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GEORGIA'S COURTS GET NEW DIRECTOR

Atlanta, July 23, 2009 – Chief Justice Carol Hunstein announced today that **Marla S. Moore** has been appointed Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Ms. Moore, who has years of experience in court administration, was officially appointed Wednesday by the Judicial Council of Georgia, the policy-making body of Georgia's court system. A nominating committee of judges from every class of court – state Supreme Court to municipal court – unanimously chose Moore over a field of candidates, based on her background and reputation.

For the last three years, Moore has served as a division director at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the state agency that administers federal criminal justice grants. Before that, she worked 25 years at the Administrative Office of the Courts, where she served as Senior Associate Director of Court Services.

“Marla Moore has a stellar reputation, based on her integrity, her competence, her intellect and her devotion to state government,” said Chief Justice Hunstein, who chairs the Judicial Council. “I am confident she will do an outstanding job in difficult financial times.”

The Administrative Office of the Courts – or “AOC” – serves a vital role in ensuring that the wheels of justice run smoothly throughout this state's 159 counties. The office is the administrative arm of the judicial system, and there is one in every state in the country. In Georgia, the office provides budget, research, technical and staff support services to the state's more than 1400 judges. Moore, who is a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management, will take the helm from David Ratley, who retires July 31.