

INTRODUCTION TO 2025-2026 EDITION

This 2025-2026 Edition of *Purdom's Georgia Magistrate Court Handbook with Forms* is a complete guide to handling cases in the magistrate courts of Georgia. This handy manual makes the Georgia statutes and relevant caselaw regarding procedure in the magistrate courts quickly accessible. Since last year's edition, new material was added and/or existing material updated on the following subjects, among others:

- 2025 tort reform measures
- Bifurcated trials on liability and damages
- Dispossessory actions
- Intruders
- Ejectment proceedings
- Criminal bonds
- Supervised release
- Electronic pretrial release and monitoring
- Ordinance violations
- Good faith exception to exclusionary rule
- Annual reporting and filing requirements of magistrate judges
- Ad hoc non-licensed interpreters

This 2025-2026 Edition replaces the 2024-2025 Edition, which now may be recycled or discarded.