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Superior Court Judge Robert Chasteen, Jr. To Hear Supreme Court Appeal

Atlanta, May 7, 2010 – Superior Court Judge Robert W. Chasteen, Jr. of the Cordele Judicial Circuit has been designated to serve in place of Chief Justice Carol Hunstein to hear the appeal in *Judicial Council of Georgia, et al. v. Brown & Gallo (S10G0359)*. The Supreme Court of Georgia will hear arguments in the case on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at the 10:00 A.M. session. In addition to hearing arguments, Judge Chasteen will participate in the Court's decision. The case involves a dispute over whether a lawsuit should have been dismissed based on the independence of the judicial branch of government.

Judge Chasteen, 66, was elected as a Superior Court Judge in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. He served as a Municipal Court Judge in Ben Hill County from 2000-2004. From 1969-2004, he was a partner in Mills & Chasteen, P.C., a law firm located in his hometown of Fitzgerald, GA. Judge Chasteen served as county attorney for Ben Hill County for 35 years, and he served as President of the State Bar of Georgia from 1995-1996.

Judge Chasteen earned his undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Georgia in 1966 and graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1969 where he was the research and projects editor for the University of Georgia Law Review. He remains involved in a number of educational, business, civic, church, and State Bar of Georgia activities. He and his wife, the former Margaret Mills of Fitzgerald, have two children and three grandchildren.