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Appointments to the Commission on Dispute Resolution

Atlanta, GA — The Supreme Court of Georgia has appointed Judge Cindy Morris, Superior Courts, Conasauga Judicial Circuit, and Mr. Hal Gray, Esq. Managing Partner of Ragsdale Beals Seigler Patterson & Gray, LLP, as new members to the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution. Judge Jane C. Barwick, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, was appointed as Chair-Elect and Justice Britt C. Grant administered the oath to all three at the January 31



From left to right: Chair Elect Judge Jane C. Barwick; Judge M. Cindy Morris; Justice Britt C. Grant; Herbert (Hal) Gray, III, Esq.

meeting.

“The Commission is honored to have such highly regarded, experienced, and accomplished leaders on board as we further our mission to provide quality, efficient, and cost-effective alternatives to the citizens of Georgia,” said Commission on Dispute

Resolution Chair Judge Charles E. Auslander III, State Court of Athens-Clarke County. “Judge Morris, through her various roles, has always been a servant leader. Her passion for children and victims of domestic violence is evident and, combined with her extensive experience in mediation and arbitration, she will be a great ally to the Commission. Hal Gray comes with a wealth of experience, having spent 35 years in the field working. While his bio is extensive, it outlines not what he has been awarded, but what he has done to serve. Hal will be an excellent Commission member,” he said.

“I am also pleased to welcome Judge Barwick to her new position as Chair-Elect,” said Judge Auslander. “She brings a wealth of talent, expertise, and energy—all of which will greatly benefit the Commission and ADR community. I look forward to working closely with her this year to create a seamless change in leadership for 2019.”

The Supreme Court established the Commission on Dispute Resolution to administer a statewide comprehensive Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program; oversee the development and ensure the quality of all court programs; develop guidelines and approve court programs; develop criteria for training and qualifications of neutrals; and establish standards of conduct for neutrals. The 18 members of the Commission comprise representatives of all appellate and trial courts, representative of the General Assembly and the State Bar of Georgia, approved trainers and registered neutrals, and other professionals with an interest in dispute resolution. For more information on the Commission, please click [here](#).