

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Omni Amelia Island Resort & Spa
Fernandina Beach, Florida**

The 312th meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia was held on the date and location shown above. President Christopher P. Twyman presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

M. Brandon Rosenstein, YLD Board of Directors, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Kelsey L. Kicklighter, YLD Board of Directors, gave the invocation.

Security Update

Sergeant First Class Dexter Harden gave a security update to the Board of Governors.

Special Recognition

President Chris Twyman recognized the members of the judiciary, the past presidents of the State Bar, and other special guests in attendance.

Recognition of Retiring Executive Committee Members and Retiring Board Members

President Chris Twyman recognized the following retiring Executive Committee and Board of Governors members: Ivy Cadle, Immediate Past President, 9 years on the Board; Kenny Mitchell, YLD Immediate Past President, 3 years on the Board; Hon. Anne LaMalva, Alcovy Circuit, Post 2, 4 years on the Board; Edward Krugman, Atlanta Circuit, Post 14, 20 years on the Board; Dawn Levine, Cobb Circuit, Post 5, 12 years on the Board; Janice Wallace, Griffin Circuit, Post 1, 14 years on the Board; Arch Farrar, Lookout Mountain Circuit, Post 1, 16 years on the Board; Mike Prieto, Member-at-Large, Post 3, 4 years on the Board; Carl Cansino, Ocmulgee Circuit, Post 1, 10 years on the Board; Andy Davis, Rome Circuit, Post 2, 14 years on the Board.

Roll Call

Secretary Shiriki C. Jones circulated the roll for signature. The list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

Minutes of the 311th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held March 22, 2025, were approved by majority vote as presented.

President's Report

President Chris Twyman delivered the President's Address (Exhibit B).

Awards and Presentations

The following awards and presentations were made:

Marshall-Tuttle Award

Jay Elmore, chair of the Military Legal Assistance Program Committee, presented the Marshall-Tuttle Award posthumously to Michael Leo Monahan (1961-2025) of Dallas, Georgia.

Judge Willie Lovett Award for Advancing the Field of Juvenile Law

Supreme Court Justice Charles Bethel and Child Protection and Advocacy Section member Ira Foster presented the Judge Willie Lovett Award for Advancing the Field of Juvenile Law to Danielle Simpson Alford, founder and managing attorney, Georgia Teen Legal Defense.

Chief Justice Harris Hines Awards for Outstanding Advocacy for Children in Dependency Proceedings

Supreme Court Justice Charles Bethel and Child Protection and Advocacy Section member Ira Foster presented the Chief Justice Harris Hines Awards for Outstanding Advocacy for Children in Dependency Proceedings to Keosha T. Pettigrew, Rockdale County DFCS (case manager) and Andrew Powell, Juvenile Court of Whitfield County (lawyer).

Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Awards

President Chris Twyman presented the 25th Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall Professionalism Awards to Hon. Willie E. Lockette, Superior Court, Dougherty Judicial Circuit, Albany (judge), and Joel O. Wooten Jr., Columbus (attorney).

Check Presentation to Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP)

President Chris Twyman presented a \$231,522 check to Susan Coppedge, GLSP Executive Director, representing Bar members' contributions to the 2026 GLSP "And Justice for All" Campaign.

Recognition of Corporate Sponsors

President Chris Twyman recognized the Bar's Five-Gavel Corporate Sponsors, i3 Verticals and Member Benefits, Inc., and other section and company sponsors.

President Chris Twyman presented the following Local and Voluntary Bar Awards:

Thomas R. Burnside Jr. Excellence in Bar Leadership Award: R. Gary Spencer, nominated by the Gate City Bar Association.

2026 Award of Merit: DeKalb Lawyers Association (Under 50 members); Walton County Bar Association (51 to 100 members), Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members), Gate City Bar Association (251 to 500 members), Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (501 members or more).

2026 Law Day Award of Achievement: Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members), Cobb County Bar Association (501 members or more).

2026 Best New Entry Award: Gate City Bar Association.

2026 Best Newsletter Award: Gwinnett County Bar Association (100 to 150 members), Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (501 members or more).

2026 Best Website Award: Walton County Bar Association (51 to 100 members), Gwinnett County Bar Association (101 to 250 members), Gate City Bar Association (251 to 500 members), Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (501 members or more).

2026 President's Cup Award: Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys.

President Chris Twyman presented the following Section Awards:

Section of the Year: Privacy & Technology Law, Toni Igbenoba, chair
Award of Achievement: Construction Law, Peter Crofton, chair

State of the Supreme Court of Georgia

Hon. Nels S.D. Peterson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, delivered the State of the Supreme Court of Georgia address.

State of the Court of Appeals of Georgia

Hon. Trent Brown, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, delivered the State of the Court of Appeals of Georgia address.

State of the Office of the Governor

Executive Counsel Sam Hatcher delivered the State of the Office of the Governor on behalf of Gov. Brian Kemp.

Office of the Attorney General

Attorney General Chris Carr delivered the State of the Office of the Attorney General.

Georgia General Assembly

Rep. Matt Reeves, Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, reported on the activities of the House Judiciary Committee. Sen. Brian Strickland, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, reported on the activities of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Young Lawyers Division

Young Lawyers Division President Veronica R. Cox reported on the activities of the YLD (Exhibit C).

Memorials

President Chris Twyman presented the Memorials report.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Executive Session

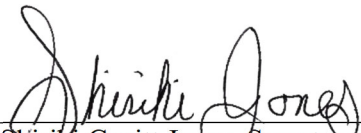
There was no executive session.

Remarks / Q&A / Comments / Suggestions

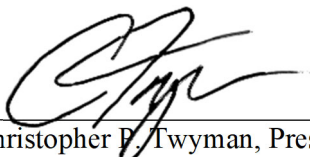
There were no remarks, Q&A, comments, or suggestions.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.


Shiriki Cavitt Jones, Secretary

Approved:


Christopher P. Twyman, President