

Georgia Courts Automation Commission

Report on Activity

May 19, 2006

The FY06 and FY07 Budgets

As most all of you are aware by now the Commission escaped the 2006 Session of the General Assembly with its small but threatened FY06 and FY07 Budgets in tact. Much of the credit for this save can be attributed to the open and successful dialog that occurred between Chief Justice Sears and Speaker of the House Glenn Richardson. Some of this communication was shared by Speaker Richardson as he addressed the House from the Well during the finals days of the Session. The ground swell of support from judges in the local counties had an extremely positive impact on the outcome of this years fight for budgeted dollars and fueled the discussions between the Speaker of the House and the Chief Justice.

Project Activity

The report on activity is covered in the June 2006 Report to the Judicial Council that you just received. No time will be spent here revisiting those items. If you have questions regarding any of that material or any material included in this report, please let me know and I will of course be more than glad to talk to you about any part or all of it.

April 2006 Meeting

The meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. Several issues caused this too occur and were unavoidable. In the future the Administrative Assistant to the Commission will ask for confirmation of attendance to reduce the chances of a reoccurrence.

Strategic Business Plan

Attached to this report you will find a copy of the draft update of the Strategic Business Plan for the Commission. With the lack of a quorum to conduct any official business of the Commission on April 27th & 28th, the group extended the time initially allocated for the update of the plan from one to two full days. Please take the time to review it. A discussion of the recommended format change and updates will take place at the June 2006 meeting in Savannah.

New Web Site

If you have not already visited the Commission's new web site please take a few minutes to click on www.gcacommission.org or www.gcacommission.com and see the new design. We were fortunate enough to acquire the .com name recently so now you can get there from either URL. It is easier to use and has a more

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modern, 21st century appearance. The AOC's Webmaster Brian Collins does a great job of supporting our site and has been able to accomplish everything that has been requested of him. If you have suggestions regarding the contents of the web site please let me know about them and I will pass them on to Brian.

Next Meeting of the Commission

Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2006
1:30 PM until 6:00 PM
South Ballroom

Business Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2006
9:00 AM until 12:00 PM
South Ballroom

If you need any assistance regarding this meeting, please contact Patricia Gavel at the GCAC Office at 404-651-8180 or gavelp@gaaoc.us.

The Minutes of the December 2005 meeting have been e-mailed to you. The draft agenda for the June 2006 Executive Meeting is attached.