

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CATOOSA COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

HONORABLE KRISTINA COOK GRAHAM

Petitioner

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.

SUCV2016001222

v.

HONORABLE RALPH L. VAN PELT, JR.

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR *QUO WARRANTO*

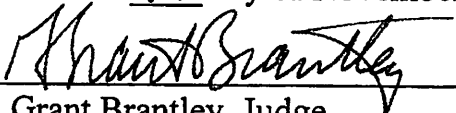
The Petition for a Writ of *Quo Warranto* having come on regularly before this Court for hearing at 10 a.m. on November 14, 2016, and the Court having read and considered the Verified Petition, the Verified Answer and the arguments of counsel for both parties;

It is hereby Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed that the Petition for a Writ of *Quo Warranto* be, and the Same is hereby GRANTED;

It is Further Ordered, that the "Order Concerning the Manner of Selection of Chief Judge" and the election of the Honorable Ralph L. Pelt as Chief Judge of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit pursuant thereto were invalid;

It is furthered Ordered that Honorable Kristina Cook Graham, the senior judge in active service in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit, became the lawful Chief Judge of that circuit by operation of law upon retirement of her predecessor as senior judge, the Honorable Jon Bolling Wood, on September 30, 2016, and remains the Chief Judge of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit.

This <sup>14</sup>19 day of November, 2016, *nunc pro tunc* to November 14, 2016.

  
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G. Grant Brantley, Judge

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