes.



In addition to welcoming Jean, the Authority Board bids a fond farewell to outgoing member **Joanne Caldwell**, Rockdale County Superior Court Clerk. Joanne served on the Board since the inception of the Authority in 1995, and, through her tenure, oversaw the development of the statewide central index for UCC filings, the development of the statewide index for real estate and personal property records, the development of a statewide database on civil case filings, and the inherited responsibility for overseeing the central database of notaries public. "Without her steady guidance and tremendous contributions, the success of these challenging and progressive projects would not have been possible," stated Board Chairman Woodson Daniel. "We thank her for her service and look forward to her continued involvement," he continued. ■



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Clerk Honored



Congratulations to **Dwight Wood**, Hall County Clerk of Superior Court, who was recently named "County Officer of the Year" by the County Officers' Association of Georgia. Dwight is a Past President of both COAG and the Superior Court Clerks' Association of Georgia. ■

October Board Meeting Review

The Board of Directors of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority convened for its quarterly meeting on October 10, 2001 at the Authority office in Atlanta.

General Business:

Greg Morgan of the accounting firm Mauldin & Jenkins presented the Auditor's Report and stated within his report that all Authority accounts reside with Wachovia Bank. Both the Auditor's Report and minutes of the July 11, 2001 board meeting were approved unanimously.

Computer System Upgrade:

David Williams reported on upgrading the on-site storage capacity of the computer system. The Authority has been quoted equipment costs by Unisys. The proposal calls for a CS7000 unit, which should be serviceable for a period of 3-5 years, and will greatly enhance the processing of data. The equipment will be leased. The Board unanimously approved the proposal to move forward with the acquisition.

Revised Article 9:

Williams also presented an update on the implementation of UCC Revised Article 9 in Georgia and reported that the transition period has been a learning experience for the filing offices and the filing parties. A suggestion was made to post all changes in each clerk's office for public consumption. The Authority web page contains a complete section devoted to Revised Article 9.

UCC Project:

Williams updated the Board on the UCC Project and reported that UCC filings for the year-to-date period were down from one year ago as expected. Fewer filings were most likely due to a slowing economy and changes implemented by Revised Article 9. He also reported that the new UCC search application has begun, starting with the Scan Send application for the clerks. New features will

be rolled out incrementally.

Public Awareness Campaign:

Mike Holiman with Cornerstone Communications presented an update on the Public Awareness Campaign. A news release concerning Revised Article 9 was distributed to media outlets around the state and other communication opportunities continue to be explored.

Other Business:

The Board also approved motions to adopt a Computer Anti-Virus Policy and a proposal to create a Vendor Certification program. Additionally, John Myers presented an update on other Authority projects such as the data center development, the Offender Based Tracking System and the transmission of such data.

A review of the Board's January meeting will be included in the next newsletter. ■

UCC Alert

Please alert all UCC processing personnel to update their numbering sequence by beginning at 1 again for their 2002 UCCs. ■

RA9 Reminder

A reminder to all UCC personnel to be watchful for UCC Financing Statements with Block 6 checked and UCC Financing Statement Amendments with Block 1b checked. These forms should not receive UCC file numbers but rather should be recorded in the real estate records. ■

Reject Old Forms

Effective January 1, 2002, all old Georgia UCC forms should be rejected. The only valid form is the 7/29/98 IACA-approved version. ■

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