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**Muscogee County, Georgia, Simplifies Court Filing Process and
Enhances Access to Justice**

COLUMBUS, GA - Muscogee County Clerk of Superior Court has announced the availability of e-filing for all civil cases via Tyler's Odyssey eFileGA™ and PeachCourt eFiling, which will provide convenience and cost savings to Muscogee County residents and attorneys as it will enable them to open cases and file documents from a user friendly, secure website – 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

During the 2018 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 407 was passed which contains language mandating electronic filing in civil cases effective January 1, 2019. The following cases are excepted from the bill: ex parte motions, adoptions, bond validations, domestication of foreign judgements, surrogacy declaratory judgement, and termination of parental rights, and family violence temporary protective orders.

According to Shasta Glover, Clerk of the Muscogee County Superior Court, we have reached a pivotal moment in our transition to electronic court records and now documents can be digitally filed, served, distributed and delivered at any time and any place. This transition will help us achieve greater efficiencies, as well as create time savings for attorneys and clerks and enhance access to justice for self-represented litigants.

Using eFileGA and PeachCourt helps courts streamline processes, reduce costs, and save paper. Nationally, Tyler is seeing the number of electronically filed transactions steadily rise while processing times are getting faster, with many filings taking less than 60 seconds.

By providing court participants with simplified and immediate access to court documents, Muscogee County is using Odyssey eFileGA and PeachCourt eFiling to increase efficiency and more effectively use taxpayer dollars. This supports our strategic plan, which prescribes taking more steps towards "technological advancements necessary for the overall progression of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk's Office.

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Many courts across the state are currently using eFileGA and PeachCourt and with the start of 2019, many more will elect to use eFileGA and PeachCourt as all counties will be required to implement e-filing at that time.

The Odyssey system was developed and implemented by Tyler Technologies, a software company headquartered in Plano, Texas, that focus entirely on software and services for state and local governments. This modern court system helps eliminate manual processes, increases efficiencies and moves government to paperless environments. The system will enable Muscogee County to better serve its constituents, who will now have faster access to essential court information via the internet, 24/7. Please call Tyler Technologies at 877.874.8499 for any questions.

PeachCourt was developed by GreenCourt Legal Technologies, LLC, a software company headquartered in Carrollton, Georgia. Making software that serves law firms and courts, their the primary focus is on improving the flow of information to and from trial courts across Georgia. Please call PeachCourt at 844.GA.EFILE for any questions.

Both of these modern court systems help to eliminate manual processes, increases efficiencies and moves government to paperless environments. These systems will enable Muscogee County to better serve its constituents, who will now have faster access to essential court information via the internet, 24/7.