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GSCCCA Executive Director John Earle to retire at year-end

Atlanta, GA — The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority (GSCCCA) is announcing the retirement of longtime Executive Director John Earle effective December 31, 2023. Earle was elevated by the Authority's Board of Directors in August 2014 and has led the Authority with dedication and distinction for the past nine years. During his tenure, the GSCCCA experienced tremendous growth, innovation and success by enhancing critical projects and developing new ones for the benefit of the state's Superior court clerks and the citizens of Georgia.

Greg G. Allen, chairman of the GSCCCA Board of Directors, expressed the board's deep appreciation for Earle's contributions, saying "John's leadership has been invaluable to the success the Authority has achieved over the last decade. Throughout his tenure, John has shown an unwavering commitment to clerks and has ensured that the Authority's priorities and momentum radiate from the primary mission of supporting Superior Court clerks in the operation of their offices. In a decade defined by constant change, including unprecedented challenges during the Covid pandemic, John kept the Authority laser-focused on anticipating and meeting clerks' evolving needs and leveraging technology to provide them with the tools to be successful in serving their communities. I believe much of that success can be attributed to John's leadership style which is characterized by approachability, integrity and a strong sense of teamwork. Since taking the helm, he has encouraged collaboration and fostered personal and professional growth among his team, making the Authority not just a workplace but a family. We will miss John's steady guidance, his unwavering support, his positive, can-do attitude, and, most of all, his genuine friendship. It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell, but on behalf of the Board, let me express our heartfelt gratitude to John for his many years of dedicated service to clerks and the Authority, and wish him and his wife, Denice, all the best as they embark on this next chapter of their life."

Earle also commented on his retirement, saying, "My time at the Authority has been an incredible journey and I am immensely proud of what we've accomplished together. Working with such an extremely talented staff and for such a dedicated group of public servants has been the dream job of a lifetime. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve this amazing organization. With the outstanding leadership of our Board, the skill and dedication of our professional staff, and the continued commitment of Superior Court clerks to our shared mission, I am confident the Authority is well poised to continue its critical work and achieve even greater success in the future."

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Earle joined the GSCCCA in 2004 to build the organization's newly created Fines & Fees Division from the ground up and to oversee its daily operations after the Authority was mandated by the Georgia General Assembly to provide accountability and uniformity to the collection of court fees. In 2007, he took on additional responsibilities as director of financial operations for the Authority, and then was named deputy director in 2013. He was elected executive director by the Board in August 2014 following the death of his predecessor, David Williams. Prior to joining the Authority, Earle worked as a CPA in a number of accounting and tax-related positions in the private sector.

Born and raised in Anderson, SC, Earle earned an undergraduate degree in business administration from The Citadel and an MBA from the University of Georgia. He and his wife, Denice, also a UGA grad, live in Atlanta and have two adult children, Rebecca and David. Rebecca, who is a graduate of Auburn University, and her husband, Marshall, have three children. David is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and served for five years as an officer in the Army. He recently obtained an MBA from the University of Georgia and began working for Bank of America in Charlotte, NC.

The Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority was created through legislation of the Georgia General Assembly in 1993 to provide a cooperative for the development, acquisition, and distribution of record management systems, information, services, supplies, and materials for Superior Court clerks and Georgia citizens, while providing cost savings to local governments and the state of Georgia. Information from each of Georgia's 159 counties is centralized on the Authority's website, www.gsccca.org. The database is accessible at no cost to the public via terminals located in each county clerk's office, as well as through the Internet, by subscription, providing 24/7 access. Governed by a board of ten members whose meetings are open to the public, the GSCCCA was created, implemented and continues to operate without receiving any funds through local, state, or federal taxes, and its activities undergo constant legislative oversight.

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